

# EAA Foundation and UNICEF Partner to Support Learning for Out Of School Children in Sudan

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- [Education Above All \(EAA\) Foundation](#), a global development and education foundation, and UNICEF announced a new programme to support over 158,000 out-of-school children in Sudan to access quality education. The programme will help beneficiaries learn and develop life-skills through the provision of safe learning spaces with in-person and e-learning facilities, alongside health, and child protection services.

Sudan is the world's largest education crisis. With more than five million children displaced and schools frequently targeted or damaged, only 13 per cent of school-aged children are enrolled or regularly attending school. The use of at least 3,000 schools as shelters for displaced families has further restricted access to education for millions of children across the country.

"EAA Foundation and UNICEF have partnered globally for over 13 years, helping more than five million children around the world to overcome barriers to education. In Sudan, we are committed to ensuring that children are given the opportunity to access education, can remain in education, continue learning, and build a brighter future, despite the challenges that they face," said Mary Joy Pigozzi, PhD, Executive Director of EAA Foundation's



Sudan is facing an ongoing crisis



More than 5 million children are displaced in Sudan

Educate A Child programme.

“Uprooting children from their homes and disconnecting them from learning can have devastating consequences for their wellbeing and futures. Thanks to UNICEF’s longstanding partnership with EAA Foundation - including this new commitment - we can continue delivering much-needed learning opportunities and other critical services to children displaced by conflict,” said Sheldon Yett, UNICEF Representative to Sudan.



Education is under threat in Sudan

Schools can provide a safe environment for learning and protect vulnerable children from abuse and physical dangers. In school, children have a chance to learn, play and interact with their friends, overcome trauma and regain some sense of normalcy. Education can help to break the intergenerational cycle of poverty and violence and prevent harmful practices, such as child labour and child marriage, and protect adolescents from recruitment by armed forces and groups.

This new project between UNICEF and EAA Foundation’s Educate A Child, valued at US\$3.3 million, will support children to resume their education, despite the ongoing challenges they face, by creating safe and accessible learning spaces. Bringing children back to learning will contribute to addressing the learning crisis in Sudan.

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About the Education Above All (EAA) Foundation

The Education Above All (EAA) Foundation is a global foundation established in 2012 by Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser. EAA Foundation aims to transform lives through education

and employment opportunities. We believe that education is the single most effective means of reducing poverty, creating peaceful and just societies, unlocking the full potential of every child and youth, and creating the right conditions to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Through our multi-sectoral approach, unique financing models, focus on innovation as a tool for social good, and partnerships, we aim to bring hope and real opportunities to the lives of marginalised children and youth. EAA Foundation is comprised of the following programmes: Educate A Child (EAC), Al Fakhoora, Reach Out To All (ROTA), Protect Education in Insecurity and Conflict (PEIC), Innovation Development (ID), Silatech and Together project.

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