



Celebrating Peace on International Women's Day **SGBV Awareness Football Match in Abu Shouk IDP Camp**

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On 9 March 2007, UNDP Sudan, in partnership with IRC and the SGBV Committee of Omdas and Shieks of Abu Shouk IDP Camp, organized a football match to celebrate the International Women's Day and to raise awareness on SGBV among IDPs. The Abu Shouk Team played against the International Team (composed of: UNDP, IRC, ACF, Oxfam, and ICRC) and the Abu Shoak IDP Team won the match 1-0.

Both Teams demonstrated high levels of skill, though Abu Shouk IDP Team was evidently superior. During the Game, there was a live commentary by two sports castor.

The game was held in the Abu Shouk IDP Camp Football Stadium. The match attracted more than 600 spectators, including Omdas and Sheikhs from the IDP camp, children, paralegals of JCC, UN Agencies, INGOs and local Organisations.



Both teams dressed with the T-shirts that had a message of "Celebrating International Women's Day in Darfur, March 8, 2007, Together we can stop Sexual and Gender-Based Violence" in both English and Arabic. The Abu Shoak winning Team was given new football and tennis shoes for the best players as well as a trophy.

This football match was the second game UNDP SGBV Programme organized,

following the first match on December 1st, 2006 to commemorate the World AIDS Day. UNDP is currently planning to organize this SGBV awareness-raising football match on a monthly basis to strengthen the collaboration between UNDP and IDP Youths. With the support from UNDP, the SGBV Committee of Abu Shouk IDP Camp is also planning to have several activities, including the establishment of an SGBV Programme Community Learning Center.

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