

In the Name of Allah the Gracious, the Merciful
MINISTRY OF WELFARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY

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On
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Of the year's plan 2011

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***Dear Chairperson of the National Assembly
Members Brothers, & sisters at the N. A.***

Allow me to present before your highnesses the annual performance report of the ministry of welfare and social security for the year 2010 and the year's plan 2011.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to your esteemed council and the specialized committees for the cooperation and effective directions rendered to us through the continuous communications by meetings and field visits which have been of a great help to develop our plans and programs and enhance the ways of its implementation.

Also my sincere appreciation to the antecedent ministers particularly H.E. Mrs. Samia Ahmed Mohammed whose dedication to the ministry is unquestionable she also has the credit of preparing strategies and social policies that helped in reforming the social work of the ministry for the first six months of this year.

Mr. N. A. chaireperson

Ladies and Gentlemen

The ministry's performance for the year 2010 has come in compliance with the requirements of the current stage of the country, projects and activities of the ministry's plan of the year 2010. The plan was based on the objectives of the 5-year plan that focus on the continuity of strengthening the peace process and patching the social fabric and realize the social equity. As well as the up grading of Sudanese citizens to attain social welfare this will never be fulfilled without combine of official, voluntary and public efforts.

Dear Mr chairperson

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The social work is mainly focus on families and the community as a whole. The ministry intervention comes in form of tackling all social issues by policies initiatives among which are the national population policy which was approved as a basic reference of the state. Also the procedures to include the policy's objective into the development planning was taken on National and state levels. Besides the contribution of extracting data of the fifth population censuses and analyzing them, also conducting studies in the fields of migration and mothers mortality in make use of results in the social work. Also the ministry has prepared report related to eastern states (Gadarif, Kassala, Red Sea) to be submitted to the donors in Kuwait 1-2 December. The planning to conduct similar report is under process for the rest of the states, as well as preparation of monitoring report on Doha Declaration (2009) resolutions which was presented at the Arabic Population Council meeting in Sharm Elshikh December 2010. The secretariat general has prepared a report on population situation 2009-2010 that prepares annually.

The national strategic executive programme for the family has been approved with the contribution of all members of national committee of family. And then generalize it for all states for the purpose of empowering families to perform their roles in preparing the coming generation and caring for the elder people.

In the context of implementation of the national policy of empowering women, the awareness and circuit on all national levels were accomplished up to the level of implementation according to detailed plan that covers the six field (health, environment, education, economic empowerment, human rights an laws, political contribution, decision making, peace and conflicts resolution) and to empower women's

departments in the states, the ministry provide institutional and technical as well as rehabilitation support.

Distinct privileges for women section are realized, the most important is the state approval of affirmative action for women as minimum demand and the ability to compete in the electoral geographical constituencies and nomination in different electoral levels such as syndical and vocational union this privileges, political wise allow women to hold positions in decision making place where she occupied 25% of the national assembly seats, besides occupying the position of deputy president of the National Assembly. We must not forget women's effective contribution in peace and also in the election processes and her nomination for presidency.

Economical wise women entered various fields of commercial and industrial sectors. The state policy sides with women by institution of micro finance units in services field, policies and strategies aiming at reducing mothers and children mortality are of support of women as well as the free C. sections and to prevent spreading of deadly diseases, besides, the educational policies where the number of girls at different educational levels is increased notably the educational programme for rural and nomadic women and generalization of social gender in the curriculum.

In spite of all that, yet women can't fulfill her ambition to undertake the leading role which emphasizes strengthening the policy that sides in favor of women.

Dear Mr. Chairperson

Members, Ladies &Gentlemen,

With regards to childhood your esteemed council has approved the child law 2010 and now it has come into force. This law will enhance the protection and care for children and to consider their right as on of the general right. As well as harsh punishment for child abuse and rape

crimes, besides guarantee the child rights in health, education, social care, renew the services and social surveillance on delinquents and to raise the age of social responsibility to 12 years.

