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Al-Amal and its partner organization, the Association for Building Peace were given the opportunity by the Darfur Reconstruction Fund, to implement peace building programs, in cooperation with 10 other organisations. The fund provided small grants to build centres for women coming from two conflicting tribes in the Kaas and Shattaya localities of South Darfur. The purpose of the project was to mend the social fabric in this conflicted area by initiating small joint activities between the two tribes.

The violence and clashes between those tribes had increased until it had become a kind of life style, resulting in sharp divisions between the inhabitants, each tribe living in its own separate area. The war influenced the people's perception of their neighbours and damaged the relationship between communities that had previously lived alongside each other in harmony. It was mainly women and children who were the victims of this situation, much affected by the armed clashes.

The first Centre was built in village of Shawaya which is in the Shattaya County. Shawaya used to be a peaceful village, where Salwa's grandparents lived. When animosity with a neighbouring village occurred, Salwa asked a colleague to intervene in order to avoid compromising the name of her grandfather. Salwa and her colleagues encouraged the women from the neighbouring village to participate in the income generating programs provided by Al-Amal. After a great deal of persuasion the women agreed to participate.

The team created cooperatives and divided the women into groups, each group consisting of 10 to 20 participants from different tribes. They made the decision to ensure that the role of president and vice-president in each group, would never be assigned to women of the same tribe. Women started to work together and some of them even dared to go to the markets of the opposing tribe to sell their products. The officers of the civil administration in the region were aware of the situation and encouraged this kind of exchange. The team also mobilized support from the UNAMID mission to build a well, a school and a market.

This initiative helped in the reconstruction of the social fabric among the women of enemy tribes. They started to recognize common economic interests and the advantages of trade exchange, which contributed to the peace-building process. The good relationship between the women who participated in using the services of the Shattaya Centre for Women's Development became widely known. Water tanks were donated, three additional classrooms in the primary school were constructed with external help to accommodate the children of the two tribes, and the groups started using the same cars in case they had to travel anywhere. The school developed a High School for Girls, which is the only secondary school for girls in the region. Girls from both tribes attend the school.

Then, in 2014, the Al-Amal Organization for Community Development started a programme for women in Kaas, including both refugees and women resident in the community. Due to the success and the quality of the implemented programs such as painting on textiles, cheese manufacturing and food processing, the centre was overloaded with more participants than expected, 250 instead of 200. In view of this situation, the team located a person who could speak a number of dialects, and they managed to divide the participants into groups based on their specific skills. In that way, the overload was accommodated. Later on, their work was brought to exhibitions, but transport was a problem as the participants had to share the few cars with many groups. The situation was not helped by the fact that people living in the nomad areas needed the cars to bring their children to their own tribal school. After mediation, a solution was found. The team talked to the parents and the teachers and persuaded them to admit nomad children to the nearest school, even if the school was not of their tribe.