When Healthcare Comes Within Reach: Radwa Mohamed's Story from Tawila

For displaced families in Tawila, accessing healthcare can mean a long journey, difficult choices, and costs many families simply cannot afford. For Radwa Mohamed, a displaced mother, bringing healthcare closer to her community has changed what happens when her children fall sick.

When Caring for Children Becomes a Daily Struggle

Life in displacement has placed enormous responsibilities on families in Tawila, North Darfur. With many men forced to leave in search of work, women often carry the responsibility of caring for their children while also finding food and meeting their families' basic needs

For Radwa, every day is a struggle to provide for her children.

> *"When we leave our children from morning until evening, it is just to look for food for them to eat."*

When a child becomes sick, the challenge becomes even greater. Before healthcare was available closer to the community, families often had to travel long distances or find a way to afford medicines and treatment.

> *"Before, if your child got sick and you wanted to treat them, you had to think about bringing the medicine."*

For families already struggling to find food and rebuild their lives after displacement, the cost and distance of healthcare could make treatment feel out of reach.

A Clinic Within Reach

The arrival of the mobile clinic brought a different possibility.

With generous support from **Americares**, SAMA's mobile clinic is bringing essential healthcare closer to displaced families in Tawila, North Darfur.

"Thanks God, the organization provided us with the clinic."

For families in the community, healthcare was no longer something they had to travel far to find. Medical care and essential medicines became available closer to home.

Radwa describes the difference in simple terms: instead of spending hours searching for treatment or medicines, a person can now come to the clinic and receive the care they need in less than an hour.

That change may sound small. For a mother caring for sick children, however, it can mean everything.

It means less time spent searching for care.
Less money spent on transportation and treatment.
And, most importantly, more reassurance when a child gets sick.

“People Are So Relieved Now”

Mohamed Ismael, a Medical Assistant at the clinic, has witnessed this change firsthand.

He has seen patients arrive with health concerns and leave with treatment, guidance, and reassurance. He says community members have repeatedly expressed their appreciation for the quality of care they receive.

“Thank God, people are so relieved now.”

For health workers, this response is a reminder that the impact of a mobile clinic goes beyond the number of consultations delivered

Every patient reached is a person who did not have to face the burden of finding care alone.

Every medicine provided is one less difficult decision for a family already struggling with displacement.

And every child who receives treatment represents a little more security for their parents.

More Than Treatment

For displaced families, the mobile clinic has become more than a place to receive medicine.

It has become a source of reassurance.

When families have already lost homes, livelihoods, and stability, knowing that medical care is available nearby can restore a sense of dignity and security.

For Radwa and other mothers in Tawila, bringing healthcare closer means that when their children need help, they can seek care without facing the same barriers they once did.

But the community's need has not disappeared.

A Lifeline That Needs to Continue

Mobile clinics can provide a vital bridge to healthcare, but communities affected by prolonged displacement need services that can remain available for the long term.

Mohamed worries about what happens when temporary interventions end.

"Most clinics only stay around three months, and then they're gone."

He hopes that continued support can help make healthcare services available to the community for longer.

His message reflects a wider reality in Tawila: access to healthcare cannot be treated as a short-term need when families remain displaced and vulnerable.

Bringing Hope Within Reach

For Radwa, the change is straightforward.

Her children can receive care closer to home. Her family no longer has to face the same journey simply to find treatment. And when illness comes, there is somewhere nearby to turn.

For displaced families in Tawila, the mobile clinic represents a lifeline—a place where they can seek treatment, find reassurance, and feel that their health still matters despite the circumstances they have endured.

Healthcare should not depend on how far a family can travel or whether a mother can afford the cost of reaching a clinic.

In Tawila, bringing healthcare closer has shown what is possible when essential services meet people where they are.

For families living through displacement, bringing healthcare closer can bring something just as important as treatment: hope.

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