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*"Towards Improving Quality of Life of the
People of Eastern Sudan"*

**Port Sudan first international conference
on the establishment of better health services
in Eastern Sudan
Port Sudan 5-8 February 2007**



The Gate of the Old City of Suakin



The Drought in Eastern Sudan

Dear Friends:

The newly formed Friends of Eastern Sudan (FES-UK), a group of Sudanese doctors, associates and friends, is organizing, in collaboration with Development Action Now (DAN) and the Government of Eastern Sudan, **in Port Sudan 5-8 February 2007**, the first international conference to discuss how to establish better health services in Eastern Sudan after the recent signing of the peace agreement.

The people of Eastern Sudan are facing one of the worst humanitarian disasters of modern time. They are heavily stricken by famine, tuberculosis, malnutrition, anaemia, illiteracy, and poverty, as well as suffering from the disastrous effects of land mines. The situation in the east will escalate if no strong action is taken immediately.

Determinants of Health (DOH) are for the most part lacking in Eastern Sudan: the minimum needs such as primary health care, basic education, water, food, adequate income, healthy environment, housing and safety. The government in the east must show strong political leadership to avert epidemics such as TB and malnutrition. Priorities need to be given to tropical and preventive medicine, and especially the daunting challenges to eradicate polio, typhoid, tetanus, and whooping cough in children. The spread of TB, malnutrition, malaria, kalazar, and HIV/Aids as well as the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the infrastructure must be addressed in a serious way. The problems associated with the return of the refugees are special, and have to be catered for.

Your input, in whatever form, will be highly appreciated and we ask all interested persons to actively participate in the success of this conference.

Circulation:

Conference website: www.uk.geocities.com/baraka@btinternet.com

Sudanese media

Port Sudan first international conference on the establishment of better health services in Eastern Sudan

Aim: To improve the quality of life of the people of Eastern Sudan by instituting better health services and fulfilling of the BMNs and MDGs.

Products and output:

It is expected that the conference will produce:

- a. A health development plan for Eastern Sudan that will also ensure the fulfilment of BMNs and relevant MDGs.
- b. An alliance to support Health Development in Eastern Sudan consisting of all stakeholders / donors.
- c. An operational partnership consisting of various locally operating partners, built to ensure smooth implementation of the plan.

Language: English

Invited speakers:

Federal and States Ministers of Health and their undersecretaries

Sudanese clinicians, professional experts, and public health physicians from MoH and academic institutions

Members of the Sudanese Doctors Union.

Experts from developed countries and from multilateral organisations

Professional experts from developing countries

Members of professional bodies such as nurses, midwives, and health visitors

International bodies invited to participate:

UNICEF, UNFPA, UNDP, ODA, ECU, USAID, SAVECHILDREN CARE, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and NGOs working in Eastern Sudan

National bodies invited to be sponsors:

Local businesses such as the DAL Company, Haggar Limited, Araak Food Industries, and Kenana Sugar, as well as petroleum and telephone companies

Issues to be addressed:

- a. The present health situation including health indicators, systems, infrastructure, and manpower, as well as incidence of diseases
- b. Alternative strategies for addressing problems, bridging gaps, and improving the health delivery system
- c. The creation of a national and international alliance for health (AFH), to support health development in Eastern Sudan; and an operational partnership among various local providers and stakeholders
- d. Health care for population groups at high risk, for example women and children, IDPs and returnees, and the disabled and nomads
- e. Health manpower development including the role of medical schools in supporting health services
- f. Capacity building of local communities, public sectors, local NGOs, and civil society in support of health services
- g. Health financing and expenditure, including public financing, international input, and health insurance for the poor
- h. Health management, including infrastructure, health programs, health information, and community-based manpower and coordination
- i. Addressing the crosscutting issues: gender; HIV/Aids; health, environment and safety; strengthening the role of civil society and MDGs
- j. Emergency preparedness and response, including management of disasters and epidemics, emergency and ambulance services, and general accidents
- k. Launching an effective advocacy to ensure healthy lifestyle and behaviour, and appropriate health policies that will protect and enhance the health of the people

Registration Form

Registration is free

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**If you wish to attend this conference, please complete this form and
post or e-mail it as an attachment to:**

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SURNAME: _____ TITLE: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

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I would like to submit a paper for presentation: Yes No

I would like to become a member of FES-UK: Yes No

Call for abstracts

If you wish to present a paper at this conference, please complete this form and e-mail it as a Microsoft Word document attachment.

Speakers are invited to address the issues mentioned above:

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(ABSTRACT)

In the following format please

Title of presentation:

Author/s: Title, first name/s, surname and degrees.
(for multiple authors please underline the presenter's name)

Institution / position:

E-mail address of the presenter:

Please indicate the time (in minutes) needed for your presentation :()

Abstract: in English and not more than 500 words

Please e-mail abstracts (in MS Word format only) to: baraka@btinternet.com

**CLOSING DATE FOR ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION: 6 DECEMBER 2006.
NO ABSTRACT WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER THIS DATE**

Please note that acceptance of papers for presentation is at the sole discretion of the scientific committee, with no exceptions.

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Important notice:

The organising committee has no funding facilities for any participant.

Those who require funding should find their own means.

Provisional Programme

- Day 1: Present situation (health status and infrastructure, major gaps, level of implementing MDGs and BMNs, health manpower, and priority health programmes)
- Day 2: Strategies for bridging gaps and addressing problems, factors for strengthening and facilitating quality health services, and the role of medical schools
- Day 3: (half day) Health financing and health expenditure; the role of donors (all potential donors will address conference to explain their strategies and commitments)
- (half day) Major conclusions and recommendations.
- Day 4: (half day) Task force meeting to develop the Health Development Plan for Eastern Sudan.

We express our deep concern regarding the tragic health problems in Eastern Sudan. We appeal to all of you for help in making this conference a success.

Sincerely,

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