

**The London International Conference
On the development of Better Health Services
in Darfur, Sudan
organised by:**

**British Friends of Sudan (BFOS) in collaboration with
Ahfad University for Women, Development Action Now
(DAN) –Sudan and the London Middle East Institute at
the School of Oriental & African Studies, University of
London**

Dates: (Monday-Wednesday) March 1-2 & 3 2010

The venue:
**BRUNEI GALLERY LECTURE THEATRE
School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS)
10 Thornhaugh Street
Russell Square
London
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Tubes: Russell Square, Goodge Street, Euston Square and
Tottenham Court Road.

*"Towards Improving Quality of Life of the
People of Darfur, Sudan"*

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Fifth announcement

The people of Darfur have suffered a lot for a long time. Children as well as women have been caught up as innocent victims of the war. They need immediate and, sustainable help, particularly in health care.

Determinants of Health (DOH) are for the most part lacking in Darfur. The basic minimum needs (BMN), which include: primary health care, basic education, food security, water, healthy environment, adequate income, housing and safety as well as the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the infrastructure must be addressed effectively.

The British Friends of Sudan (BFOS) in collaboration with Ahfad University for Women, Development Action Now (DAN) Sudan and the London Middle East Institute at the School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS), the University of London is organising The London International Conference to discuss the development of better health services in Darfur, Sudan.

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

Goal: To improve the quality of life of the people of Darfur.

Objectives: To propose an implementable health development plan for Darfur.

Language: English

Products and output: It is expected that the conference will produce:

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

The issue under discussion relates to the health of the people of Darfur Sudan. We express our deep concern regarding the tragic health problems. The organisers ask the Government of Sudan and all interested people and organisations, irrespective of their political affiliation, to try to make the conference a success.

Invited participants:

Federal and States Ministers of Health in Darfur and their senior officials

Sudanese medical and health experts, and public health physicians from MoH and academic institutions in Sudan and abroad

Members of the Sudanese Doctors Union in UK & Ireland.

Professional experts from developed and developing countries.

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

NGOs working in Darfur

The Sudanese business community.

International bodies:

WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNDP, ODA, ECU, USAID, DANIDA, USCRI, ECU, Save The Children, Care, CIDA, SIDA, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, SIDA, CIDA USA, EU, Int. Islamic Relief Org, Mo Ibrahim Foundation, Medecins Sans Frontiers, NPA, African Medical Partnership Fund, Canadian Aid, Norwegian Church Aid, Christian Aid, and NGOs working in Sudan

Issues to be addressed:

- a. The present health situation in Darfur.
- b. Alternative strategies for addressing problems, bridging gaps, and improving the health delivery system in Darfur.
- c. The creation of a national and international alliance for health (AFH), to support health development in Darfur, Sudan; and an operational partnership between community and 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 and raising health awareness of local communities with special emphasis on women population, public sectors and civil society in support of health services
- g. Health financing and expenditure and health insurance.
- h. Health management, including infrastructure, health programs, health information, and community-based manpower and coordination
- i. Addressing the crosscutting issues: reproductive health, communicable diseases, HIV/Aids; health, environment and safety; 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 as well as mobile hospitals.
- k. Advocacy to ensure healthy lifestyle and behaviour, and appropriate health policies that will protect and enhance the health of the people.

Important notice:

The organising committee has no funding facilities for any participant.

Conference Registration fees £30.00

The 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: a. Strategies for bridging gaps and addressing problems, factors for strengthening and facilitating quality health services, and the role of medical schools.
- b. Health financing and health expenditure; the role of donors (all potential donors will address conference to explain their strategies and commitments).
- Day 3: Conclusions and recommendations. Workshop for task force meeting to develop the Health Development Plan for Darfur, Sudan. (London Declaration). This is for a selected group from the conference participants and committees.

Call for abstracts

Please send abstracts by e-mail attachments to:

baraka@btinternet.com

The Scientific Committee, as peer reference group of the Conference, will consider all abstracts received by the submission deadline.

The abstract should not be more than 500 words. The submission deadline for all abstract is **29.11.2009**

Authors whose abstracts are accepted will be requested to submit the final version of their paper by **29.12.2009**. The final paper should not be more than 5000 words.

Each paper will be double-blind reviewed to ensure that required standards are met; that the proposed subject of the paper's abstract has been followed, that the paper is of suitable length and that it is appropriately referenced.

Papers that are accepted will be published in the Conference proceedings provided that in the case of jointly written papers at least one author registers and presents the work at the Conference.

If you wish to attend the conference without presenting a paper please register by e-mail: baraka@btinternet.com

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

Speakers are invited to only address the issues mentioned above:

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The venue:

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In the following format please

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Abstract: in English and not more than 500 words

Please e-mail abstracts in **the areas suggested** (in MS Word format only) to: baraka@btinternet.com. Abstracts outside the areas suggested will not be considered for presentation.

CLOSING DATE FOR ABSTRACTS SUBMISSION: **29 NOVEMBER 2009.**
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.