

# Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany

## Sudan



*Agriculture and livestock provide the primary means of livelihood for more than 80% of the population in Sudan, contributing over 39 percent of GDP.*

**L**ivestock production contributes 20.5 % to national exports and more than 28 % of total agricultural exports. However, the sector is constrained by competition over land and conflicts over natural resources between pastoralists and farmers. There is also lack of access to quality inputs and technologies. Conflicts with sedentary people along pastoral migration routes have become frequent. VSF G therefore found it necessary to intervene in such a crucial area of the country's economy. Together with other actors in the livestock sector we made efforts to address the existing challenges through various donor-funded projects, targeting pastoral communities. Animal health, livestock marketing and farming production, fisheries, capacity building and peace building are the main activities. Our programmes serve vulnerable families of returnees, livestock dependant resident pastoral communities and nomads, affected by natural disasters and conflict. VSF G is one of a few INGOs that provide primarily livestock and animal health interventions in the country. Over the years, VSF G has built a strong partnership with Federal and State Ministries of Animal Resources, Fisheries and Rangeland. Activities are carried out in close collaboration and partnership with local government institutions, UN agencies, donors, international and national NGOs and community –based organizations.



*The photo illustrates a pastoralist, migrating in search of pasture and water with their cattle, carrying all household belongings.*



*VSF G provides a poultry restocking packages to those considered most vulnerable, with particular emphasis on women headed households, chronically ill, elderly and persons with disabilities.*



*Spraying animals against ticks and biting flies to protect them against tick fever and trypanosomes in South Kordofan State.*

### Through its Interventions in Sudan VSF G is:

- strengthening productive capacities and widens pastoralist and agro-pastoralist opportunities in generating income;
- securing their livelihoods;
- supporting improved crop and livestock production;
- assists in developing fisheries;
- promotes environmental rehabilitation while raising awareness and adaptation to climate change.
- supporting vulnerable, crisis-affected communities by encouraging diversified livelihood systems, providing essential inputs, training and livestock asset protection;
- empowering women through income generating activities
- strengthens the preparedness and response capacities of communities and institutions against natural resource degradation.



*Butchers were provided with technical training in meat hygiene, proper dissection of skins and hides and preservation of meat*



*Firebreaks were established to mitigate the impact of seasonal fire incidences in pasture lands, taking protective measures. Community participation is central to this process in order to assure knowledge transfer and sustainability of results.*



*Distribution of vegetable seeds to support backyard gardening in both South and West Kordofan States. All beneficiaries were trained in best vegetable production techniques and pest control methods.*



*In Blue Nile State, women were trained on fish processing and conservation. They were further provided with start up kits for fish drying and packaging, were trained in net making and received seed capital.*