For child protection support and right, the D'jamina Declaration has been signed to end children military services in six countries including Sudan. Units inside the military forces were formed to protect the armed conflict effected children. Besides, preparing the national plan to oppose violence against children in all forms, ensure child rights at birth registration. A partnership has been established with official bodies, national and international voluntary organizations to face all children issues such as fearless education projects, upgrade the percentages of birth's registration, prevent children work through learning process, continuous media campaign on children protection issues which was started in 2007 at southern Darfur State.

On top of that to support the institution of courts and public prosecutions specially for delinquents children.

The third and fourth reports on the fulfillment of the national agreement for children right has been carried out also Sudan initial report on implementation the optional protocol on children involvement in armed conflict and discuss it in the (55) session of the international committee meetings for children right in (Geneva) on September 2010. Also the preparation of the initial report on the implementation of the African Charter for children rights and welfare and submit it to the experts committee at AU commission for discussion.

Therefore, the challenges in the field of protection and care of children will be a huge task that needs support of the government institutions working in the field of children on central and state levels taking into consideration human and finance resources.

Mr. Chairperson

Brothers and Sisters

The efforts continue in combating poverty through social security funds, the chamber of Zakat, savings & social development Bank and through the social protection system (last phase), where the bill of law of the National Social Insurance Fund, and United Social Security, laws have been prepared and drafted to be approved by your honored council.

The total expenditure on social security reached (1.9 million SDG) compared to (1.6 million SDG) last year. These with the contribution of Zakat chamber, pensions and social insurance funds. The social security's managerial cost does not exceed (10%). The final account for the year 2009 was closed and delivered to the auditor general.

The total of Zakat collections is (481) million SDG, compared to (445.3) million SDG for the year 2009. The actual total expenditure of the Zakat Chamber is (461) million SDG compared to (428.4) million SDG for the year 2009, the number of the families benefited from Zakat is 2.222.439 family (this figure included 1 million family subsidized in Ramadan) compared to (1.517.122) in 2009.

Total expenditure on poor and pauper people is (324.1) million SDG equivalent to 63.% of the total collection of Zakat (33% productive and service projects for the poor who can earned a living, 30% direct distribution for orphans, elders, students, and sick people). The chamber enforced Ramadan programmes with cost of (50.5) million SDG for 1 million families. The national celebration for orphans was carried out with the cost of 10.8 million SDG and Zakat ritual's cost is (12) million SDG in Southern Kordufan State aiming at (agriculture, water, health, education, animal sector, social support projects and direct support).

The Khalawi support cost is (11.1) million SDG included distribution of 37.000 sorghum sacks, 300 wheat sacks.

The D'aawa support and facilities where (300) Khalwa benefited from the programme. (7.1) million SDG subsidiary for treatment (3.8) million SDG inside the country (2686) beneficiaries and (1.3) million \$ which is (3.3) million SDG for treatment abroad (756) beneficiaries. Zakat Chamber also gave support to abandoned children with the urgent need for food. The cost is (100.000) SDG. For pensioners with special needs the chamber provide (2253 motor cycles) for physical disability, and contribution of 150.000 SDG to homelessness rehabilitation programmes in Khartoum state. Besides, the reduction of agricultural costs starting from agricultural season 2010-2011 to help insolvents farmers.

To enhance Micro-finance policies, a security portfolio has been established with amount of (200) million SDG, the partnership between Bank of Sudan and Zakat Chamber to open similar purse in states. The mechanism of implementation was prepared in states of Khartoum, White Nile, Blue Nile, Northern Darfur, southern Darfur and Southern Kordufan.

Mr, chairperson

Ladies and Gentlemen

The total amount of the National Pension Fund is (605) million SDG which is (77.9%) of the equatorial studies determined percentages, compared to (520) million SDG for the year 2009. The ministry has paid (100%) of its financial obligations towards the federal government's employees as well as pensioners' dues. The rate of Northern state's payment for the insured people subscription has increased to (80.8%) to meet pensioners satisfaction. The payment centres were improved and spreaded widely in states. The pensions fund office has been opened in northern states besides, modern payment facilities through (Sudapost)

company. In 2010, the number of paid pensioners is (147.194) through (533) payment point centres in the centre and states, details as follows, (160) branches and localities, (373) different banks.

