



## NUB RELIEF, REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

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His Excellency  
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Your Excellency,

The N.R.R.D.S (Nuba Relief, Rehabilitation and Development Society) is aware of the immense work the Diocese of El Obeid is doing to alleviate the suffering of our forgotten people in the region of the Nuba Mountains. The Diocese of El Obeid has done an enormous work with limited resources which no other NGO has ventured to accomplish.

Above all the presence of the church personnel who take the risk and share the poverty, isolation and privation of the people is yet another indication that the hope of the people, irrespective of their tribe or creed, lies in the church.

Your Excellency, I am sure you are aware our region is considered the buffer zone between North and South. We are practically isolated and forgotten by the international community because of our geographical location. This total isolation of the Nuba region causes immense suffering to its inhabitants, compounded by the poor rainy season of last year. Hunger, nakedness, lack of life-saving medicines, and other essential needs of the people such as soap, salt, blankets, oil, cooking utensils, plastic sheeting and seeds etc... are badly needed. These items are urgently requested before the situation gets out of hand and take more dramatic dimensions.

In addition to the emergency needs for the area we want to request from the Diocese of El Obeid to combine the emergency needs with Rehabilitation programmes.

- a- We are eager to educate the thousands of children who go around aimlessly. These children are our capital investment for the future. Besides the Nuba population will have no future in the political and social leadership levels. The only guarantee for the development of our region is through education. We therefore ask the diocese to join hands with us and educate our children and youth. Within this framework we would appreciate having programmes for Adult Education also.
- b- We also dare to request any kind of programmes for Women Promotion. We can suggest to the Diocese to establish centres for tailoring or domestic hygiene.
- c- One major problem that besets us and the population is the supply of clean water. Your Excellency, we remember your words, "water is life". Could the diocese find a way to realize a project for water sanitation? Our people get sick and others die because of polluted water. We can guarantee the safety of the machinery and offer the diocese any support needed.

Your Excellency, we know we are asking many things but at the same time the church is the surest source to meet the needs of our people. Whatever the diocese receives reaches the beneficiaries. We thank you for your understanding and we hope to get a favorable reply.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Director, NRRDS