

## **Welcome Letter to the European Union Delegation: Strengthening Humanitarian Cooperation at Wedweil Camp**

Refugee-Led Organizations and the Sphere Project

### **To:**

The Government of South Sudan  
Governor of Northern Bahr El Ghazal State  
The Commission for Refugee Affairs (CRA)  
Representatives of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)  
Representatives of the European Union  
Partners and humanitarian workers

### ***Greetings,***

On behalf of refugee-led organizations, we warmly welcome you to the Wedweil Refugee Settlement. This visit presents a valuable opportunity to strengthen partnerships, highlight the severe challenges faced by refugees and host communities, and explore ways to support refugee-led organizations in bridging gaps, improving living conditions, and promoting sustainable livelihoods and development.

Your presence among us reaffirms the European Union's strong commitment to supporting humanitarian and development efforts. It provides us with an invaluable chance to showcase the achievements of refugee-led organizations, discuss the challenges they face, and explore possibilities for joint cooperation to enhance responses to urgent humanitarian needs in education, health, sustainable peacebuilding, peaceful coexistence between communities, human rights advocacy, economic empowerment, food security, and cultural diversity management.

We hope this visit will serve as a significant step toward fostering cooperation and establishing sustainable partnerships that empower refugees and host communities to build a brighter future.

We extend our warmest welcome once again and officially introduce the Sphere Project.

### **Why Are We Launching the Sphere Project?**

The Sphere Project aims to enhance high-quality humanitarian response by coordinating efforts among governments, relevant government bodies, regional organizations, independent international organizations, UN agencies, and donors.

### **Key objectives include:**

- Providing a reference database to document activities and programs for evaluation and improvement of work quality and environment.
- Strengthening regional and international partnerships to support communities affected by wars, conflicts, and natural disasters.

### **How Can Sphere Be Used?**

- Integrating Sphere standards into training programs and humanitarian response efforts.
- Using the Sphere Standards and guidelines to develop emergency response plans and programs.
- Training local leaders and refugees on humanitarian standards to ensure the sustainability of community initiatives.

### **By Supporting the Sphere Project, You Will:**

- Make a significant contribution to reducing the suffering of refugees and host communities.
- Bridge the gap between beneficiaries and donors.
- Create opportunities to transform the lives of communities, save lives, and uphold the dignity of those in need by ensuring access to basic necessities and protecting their human dignity.

### **List of Refugee-Led Organizations:**

- Africa Ambassadors for Peace (AAP)
- Food Aid for Homeless People (FAHP)
- Abukoisa Cultural Center (ACC)
- Fashat Amal Group (GAML)

- New Generation Center for Languages and Training (NGCLT)
- Darfur Network for Human Rights (DNHR)
- Women Refugee Development (WRD)
- Refugee Agency for Recovering and Rebuilding (RARR)