Dues for (7.069) pensioners were completed and (3.663) pensioners have settled their pension bonus.

To improve pensioners' standard of living, 12.100 have owned investment projects on centre and state with the cost of (42.35) SDG. Also (23681) pensioners and their children benefited from the various social support's programme with cost of (5.37) million SDG in sort of (treatment, sponsorship for girl students, studies expenses, honoring outstanding students, orphans sponsorship. Various support).

Perhaps, the most important issue in this statement related to pensioners is the great steps taken for southern pensioners after H.E. Vice president visit, and the initiatives by the ministry and the agreement of implementing protocol. This includes institutional support, capacity building to establish pension's system in the south and to delegate a counselor to manage the payment of retired dues through technical committees. These committees visit to the South is from last July until November 2010. However, it is worth mentioning that the dues to the pensions had been stopped since 1/1/2006.

Regarding the National social Insurance Fund, the revenues are (861.7) million SDG compared to (701) million SP for the year 2009. The total amount of insurance expenditures and goodly loans (462.5) million SDG for (271832) beneficiaries included (annual pensions, compensations, expatriates goodly loans).

The social support for social insurance pensioners (60.7) million SDG, of 92% performance and (85042) beneficiaries included (Hajj support, social investment, food for a year, health insurance, orphans support, sponsorship of university students, honoring pensioner's outstanding

children). The number of registered business- men (11379), (11000) from private sector, (379) from institutions and corporations. (67381) newly insured people represents 67% the total number insured persons (290690).

The problems of (1600) rail way retired works is settled. 785 of them were settled which (1255) is out of the whole number, the rest are under process.

In the field of health insurance, the population coverage reached (47%) compared to (40%) last year. At northern state, the service coverage is (100%). The coverage for 5 Southern States (three equatorial states, upper Nile state, unity states) has been completed. Also an advanced centre for diagnosis which considered as base-ground has been prepared at the central equatorial state (Juba). Besides, it provides the specialized services (6) specializations and medical service.

(473,000) of poor families and pensioners have been included under the umbrella of health insurance which has been funded by the social security funds and chamber of Zakat, inaugurating of the project of including Gezira and Managil farmers, El-Rahad project farmers state of Gadarif and Khor Abu Habil farmers Northern Kordufan under the umbrella of health insurance.

The service facilities increased up-to (850), about (301) a direct one, (549) indirect, total number of beneficiaries (6.200.675) persons, (11) ophthalmic camps have been implemented, about (6) camps in the south. It is to be noted that the social security funds are instituted by relevant laws and have its entity to secure its financial resources based on the insured person's subscriptions.

The social security funds are facing the challenges of accumulative debts in the federal ministry of finance and state ministry, businessmen, corporations and establishments.

Dear Mr, chairperson

Members, ladies & Gentlemen

The savings & social development bank efforts exerted to reduce poverty within the micro-finance programmes which are implemented by its (32) branches, and (5) offices all over the states. The gross total amount of micro-finance for 2010 was SDG (125) million targeted (22513) families, besides, partnerships with micro-finance unit in central bank of Sudan which helped in expanding provision of micro-finance service in Gezira state, White Nile state, Northern & Western Darfur, Northern & Southern Kordufan, this step targeted small farmers in groups and unions such as Gadarif state where (14) unions were funded ore over, the bank has put into consideration the funding of group projects such as small Gum Arabic Producers Project which is the most important one. Those producers are members of Arabic Gum Producers union, among (120) societies in the gum production states (northern & southern kordufan – northern & Southern Darfur, Blue Nile, Sinnar, White Nile).

