

EMERGENCY CHOLERA OUTBREAK RESPONSE - REPORT

KHARTOUM STATE | MAY–JUNE 2025



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BACKGROUND

During May and June 2025, Khartoum State in Sudan faced an alarming surge in cholera cases, marking one of the most severe outbreaks in the region in recent years. The crisis was fueled by a combination of ongoing conflict, the collapse of essential infrastructure, and a breakdown in water and sanitation systems. As a result, the number of reported cholera cases skyrocketed, with over **7,000** new cases documented in May alone—a nearly 400% increase compared to the previous month. The situation deteriorated rapidly; between May 15 and May 25, daily reported cases surged from **90 to 815**, highlighting the speed at which the disease was spreading throughout the city.

Several factors contributed to the outbreak's severity. Drone attacks on power plants and water sources left up to 80% of Khartoum's water systems non-functional, creating a critical shortage of clean water for the population. The ongoing war, which began in April 2023, has devastated health infrastructure, displaced millions, and severely limited access to medical care. The return of displaced people to Khartoum further strained already scarce resources and accelerated the spread of cholera. Health facilities, already overwhelmed, saw many clinics and hospitals cease operations, with up to 80% closed in conflict zones and 45% elsewhere. Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) reported treating more than 3,300 suspected cholera cases in just one week in late May, underscoring the immense pressure on remaining health services.

Children have been particularly vulnerable, with over one million at risk in Khartoum State alone. The outbreak's impact has extended beyond the immediate health crisis, threatening to deepen humanitarian suffering in a region already facing severe challenges. In response, a reactive oral cholera vaccination campaign was launched on June 10, targeting more than 2.6 million people in five of the worst-affected localities. International organizations such as the WHO and UNICEF have provided technical, logistical, and material support, but funding remains insufficient to meet the overwhelming need. Additional efforts have focused on water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) interventions to prevent further spread of the disease.

BACKGROUND

The cholera outbreak in Khartoum is part of a larger national crisis that began in July 2024 and has since spread to 92 localities across 13 of Sudan's 18 states, infecting 74,000 people and causing 1,826 deaths as of June 2025. Cross-border population movements and the approaching rainy season threaten to worsen the situation and increase the risk of cholera spreading to neighboring countries. Without urgent and sustained international intervention, the health and humanitarian crisis in Khartoum is expected to continue escalating.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In response to the cholera outbreak that emerged in Khartoum State, **the Alliance for Humanitarian Relief and Rebuilding in Sudan**—with financial support from the Sudanese American Medical Association (SAMA) and local implementation by We're All Values (WAV) and the Al-Rofaqa Charity Organization for Sustainable Development—launched a coordinated emergency intervention to mitigate the impact of the crisis.

THE JOINT EFFORT FOCUSED ON TWO KEY PILLARS:

- Delivery of life-saving IV fluids to overwhelmed health facilities
- Health awareness campaigns in high-risk communities.



12,645

IV fluid units
delivered



13

health facilities
supported



+2,000

Patients
treated



17

awareness
campaigns held



11,500

individuals
reached

using printed materials and local radio broadcasts to disseminate prevention messages.

ABOUT THE ALLIANCE

The Alliance for Humanitarian Relief and Rebuilding in Sudan is a collaborative network of Sudanese-led and Sudanese-rooted organizations committed to enhancing the effectiveness, coordination, and transparency of humanitarian efforts across Sudan.



With a shared vision of supporting the country's recovery in the aftermath of conflict, the Alliance brings together member organizations

including the **Sudanese American Medical Association (SAMA)**, **We Are All Values (WAV)**, **Youth Revival Charitable Organization in Rufaa**, and **Al-Rofaqaa Charity Organization for Sustainable Development**—to align on relief priorities, reduce duplication, and promote excellence in service delivery. Guided by core values such as transparency, fairness, conflict sensitivity, and the protection of vulnerable populations, the Alliance conducts monthly coordination meetings and an annual gathering in Cairo and Port Sudan to share strategies, progress, and best practices.

