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A Story of Hope

The story started in December 2017 when Bakinam Rahama, a cofounder of Drop of Water Organisation, intended to provide charity in respect to the memory of her late grandmother.



Therefore, she and her friends visited Alfateh, a remote area located in western of Omdurman where 500,000 inhabitants live in 178 blocks. Each block contains around 640 houses distributed over four villages.

They observed the conditions of the residents and listened to their daily-life struggle with severely limited access to water.

Water tanks are few and no available water networks were reaching houses; it is impossible for those low-income daily wage workers to afford water networks costs instead they spend a high share of their budgets on poor quality potable water.



Their children may drop out of school to help in fetching water or may stay home due to infections caused by contaminated water. Lack of water is a challenge that keeping residents from lifting themselves out of poverty. Water is fundamental for health, education, food production, economic development, among others.

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Bakinam and her friends decided to lend a hand not only to Alfateh residents but to anyone who is cut off from water or suffers from lack of water in Sudan.

Several meetings with residents and the ladies were carried, discussions continued back and forth on what to be prioritized? How to intervene?

They started by providing hoses to ensure water supply from tanks. However, this was a short-term intervention and only few residents were benefited.

Meanwhile, these ladies contacted all their friends inside and outside Sudan to raise fund.

In collaboration with Ministry of Water Resources, water networks were designed and built then connected to some of the houses. It was a rewarding experience; their ambition continued to raise.

Another project took place, a large diameter water pipeline was built to transport water to several water networks. This time, 33000 households were benefited. Those ladies helped in ending poverty of these communities by creating jobs to implement water projects. They helped children to go back to school.



Residents recognized the great effort made by the ladies and the story of hope spread out among almost all communities in Alfateh. More People approached the ladies asking for help. The appreciation they received encouraged them to take another adventure but this time they were eager to find a radical solution to the lack of water in Alfateh by drilling water wells.

After examining the areas where there is no source of water, they managed to drill 5 wells and power the network with solar panels. The high cost of Solar panels was challenging, however it was preferred over the use of traditional power generators because of its long-term sustainable use and the well-known shortage of fuels in Sudan. Today, the number of wells exceeds 20.

More meetings took place, in March 2020 they managed to organise themselves and form “Drop of Water”, a non-profit organisation (TNO8001-). Now, Drop of Water has 127 active members playing different roles to eradicate thirst in Sudan.

Apart from water projects Drop of Water carried and continue to implement a wide range of projects and activities which include providing brick making machines, distributing food products for low income households, providing support to people with disabilities, orphans, and school infrastructure as well as arranging different activities for homeless children for example raising awareness against drug abuse.



During COVID19- pandemic Drop of Water played a vital role in raising awareness about the danger of the virus and how to prevent it. Sessions on preventive methods were held and disinfections, masks and soaps were distributed to inhabitants.

From this story we can learn a lesson that individual initiative can change lives. The story of Drop of Water started with an initiative of a woman and ended with spreading out the spirit of togetherness and changing a half million individuals. This organisation succeeded to gather people inside and outside Sudan and guided them towards certain goals. It is never late to join and make change.



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