Furthermore, the bank has financed the infrastructure projects of social dimension an amount of SDG (51) million in the state of Nile River include (rehabilitation of schools, hospitals, water nets, roads, illumination) as well as Gezira state which included (wells excavating, water nets installation).

Dear chairperson,

Members, ladies & gentlemen,

Efforts are still exerted to implement the legislations, national, regional and international conventions in the field of persons with disability and social protection which resulted in issuance of the presidential decree No (286) year 2010 by the president of the Republic to form the national council for welfare of persons with disability as well as the general directorate for persons with disability instead of its secretariat general.

Coordination with ministries and concerned persons is taking place to implement the law.

The national authority for prosthetics & orthotics is playing a significant role in developing and supplying replacement apparatuses where several manufacturing centres have started work at the states of (Gadarif, Kassala, Southern Kordufan, Southern Darfur, Blue Nile, Northern) besides rehabilitation of Juba centre which has been delivered to the Southern Sudan government. (2) Centres were opened for physiotherapy in states of Kassala & Kadogli, in addition to patients wards in the states of southern Kordufan, southern Darfur, besides, supplying moving wheel chairs for persons with disability in the states and providing artificial limbs mobile centre to serve disabled at their locations.

Moreover, the first batch of prosthetics diploma students have been graduated and employed, besides, the admission of the second batch for all states northern and southern rehabilitation courses for physical disabled in collaboration with the United Nations have been implemented, in addition to sending some students abroad to study prosthetics and manufacturing of medical moving wheel chairs.

It is to be noted that the government has paid utmost attention to the group of persons with disability as well as the important role of prosthetics authority.

Dear chairperson,

Members, ladies & gentlemen,

In regards to external communications, international and regional partnership for the sake of development, the participations have covered fields of monitoring conferences women and childhood, population, social security, the participant delegations managed to send the message of Sudan world wide regarding raised issues, exchange of expenditure

and improvement of social work. In the field of bilateral work, the executive programmes have been revised and signed by Egypt and Mauritania as well as completion of all procedures to sign the understanding memorandum by (Ethiopia- Iran- Jibouti).

Dear chairperson,

Members, ladies & gentlemen,

Implementing the resolution of the council of ministers No (155) a member of (25) persons from the southern states have been employed with categories (first- ninth) at the ministry's headquarter.

In the field of strengthening the employees capacity building number of (886) persons have been trained. Besides, community rehabilitation for (1008) persons are representing organizations and institutions of civil society to work as TOT. In the field of social work, the Comprehensive Peace Agreement dissemination , poverty lighting, micro- finance, health care, nutrition for elderly, autism diagnosis, training of (408) persons in specialized fields of the ministry units (Zakat, social insurance pensions, ealth insurance, population, childhood) in the frame of activating the role of social media to stand against the negative phenomenon in the society to attain ideal community several forums, seminars and workshops were held for these issues such as (drugs, dislodgment, beggary, social protection).

The ministry has prepared a complete project for moving towards South to enhance the peace process, unity and social security.

- I have paid a visit to Juba and Aweel in accompany with the vice president. Invited H.E the Minister of Gender, Child and Social Welfare at GOSS for consultation and coordination to implement the project of moving towards south. H.E visited the ministry in Khartoum July this year where she has got acquainted with the plan of moving towards south she also visited the social institution and

informed of the successful initiatives. The communication and dialogue forum was held on unity's consolidation besides, holding of media conference at the end of her visit.

The most significant outcomes of the visit are:

- The signing of an agreement between the National Health Insurance Fund and the ministry of Gender, child and social welfare at GoSS, of distribution of health insurance in the South.
- Opening direct channel between Micro-finance unit at the Central Bank of Sudan and the ministry of G,C and SW in the South.
- The agreement of National Prosthetics and Orthotics Authority to delegate number of technicians to work in south states and to employ number of southern graduates in the Pando Diploma for the coming stage.
- The minister of labour at GoSS visited the ministry of welfare and social security in coordination with the Federal Ministry of Labour where a memorandum of understanding had been signed between the Mol in GoSS and the National Pension Fund.
- In the context of implementing the plan, the National Health Insurance Fund has included (2000) poor family in the health insurance scheme funded by the Federal Chamber of Zakat (500 family in (4) states), in addition to (6) ophthalmic camps in eastern and western equatorial and Malakal.
- In the field of social insurance and pension, the pension and the ministry of labour signed a memo of understanding where a group of (20) technical has been sent to work for the pension – and the social insurance. The pensioners started to receive pensions in the

south as well as the food for a year and they have been listed to be included in the health insurance scheme.

