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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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The Sudanese Women General Union is a voluntary non-governmental organization working to empower Women economically, socially and politically, through activities and projects which are carried out through its branches which is amounts a twenty seven and thousand branches scattered all over the Sudan, and the Union endeavor establish a society where justice and equality be realized to ensure the human rights of women and children, and through the development of strategies, policies, plans and programs to promote the role of women and the advancement of them ,the Union created a database for the status of women, and the establishment of networks of non-governmental organizations, and the development of capacity-building programs to promote and protect the constitutional rights of women , and improving the welfare of women and children and reducing mortality rates of them , and to participate in peace building and dissemination of peace culture, Reduce the electronic illiteracy, the Union have the consultative status in the economic and social Council of the United Nations in the year 2007.

The Union introduced several initiatives in the field of economic empowerment of women, especially in Rural Areas , First with a project portfolio of women and microfinance then the good loan who benefited from it (11. 705) a woman, and innovation Award for rural women, all of these projects have contributed to the alleviation of poverty among women and raising the standard of living for them, lasted with Alamal women institution for microfinance booster for all of these initiatives and unified efforts, which was established in partnership of the union with the central Bank of Sudan and the Ministry of welfare and social security, and carried out the implemented of the institution plan, and established sub offices in twelve states' number of beneficiaries until the year 2016 (8.480) beneficiaries, and the proportion of default only 1.4%, many obstacles facing these efforts with regard to the training of women aiming to increase the success rate of women small project .

the union did not received any kind of support from the international community in this area. The gains of Sudanese women due to countries efforts to empower them politically and push them in the area of decision-making, the Union contributed to conducted of workshops for all the women leaders , organizations and political parties to discuss their opinions in the Constitution and the electoral law, as well as in the national and community dialogue, as a result of contributed to these efforts to increase the(participation rate of women in national and state legislatures increase to 30%, with Availability of increase rate by community awareness and support the election of women candidates in geographical constituencies, which led to increase the percentage to 32%, and this encourages to more efforts in technical and financial support. In the social field the Union has created a considerable number of development centers spread in all parts of Sudan and numbered (99), centers, works on service delivery in the social, health and educational fields and family counseling , educate families in the field of justice , gender equality and rights of inheritance, the Union also established Centers of child culture within the development centers and worked to provide educational aids as well as kindergartens.

Also, the Union is an active member of the National Committee for the homeless and conduct awareness campaigns and protection for displaced people and work to inflict many of them with their families. As the elderly Union has to work to provide health care and improving the subsistence environment and accommodation for them, motivate and educate workers with their service and raise the level of care, either disabled the Union support many disabled centers and contributed to submit health and educational services and various subsidies, but the challenge for these All efforts is to provide continuous service and widespread, in the field of health the union implemented several health projects the most important projects subject is the midwife for each village so as to cover facing cover all areas of needs.

The biggest threatened hinder the development of women in the Sudan, which is a fundamental challenge to enable them to live in the well-being and peace, it is the unilateral coercive measures that Sudan is under due to the economic sanctions imposed on it, as well as external debt, which negatively affect the process of the revival of Sudanese women in rural and urban areas.

Recommendation

- enable organizations, particularly women's by providing technical assistance to enable it to play its role in capacity building in the areas of women's empowerment and peace-building and protection of women, on the basis of Resolution No. 27/29 issued by the Human Rights Council in November 2014.
- Provide the financial support from internal & external donors, for capacity building and technical support.
- Providing food and security in the IDP camps by virtue of the direct responsibility of the United Nations.

- provide the necessary support for the return of displaced people to their areas of origin, as they have expressed in their meetings with the independent expert.
 - lift economic sanctions on Sudan because it has become deprive the human being from its basic rights and threatened the fundamental human rights especially women and children, and millions of refugees in Sudan also represents violation of their right to life and development, health, clean water, education and all other kind ways of life and well-being.
 - exemption the external debt of Sudan, based on the right to development, and aiming to advance the peace process and stability in it.
 - Provide technical and financial support to Sudanese women's projects economic, social, health and political.
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