

West Darfur – Gineana

Gloub El-Rahma is an organisation working to promote women's training and literacy in a remote neighbourhood of Dar-es-Salaam in the southern part of the Kaja valley, close to the town of El Geneina, in Darfur. Gloub El-Rahma is in partnership with the international organization CIS xxxxx, involved in implementing a women's training programme. Funded by this organization, they promote income-generating activities such as sewing and handicrafts. Through the support of UNAMID (the peace keeping forces in the area) the organization built a women's center for Food Security and Earning Capacity, including a Department of Capacity Building and Development of Women's Skills. The organization implemented a training course for forty women, on legal awareness and on UNSC Resolution 1325, supported by the Dutch organization VOND (Vrouwenorganisatie Nederland Darfur). The aim of these workshops is to create a solid foundation that allows women leaders in Darfur to explore their potential, to exchange experiences and learn more about peace processes and peace-building.

At the beginning of October 2015 an incident occurred in the village of Kendibe, Sirba locality in West Darfur, involving one of the inhabitants of the region, the Director of the mixed School of Kendibe. Because of his role in the region he dealt with both the organization and active people working in that area.

The Mayor from the native administration in the region was jealous of the Director of the school and wanted him out of the way. He conspired with a criminal gang and paid them a considerable amount of money to have the Director of the school shot dead. Unfortunately, instead of hitting the intended victim, the bullet hit his wife in the leg as she was standing next to the Director. The incident occurred inside their home, around nine o'clock in the evening. When we heard the dreadful news we hurried to the house and condoled with the victim's family. We provided what support we could, including psychological support and we transferred the victim to Khartoum (the capital) for treatment. Unfortunately the woman's leg had to be amputated because she was so seriously injured. We also visited the couple in Khartoum. Both the person who committed the crime and the Mayor were committed to prison and remain there up to this moment.