

Beja family planting new crops



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## Hafir Rehabilitation and Construction

**This year we have expanded our hafir project (a hafir is a Sudanese word for a large water reservoir) and brought the benefits of clean drinking water to some 20,000 people and their livestock across North and South Kordofan.**

Fangalo village in South Kordofan has historically suffered from severe water shortages and resultant clashes between

the settled residents and the pastoralists who use Fangalo as a travel corridor and summer grazing area. The new hafir we have constructed with the local community there is equipped with sand filters, hand pumps and concrete troughs. It has brought direct benefits to the population of Fangalo village, 200 households, and the pastoralists, approximately 2,000 people plus livestock. Improved access to water has reduced conflict by helping to eliminate competition over resources.

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## New sand dams in Tourlake village

**The benefits of the pioneering set of sand dams, constructed with the support of SOS Sahel in Damba village in 2009/10, became evident this year. The new dams have raised the water table across a wide area and kept hand pumps, which had historically dried up during the dry season, working all year round.**

Sand dams provide a water source for local communities by trapping water behind the dams after summer rains, boosting the

holding capacity of the sandy river bed. In 2010 the local community in Tourlake, South Kordofan worked with training, tools and technical guidance from SOS Sahel staff and Kenyan sand dam expert, Tullu Ibrae, to construct a new set of sand dams. By training local people, some of whom are ex-combatants from Sudan's civil war, to construct and maintain the dams themselves we are ensuring the sustainability of this infrastructure and enabling communities to fully manage the sand dams themselves in the future.



Tourlake sand dams under construction

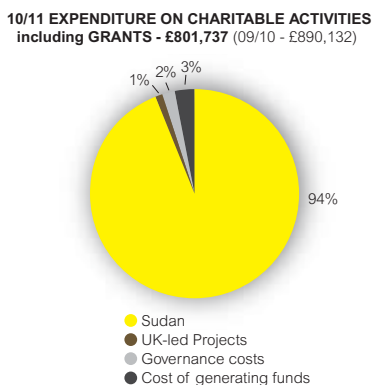
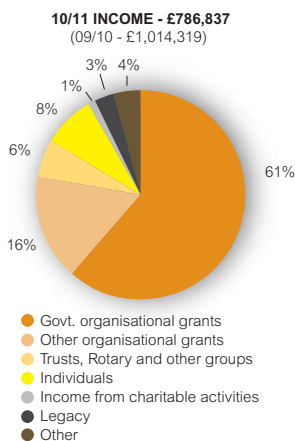
## Trustees' statement

These charts show summarised income and expenditure information taken from the organisation's audited statutory accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011. These accounts have been filed with the Registrar of Companies House and the Charity Commission: a copy can be obtained from the Charity Commission website or from the charity's registered office.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees



Roger Blake  
Chair



**Thank you to all our donors, large and small, for their continued generosity in supporting our work.**

**We would particularly like to mention our thanks to:**

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**Tom (Lord) Bingham, husband of our President Lady Elizabeth Bingham, sadly passed away in 2010. We are indebted to him for his unwavering support to SOS Sahel during his lifetime and for generously remembering us in his will.**

## Capacity building of youth associations in South Kordofan

### Organisation management skills

In 2010 SOS Sahel invited a professional consultant from South Kordofan to give management training to male and female members of seven different youth groups from Muglad, Neimatein and Ummelgora villages in South Kordofan. We also provided material support to these groups in the form of basic furniture such as chairs, tables and cupboards, and sports equipment. This work has helped to raise the morale of young people and empowered them to successfully manage their own youth associations and activities.

### Sports and cultural events

All seven youth groups who received organisational management training went on to organise interactive events that included drama, traditional dance and songs and an inter-village football rally.

Each event drew huge crowds with the final football match of the week-long rally attracting 2,000 spectators. Amongst the attendees were community groups of all ages, SOS Sahel staff and local government, UN and NGO representatives. The message of peaceful coexistence was clearly reflected in all activities whose aims were to:

- strengthen social relations within and between different village communities
- send out messages of peace and raise peace awareness through youth interaction
- create alternative sources of entertainment for youths and build their confidence and belief in their own skills, keeping their focus away from conflict and clashes



Attendees at the cultural event at Eltdamon club, Muglad



One of the youth football teams at the final rally