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The El-Ruhama Foundation for Development and Humanitarian Aid built two women's Centres, **Xxx whenxxx**one in Al-Salam County and the other in Domaya. In the Al-Salam centre, internally displaced women gathered with other women resident in the area, to cooperate in benefiting from the aid available and to improve their changes of earning an income. The other centre at Domaya was built for both nomads and residents. The objective and purpose of both centres, is to bring the different groups together, as a way of encouraging reconciliation and peaceful co-existence.

In March 2015, war broke out between the Al-Salamat and the Al-Falatah tribes. Apparently marriage between these tribes is quite common but the trouble centred around a Salamat lady called Hawaa and a man from the Falatah tribe. They were married and had nine children, but one day Hawaa was overheard by her sister-in-law while talking on a cell-phone with someone from her family. The conversation referred to a Falatah man beating his wife viciously as a punishment and kicking her out of the house to

go back to her family. The sister-in-law informed her brother of what she had heard. Rumours spread about this situation and in revenge, the Salamat men who were married to wives from Al-Falatah decided to send their wives back to their families, keeping the children away from their mothers. Then the Falatah men started to do the same thing.

When the team of El-Ruhama heard of this matter, they hurried to intervene and find a way out of this dilemma to protect the families. The team brought the expelled Salamat women and her children to a safe place in the city of Nyala, to wait for the parties to reach an agreement. A campaign was started to unite and mediate between the conflicting parties. After many meetings the compassionate mediation team finally succeeded in stopping the massive expulsion of wives.