So many enlightening and cultural T.V and broadcasting programmes have been shown through the different various Mass-media.

In the framework of implementing the application of the electronic government many webs and nets have been strengthened for the ministry and its units. Besides, providing instruments to support data-base and information to activate the nets connections in the ministry and its units through mutual messages and information through the electronic codes to secure the systems and protect information secrecy and confidentiality. The ministry has been connected by the national data centre.

Mr. Chairperson,

Members, sisters and brothers;

For more coordination and roles integration with monitory, advisory and coordinating systems 85 meetings have been held to cover meetings of the ministry advisory council, Zakat trustee council, social security councils, saving bank, meetings of the unit of the strategic planning, meetings of the community development council.

The annual meeting of the stats social welfare directors and the councils' of the ministry was held. Also many visits have been carried out to a number of state where many service and developmental projects have been executed e.g Zakat festivals in southern Kordofan, Bagrwia, Sabaloga, River Nile, Northern Kordofan, Gedarif, Gezira, and Northern state projects. Also the implementation of Marseland project for children welfare in Northern Darfur and provision of food, clothing and treatment for Juba children. Hence the coordination with the other ministries in concern is on progress as we know that social work is mainly for the welfare and prosperity of man.

Mr. Chairperson,

Members, brothers & sisters;

As for the fulfillment of the directives and instructions of the political and the executive authorities to organize projects for the questions of the south to strengthen peace march and make Sudan unity as the favorite choice, the ministry has done a lot to call for attractive unity and support it through the social programmes in order to create a suitable environment for peaceful life.

Zakat Chamber has implemented Ramadan the Eids festivals with a cost of SDG 663,000. Maban are has been supplied by 1,500 back of Durah and other provisions.

A number of workshops, forums and training session participated b the ministry's centres and directorates besides visits to Juba Aweel and Malakal. The meeting of the developmental council has been held in Malakal – capital of Upper Nile on the 19th October 2010, under the slogan of, "Micro-financing as a tool to combat poverty." 21 ministers of social affairs in the state have participated in this meeting besides a number of specialists and experts. The meeting has been accompanied by distribution of clothes for children, women and men. Also 14,000 poor families have been covered by health insurance cards besides productive families projects. Chair-wheels have been given to physically handicapped, also support of mosques and Khalwas (by 50 umbrellas). Also farmers in White Nile farmers have been supported.

Mr. Chairperson,

Member, sisters and brothers;

The ministry has lead the Sudan distinguished delegate to the U.N general secretariat 65 session in September 2010 about the Millennium developmental Goals (MDGs). The Sudan report has been the core as an indigenous national effort prepared by the population national council with other authorities of concern and the southern government. This is to

affirm its nation-wide and it was ratified and approved by the council of ministers and its various sectors.

Mr. Chairperson,

Members, sisters & brothers;

Under a kind auspices of the president of the Republic the conference of the African ministers in charge of development has been held in Khartoum in the period from 24-25 November 2010 under the blogan of, "the empowerment of social policy towards social integration". The ministry has started to prepare for this conference earlier by forming a high-level committee. The committee included in its membership all authorities in concern that has contributed in the successful picture of the conference that shown honorable identity of the Sudan. The participants were; 22 African ministers in charge of development besides U.N organizations and civil community organizations. The conference has been preceded by experts meeting in the period from 20 to 23 November 2010 attended by 84 scientists and experts representing the state members of the African union, the regional economical groups, governmental and non-governmental organizations, partners and UN organizations.

