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LOCALLY LED HUMANITARIAN ACTION IN SUDAN

STRENGTHENING RESPONSE THROUGH COLLABORATION AND INNOVATION

Humanitarian Exchange (HX) Port Sudan – Sudan Conference 23-24 Sep. 2025

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Collaboration and Innovation.**

Organised by: Humanitarian Leadership Academy (HLA) and Save the Children
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Languages: Arabic, English, + Multilingual sessions with interpretation

Dates: 23—24 Sep. 2025

Venue: Alrabwa Tourism Complex Conference Room, Port Sudan

Day 1: Tuesday 23rd Sep. Grounding in Local Response

Time	Session Title	Facilitator	Language/Notes
09:00—09:30	Registration		
09:30-10:00	Opening Remarks	Ms. Salwa Adam Binayah Federal HAC Commissioner Claire Henery <i>Save the Children Sudan</i> Deputy Country Director Mary Lupul <i>Save the Children Sudan</i> Humanitarian Director Huseyin Arslan <i>Humanitarian Leadership Academy</i> Senior Lead - Humanitarian Leadership and Response	English/Arabic with interpretation.
	Introduction and Conference objectives	Mary Lupul Huseyin Arslan	
10:00–11:00	The Role of Mutual Aid in Sudan’s Crisis Response- From emergency to Early Recovery	Mahdi Ishag Hussein Mahdi- <i>One community organization for peace and development</i> Health manager- Moderator Rasha Mohamed Taher Hamed <i>Ministry of Health and Social Development</i> Mental health director Romaisa Abdullah Ahmed Elawad <i>Rawah Organization</i> Executive Director Dr. Adeeb Yousiff <i>People-to-People (PTP)</i> Executive Director Panel	English/Arabic with interpretation.
11:00–11:30	Tea Break and networking		

11:30—12:30	Strengthening Community Resilience: Tools for Operational Sustainability	<p>Musaab Abdalhadi <i>Save the Children Sudan</i> CVA Coordinator Moderator</p> <p>Khalid alfadil Muhamad <i>Dongla Beikom Organization</i> Secretary General of the Organization</p> <p>Zamzam Haroun Yousif <i>Helping Vulnerable Communities Organization (HVCO)</i> General Director</p> <p>Panel</p>	English/Arabic with interpretation
12:30—13:30	Lunch Break and networking		
13:30—14:30	Mutual Aid Groups/ Locally led initiatives	<p>Abdalla Saeed Abdalla Tawor <i>Visions for Development Organization</i> General Director- Moderator</p> <p>Zeinab Onour Mohammed <i>Center for Peace and Sustainable Development</i> Researcher</p> <p>Yassir Ibrahim Awad <i>CAFA Development Organization</i> Executive Director</p> <p>Panel</p>	English/Arabic with interpretation
14:30–15:30	Funding and Sustainability	<p>Zein El Abdeen Abbas Mohamed El Bahari <i>Save the Children Sudan</i> Partnership and localization Manager- Moderator</p> <p>Ahmed Idries <i>Humanity for Development and Prosperity organization (HDPO)</i> CEO</p>	English/Arabic with interpretation.

		Teyonna Adam <i>CARE International in Sudan</i> Gender Advisor	
		Shihab Mohamed Ali <i>Islamic Relief Worldwide</i> Senior Programme Manager	
		Panel	
15:30—16:30	Policy Influence & Funding Challenges in Local-Led Action	Huseyin Arslan <i>Humanitarian Leadership Academy</i> Senior Lead - Humanitarian Leadership and Response - Moderator	English/Arabic with interpretation.
		Somiaa Salim Orapi Lasheen <i>Women's and Children's Appeal Initiative</i> Initiative Manager	
		Mishkat Hussian Edris Ishag <i>Black Rose Organization for Peace, capacity building and consultancy</i> Head of Organization	
		Panel	

Day 2 : Wednesday 24th Sep: Local and National Actors empowerment and networking/decision making and innovation.

Time	Session Title	Facilitator	Language/Notes
09:00 – 09:30	Registration		
09:30—10:45	Localization & Capacity Strengthening in Conflict Context	Norein Suliman <i>Save the Children Sudan</i> Partnership Manager	English/Arabic with interpretation.
		Faisal Mislit <i>Humanitarian Leadership Academy</i> Project Lead	
		Presentation Case-show	

10:45–11:00	Tea Break		
11:00—12:30	Open discussion with Local and national actors on their challenges and support needed/capacity building	Zein El Abdeen Abbas Mohamed El Bahari Musaab Abdalhadi Shihab Mohamed Ali Workshop – Group work	English/Arabic with interpretation.
12:30—13:30	Lunch Break and networking		
13:30—14:30	Innovation in the humanitarian response in Sudan	Islam Hassan Ahmed Mokhtar <i>Innovation hub</i> Owner of Space innovation hub Moderator Mohamed Abdelmoneim Mohamedkheir Salih <i>International Advisory for Product and Systems</i> Country Manager Mazza Mustafa Mohamed Ibrahim <i>Red Sea medical Student's Association RSMSA</i> Assistant Panel	English/Arabic with interpretation.
14:30—15:30	Youth and women-led organization and initiatives role in the humanitarian response	Abeer Mohamed Omer Abdalrahman <i>Y_peer Organization</i> M&E officer- Moderator Wafa Osama Ibrahim Abdelrahim <i>Save The Children International</i> Child Protection/ Case Management Officer Ola Maysara Awad Sorour <i>She Leads Organization</i> Humanitarian Activist Amna Osman Taha <i>Women And Child Development Society</i> The Head of the Society	English/Arabic with interpretation.

		Panel	
15:30—16:00	Closing remarks	HLA & SCI	English/Arabic with interpretation.