Zenab for Women Development (ZWD) is a Sudanese women's grass-roots organization founded in 2000 to empower women and advocate for their rights.

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Main Program Areas of the Organization

Poverty Alleviation & Food Security:
Alleviate poverty among rural vulnerable women, support women producers to secure more food & provide a source of income for the marginalized women.

Education:
Encourage girls education, open more chances & facilitate processes at the basic schools level and reduce illiteracy rate among women through adult education programs.

Reproductive Health:
Work to improve RH services, combating HIV/AIDS, fighting harmful social practices such as FGM, violence against women, raise women awareness about reproductive health requirements, child nutrition.
Women Farmers

- Zenab targets large communities of women farmers scattered in villages in Gadaref State – East Sudan
- Women farmers play an active role in sustaining the region’s agricultural economy but they are excluded from accessing economic empowerment tools, including inputs
- They lack technical training & guidance to adopt new agricultural techniques
- They also lack awareness raising activities to enhance beneficiaries knowledge on importance of protecting the environment and adopt measures to fight desertification, land degradation, and climate change
Girls Education

ZWD works to:

• Encourage girls education
• Provide more chances for girls to attend school
• Facilitate girls education at the primary level
• Reduce the high drop-out rate of girls from primary schools especially at grade 5th
• Improve educational environment in rural areas
• Encourage adult education especially for women
Women & Reproductive Health

ZWD works to:

• Improve women reproductive health services
• Increase midwives skills on standard obstetric care and to measure blood pressure
• Fight Fistula
• Fight against bad tradition like FGM in all parts of Sudan
• Enhance the knowledge of women, girls of women, girls & youth to prevent spread of HIV/AIDS
• Promote family planning ongoing campaign to fight FGM
The Process & Achievements

Women Farmers Programs in 2013

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(1 hectre = 1.6 feddan)
The Process & Achievements

Girls Education

• 5 girls schools built in rural areas
• 8 primary schools were rehabilitated
  • 3 schools for boys
  • 5 schools for girls
• Materials were distributed for 2,000+ primary school students
  • Backpacks, supplies, uniforms
• School lunches provided for 200+ primary school students
The Process & Achievements

Reproductive Health

- Conducted many training programs for village midwives in the three Eastern States, S.Darfur, Northern State
- Targeted more than 500 midwives trained on standard obstetric care to reduce maternal mortality rate for mothers and children
- Fought FGM & HIV/AIDS, Cipsia and others
- Reached out to more than 500,000 people in the State of Gadaref to raise their awareness regarding HIV/AIDS including the high risk groups
Success/Failures/Lessons

ZWD succeeded in:

• Reaching out to more than 5000 women farmers
• Organizing more than 53 women farmers cooperative societies
• Establishing the Women Farmers Union
• Establishing the nursery to plant trees to prevent desertification and the effects of climate change
• Helping more than 1000 girls attend primary school
• Establishing adult education in many villages
• Establishing a drinking water system & sanitation system in different schools and rural districts
ZWD succeeded in:

• Building societies for women farmers
• Establishing community cooperative centre to enable women to have their product processed and exchanged at affordable rates and allow women to contribute further to women solidarity
• Advancing the gender equality through the Women Leadership & Environment Center
Thank You!