

## Impact of AID cuts in Sudan. Devex, 2 April 2026

### Picking up the pieces

In the Sudanese city of Kosti, countless families are trying to start again.

People such as **Abdullah Muqaddam Toto** — who ran a bakery before the war began — arrived in the Goz al-Salam camp expecting to find teams of United Nations staff, a steady stream of food rations, and refuge for those caught in Sudan’s brutal civil war.

Instead, Toto found local volunteers doing their best to lead the charge — the result of escalating need, shrinking budgets, and **the deliberate end of U.S. aid programs** that had previously been expected to survive the Trump administration’s foreign assistance cull.

“Where international systems once worked at the scale of billions and reached millions, local initiatives now stretch small sums across hundreds of families,” Aunnab Elman writes for Devex from Khartoum. “Hunger, the families in this camp have learned, **is easier to sleep through than to sit with.**”

[Aunnab was in Goz al-Salam](#), and **saw the local response — and its weaknesses — firsthand.** Food distribution is now happening once a month or less, depending on the availability of supplies. And while Emergency Response Rooms, a network of volunteer-led groups that organize distribution across Sudan’s displacement camps, are attempting to fill the gap, they are operating in a fragmented supply system that’s straining under mounting pressure.

“Often we have the personnel, the organization, and a clear need on the ground, but **a lack of financial resources limits our ability to provide** essential supplies in a timely manner,” says **Mohammed Haroun**, who coordinates the Emergency Response Centre in North Darfur.

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