OBJECTIVES OF THE RESPONSE

- Deliver life-saving IV fluids to overwhelmed health facilities.
- Conduct community awareness and preventive education campaigns.
- Reduce mortality and limit the spread of cholera.
- Strengthen the Ministry of Health's ability to respond to public health emergencies.

IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

➤ DISTRIBUTION OF LIFE-SAVING IV FLUIDS (MAY 29 – JUNE 9, 2025)

12,645 IV FLUID UNITS DISTRIBUTED



7895

Distributed by WAV



4750

Distributed by Alrofaqaa

13 HEALTH FACILITIES REACHED



➤ East Nile Locality

- Amer Abdelmageed Center
- Maraabee Al-Shareef Center
- Wad Abu Saleh Center
- Al-Jareef Center
- Abu Dileig Hospital
- Soba East Center
- Um Dom Center
- Sheikh Al-Amin Center
- Al-Ban Jadeed Hospital
- Um Duwaban Hospital

➤ Omdurman Locality

- Abu Saad Center
- Mohamed Al-Ameen Center

➤ Umbada Locality

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+2000 PATIENTS TREATED

IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES

➤ HEALTH AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

11,500 PEOPLE REACHED



3,500

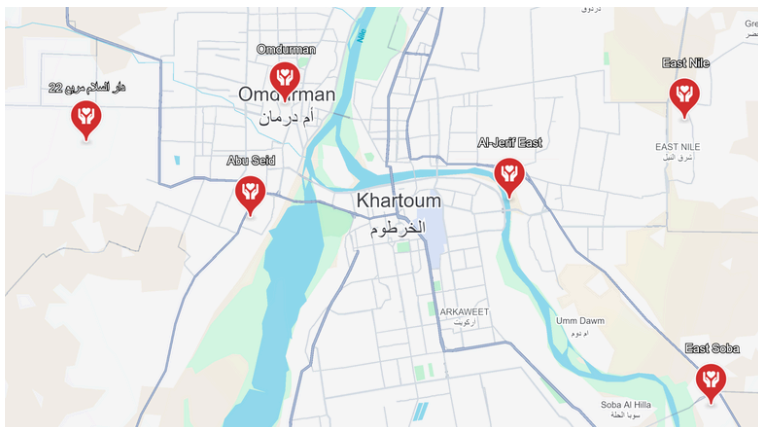
Reached by WAV



8,000

Reached by Alrofaqaa

17 AWARENESS SESSIONS CONDUCTED



- East Nile
- Omdurman
- Jareef
- Soba
- Dar Al-Salam
- Abu Saad
- others

1000 MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

100

Brochures

250

Stickers

500

leaflets

150

Posters

PARTNERS INVOLVED

- Community committees
- Radio broadcasters
- Ministry of Health Units

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Delivery of IV fluids to **13** facilities across high-risk areas
- Treatment and care provided for **~2,000** cholera patients (minimum)
- Awareness raised among **11,500** community members
- Printed and media content disseminated to reinforce prevention messages
- Effective coordination with local Ministry of Health units and community networks

CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED

- Limited availability of supplies amid high demand
- Compressed implementation timeline
- Lack of functioning isolation centers in some localities
- Logistical barriers due to poor infrastructure
- Community misconceptions about cholera and response teams

FINANCIAL REPORT

The total expenditure for the emergency cholera response implemented by the Alliance for Humanitarian Relief and Rebuilding in Sudan, amounted to **29,250,500** Sudanese Pounds

➤ WE'RE ALL VALUES ORGANIZATION (WAV)



TOTAL SPENT: 15,500,500 SDG

Budget Line	Amount (SDG)
Procurement & delivery of IV fluids	15,000,500
Health awareness campaigns	300,000
Media documentation	200,000

➤ AL-ROFAQAA CHARITY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



TOTAL SPENT: 13,750,000 SDG

Budget Line	Amount (SDG)
Procurement & delivery of IV fluids	10,650,000
Health awareness campaigns	3,100,000