

# Supporting our FSN Colleagues in Sudan

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*Dear Colleagues,*

*As of Sunday, April 23, 2023, the U.S. suspended Embassy Sudan operations after the successful evacuation of our U.S. direct-hire staff. We are grateful that they are now safe. Yet many of our Foreign Service National (FSN) colleagues remain in Sudan, facing both immediate risks to their safety and grave uncertainty about their country's future. Currently, all of our staff are accounted for, and we continue to work around the clock to prioritize their safety, as we have since the violence began.*

*Since the onset of this crisis, we have engaged our colleagues at the State Department to provide our local and third-country staff assurances of emergency financial assistance to help with their protection or evacuation. Over the weekend, we worked to secure space on convoys from Khartoum to various locations for our Sudanese colleagues and their families. And we continue to work with the State Department's Sudan Task Force, as well as our Missions around the region, to help staff secure Temporary Duty Assignments and navigate travel issues as they seek safe passage abroad. These are harrowing days for our colleagues, but we must continue to support them in this time of crisis.*

## *How You Can Help*

*There are two direct ways you can help our colleagues today: donating to the [FSN Emergency Relief Fund](#), and volunteering to support the State Department Sudan Task Force.*

*For those who are able to donate, the [FSN Emergency Relief Fund](#) is the State Department's official way for employees to provide assistance to all local employees of all U.S. Government agencies wherever they face crisis and hardship. It is funded entirely by voluntary private contributions.*

*Given the extraordinary scale of this humanitarian disaster, the Secretary of State highlighted the Fund as a means to provide immediate and direct support to our FSN colleagues. If you would like your donation to specifically be directed to our Sudanese colleagues, please make a note in the comments section of the donation form. Anyone may contribute to the Fund and contributions are completely voluntary and tax-deductible.*

## *Ways to Donate*

- **Secure online donations:** Donors can use Pay.gov to make secure online electronic donations to the FSN Emergency Relief Fund. [You may make payments here](#) directly from your bank account or by credit or debit card. In the comment box on the donation form, please indicate that your donation is for the FSN Emergency Relief Fund.
- **Checks:** Please send checks to: Department of State Gift Fund Coordinator M/EDCS, Room 1821, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20520. Make checks payable to the U.S. Department of State, and indicate "FSN Emergency Relief Fund" in the memo field.
- **Cash donations overseas:** Donors may make cash contributions in dollars or local currency through their embassy or consulate cashiers.

## **Volunteering Your Time**

**If you work here in Washington and have a Secret-level clearance, the State Department Sudan Task Force is coordinating efforts to support our FSN colleagues and looking for in-**

**person volunteers. Volunteers work 12 hour shifts at the Harry S. Truman Operations Center, helping to track the movements of our colleagues and implementing partners, and supporting them as they encounter challenges. Volunteers also serve a crucial role in communicating the latest information between USAID and the State Department, and making sure we are in lockstep with our interagency partners. Please consider lending your efforts to the Task Force's Employee Care Group by emailing [AFR.SPMailList-USAID@usaid.gov](mailto:AFR.SPMailList-USAID@usaid.gov).**

I would like to extend a special thank you to all of our colleagues who are working on these issues and to those who continue to support the Sudan response efforts. During my tenure as Deputy Administrator, we have seen many crises erupt around the world, and it never ceases to amaze me how our USAID family rallies in support of one another. To all of you, whether supporting our crisis response, donating to the FSN Fund, volunteering your time, or fulfilling other critical missions, thank you.

—Paloma Adams-Allen

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