In the programme accompanied the conference, the African ministers have visited the President of the Republic; Omer Al-Bashir. The ministers also visited the productive family's fair products to see the Sudan experience in promotion of productive families projects. Then also the Brazilian Senator Edwardo, has presented a lecture about the Brazilian experience in combating poverty that targeted the providing of the basic salary (wags) for every citizen which has shown success in some countries.

The conference has come out of a number of decisions;

The approval of Khartoum declaration about the plan of the social policy towards social integration that is based on an establishment of a new

social and economical organ seeking to strengthen a wide service of comprehensive human development supplied by the resources and regulations in concern based on the international, regional, developmental and human compacts.

Benefited from continent's potentials and cooperation with in.

The approval of the African Institute trustee council of the African union to rehabilitate persons with disabilities and form a technical committee, including the Sudan to strengthen the role of the institute structurally and technically.

The conference has affirmed its support to Sudan in its efforts to provide security and stability throughout the country.

The Sudan has been honored as president of the recent session of the conference which ends in November 2012.

Mr. Chairperson

Members, sisters & brothers;

As for the general feature of the 2011 plan which emerges its directives, perspectives, message, target and pivots strategies of the ministry from the state fifth-year plan (2007-2011). It is mainly focus on the most needy categories in the community. Also it is compatible with the state policies in the mentioned field like pioneer projects of agricultural uprising in poverty sector and adopt providing shelter and micro-financing for all community categories.

The general objectives of the plan:

- Strengthening of the sponsorship "Takaful" values to combat poverty.
- Coordinating and integration of policies and plans to face poverty.
- Contribution in poverty combating by increasing the income of the poor through Zakat increment by 6% in the year 2010 and the stability of the precentagefor the poor and the needy 63%.

- Strengthening the financial condition of the social security funds by increasing the rate of subscriptions and debts and governing the administrative expenses and provide resources.
- Proceeding in implementing projects for the pensioners and provide health services and services in kind.
- Work on increasing insurance coverage for business lords to register 5000 new from them and secure insurance for 100,000.
- Raise the rate of the health insurance coverage from 45% to 50% and the inclusion of the un organized sector and widen the geographical umbrella to include the rest of the Southern State.
- Participating in improvement of rural women by lessening poverty rates to improve their social and economical conditions in the framework of comprehensive rural development and agricultural uprising by making use of micro-financing and women funds.
- Widening micro-financing for the targeted sectors.
- Geographical nation-wide of Arthetics prosthetics services by promoting them and empowerment of disabled persons in social and economical integration.
- Strengthening of children rights, treating their conditions and re-integrate them in the community.
- Raise the birthrate registration from 33% to 58%.
- Promotion of social researches for the sake social development.
- Dealing with social questions and urge the community through forums.
- Utilize the international, regional and bilateral relations to accomplish social development and combating poverty.
- Strengthening partnership with the civil society and the private sector to coordinate national efforts in the poverty field.

- Community rehabilitation in the field of projects' promotion, small establishments, poverty combating and raising of workers abilities in the social work field.
- Re affirming social data-base supporting and drawing policies, decision making and the completing of information nets and electronic connections among the units of the ministry and the states.
- Participating in deepening awareness of rights and duties of citizenship in course of social change and better management.

Mr. Chairperson;

Members, sisters and brothers;

Finally, this is the performance of ministry through the year 2010 and features of our plan for the coming year 2011. We focus on poverty alleviation as a basic question according to the electoral programme of the president of the republic and produce a national strategy to alleviate poverty.

We are sure you know that social work is the one of the pillars of the comprehensive national development as its main concern is man and the communities in all their categories and urban and rural levels. This implies the integration and coordination of social and economical policies.

This is what we are keenly running after with sure paces with the authorities in concern. We hope you stand by us so as that development and social work reached the high degree of the public budget of the government.

Finally, allow me to thank you all.