In July 2020, Search for Common Ground (Search) advanced collaboration between two projects that we are implementing in South Kordofan state. The French Embassy-funded program, Empowering Women and Youth in South Kordofan and the EU-funded project, Strengthening Women and Youth-led Approaches to Reconciliation and Conflict Prevention co-supported the distribution of seeds in different locations throughout South Kordofan.

**Distribution in Diling**

Search staff and local representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture organized the distribution of seeds among the four villages of Sir Alamin, Um Alwan, Alfarshaya, and Alshuroug. In each of the four locations, the livelihood activity began with the agro-technician of the Ministry of Agriculture providing helpful information on how farmers can best prepare their lands and harvest the seeds that were distributed. In total, 139 residents (67 men and 72 women) from the Diling area received seeds.

**Distribution in Kadugli**

With support with our partner, Badya Centre for Integrated Development, Search distributed sorghum, sesame, cowpea, okra, and tomato seeds to women and men in the six villages of Alkwek, Kiga Temiro, Sabori, Alrsers, Alafien, and Korom. In total, 811 people (389 men and 422 women) representing IDPs, returnees and local residents received parcels of seeds.

**Celebration Festival**

To highlight this action, Search organized a seed distribution festival in Kadugli that was attended by representatives from state and local government, local and international NGOs, and the media, as well as hundreds of citizens. The State Minister of Agriculture spoke about the positive prospects the seeds represent for local communities. Additionally, Nuba traditional bands performed, sharing songs calling for peace and coexistence as South Kordofan strives to emerge from its years of violence and conflict.

"We, the women of this village, will not sit back and watch the men harvest the seeds. We must help them and participate in increasing the production and productivity of the harvest for the sake of the family."

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