



# Anonymous Hero

Blue Nile, Sudan

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**HART's partners in Blue Nile state, Sudan, are delivering nutritional and medical relief. They must remain anonymous for their own safety.**

Since 2011, civilians in South Kordofan and Blue Nile States have been subjected to ground offensives and aerial bombardments by the Government of Sudan. These attacks deliberately target civilians, striking at markets, schools, churches and other gathering places. Their 'scorched earth' policy is intended to destroy entire villages and prevent food cultivation. A famine is rapidly growing in the region.

The Government of Sudan have banned international aid organisations, including the UN, from rebel-held parts of South Kordofan and Blue Nile states. As a result, local organisations, such as our partners, are left single-handedly managing the crisis – attempting both to provide relief to over a million people at risk of famine, and to document atrocities.

In a report from our partners, in June, they stated: *"Humanitarian conditions are beyond description on the ground. One fails to describe what is happening to the civilians who endeavor to just survive in their way; and who knew nothing about politics because after all 80% of them are illiterate. The government of Sudan with its army and its militia are targeting the civilians with impunity; they bomb villages with missiles, artillery and aerial bombardment day and night. As a result civilians are terrified to go out and cultivate and live their lives normally. This resulted into hunger, starvation at time it reaches to famine. There are no international humanitarian organizations to aid the people in suffering, nor UN presence on the ground.*

*There are is only one partner who is courageous enough and has the suffering people of Sudan at heart; and that is Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust (HART). HART has enabled our indigenous NGO for the last two years to assist the most vulnerable people affected by war in the most remote areas of Blue Nile. This project was yet one of their historic initiatives that confirms their solidarity with the voiceless people."*

These partners show immense bravery and dedication, regularly travelling into one of the most dangerous and isolated parts of the world in order to deliver humanitarian assistance. In their report, they highlighted three particular challenges which they face in the course of their humanitarian efforts:

***"The transport was very frightening as no one was confident in reaching the most remote area with no roads or security personnel.***

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***The feeling of helplessness as one is on the ground with the people in suffering and you don't have enough to offer."***

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