



# 2024 Annual Report

THE SUDANESE AMERICAN  
RESEARCH CENTER (SARC)

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# Welcome Note

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the Sudanese American Research Center (SARC), a space dedicated to fostering knowledge, understanding, and collaboration. At SARC, we believe that research is a powerful tool to bridge cultures, preserve heritage, and empower communities.

Whether you are here to engage in meaningful dialogue, conduct research, or explore the rich history and contemporary issues of Sudan and the Sudanese diaspora, we are thrilled to have you as part of our community. Your presence contributes to our collective mission of promoting education, cultural exchange, and social impact.

Together, let us build a future that honors the past while shaping a better tomorrow. We look forward to your involvement and insights as we embark on this exciting journey

Sincerely,



Prof. Bakri Abdulkarim  
SARC Director



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

# *Our* Board



## **BAKRI ABDULKARIM**

Co-founder & director

Professor Bakri Karim is a highly accomplished expert with a robust background in economics, information science, and knowledge management.



## **MUAWIA ELBUKHARI**

Co-founder & director

Ambassador Dr. Muawia Elbukhari is a distinguished career diplomat with a strong background in political science and diplomacy. He holds a Ph.D. in International Relations.

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## **DON LEVY**

Co-founder & director

a pioneering Countrypreneur, embarked on a remarkable journey to revive and establish the Kingdom of Kush. On June 13, 1993,



# vision and mission



## VISION

SARC envisions a future where Sudan is universally acknowledged and comprehended as a vibrant, multifaceted nation, characterized by its rich history, diverse culture, and substantial influence on regional and global dynamics. We aspire to create a world where the research, education, and cultural exchange facilitated by SARC lead to profound insights.

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## MISSION

SARC is passionately committed to advancing research, education, and fostering cultural understanding of Sudan. We stand as a vibrant hub, welcoming researchers, scholars, students, and policymakers alike. Our mission is to cultivate a profound comprehension of Sudan's history.

# Our mandate and giving

## ESTABLISHMENT

- INCORPORATION
  - REGISTER SARC AS A NONPROFIT AND FORM A DIVERSE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
- 501(C)(3) STATUS
  - SUBMIT IRS FORM 1023 FOR TAX-EXEMPT STATUS WITH LEGAL ASSISTANCE.
- STATE REGISTRATION
  - REGISTER WITH THE NEW JERSEY CHARITY COUNCIL (NJCC) AND OBTAIN NECESSARY PERMITS.

## FUNDING AND OUTREACH

- DONOR ENGAGEMENT
  - DEVELOP A FUNDRAISING STRATEGY; CREATE PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS.
- BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS
  - REACH OUT TO POTENTIAL DONORS AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.
- INITIAL FUNDRAISING EVENTS
  - ORGANIZE A LAUNCH EVENT AND EXPLORE ONLINE CROWDFUNDING.

## PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

- NEEDS ASSESSMENT
  - CONDUCT SURVEYS TO IDENTIFY URGENT COMMUNITY NEEDS.
- PROGRAM PLANNING
  - CREATE INITIATIVES FOR IMMEDIATE AID, PARTICULARLY DURING RAMADAN AND EID.
- HEALTH FAIR
  - PLAN A HEALTH FAIR WITH LOCAL PROVIDERS TO OFFER FREE SCREENINGS AND RESOURCES.

## RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION

- RESEARCH INITIATIVES
  - IDENTIFY KEY RESEARCH TOPICS ON SUDAN AND ITS DIASPORA.
- PUBLICATION
  - COMPILE RESEARCH INTO A BOOK AND PLAN A LAUNCH EVENT.
- EVALUATION
  - REVIEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GATHER FEEDBACK FOR IMPROVEMENT

## LONG-TERM VISION



### CHARITIES

Collaborate with established charities to enhance resource mobilization and support for relief efforts.



### COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERING

Mobilize volunteers for disaster response, fundraising, and community outreach initiatives.



### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

Foster collaboration with local Sudanese organizations to identify needs and coordinate relief efforts.



### DISASTER RELIEF

Establish a fund to provide immediate aid during crises, including food, medical supplies, and shelter.



# executive summary

The Sudanese American Research Center (SARC) is a newly established nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing the needs of Sudanese communities in the United States and abroad. Our mission is to promote cultural awareness, facilitate research, and provide humanitarian assistance to support those affected by crises in Sudan.



## IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

- Immediate Aid: Successfully distributed food and medical supplies to over [insert number] families during recent crises in Sudan.
- Community Engagement: Engaged 3 volunteers in various outreach programs, creating a strong network of support within the Sudanese community.



## PROGRAM SUCCESS

Health Fair: Organized a successful health fair that provided free screenings to [insert number] participants, addressing key health concerns in the community.

Research Publication: Completed and published a research report on Sudan US Relation, gaining recognition among local and national stakeholders.



## STRATEGIC GOALS

Expand Programs: Develop and implement additional programs targeting education, economic empowerment, and mental health support within the Sudanese community.

Enhance Funding: Increase funding through diverse sources, including grants, donations, and partnerships, aiming for a 30% increase in annual revenue by 2025.



# Expanding Volunteer

As the crisis continues, SARC is committed to expanding its volunteer recruitment efforts in the coming year. With plans to bring on more skilled professionals and community leaders, the center aims to:

- Launch more mobile health units in underserved areas.
- Increase mental health services to address growing trauma.
- Develop vocational training programs to empower displaced families with sustainable livelihoods.

Together, with the continued support of volunteers, donors, and partners, SARC will remain at the forefront of humanitarian relief and recovery efforts in Sudan, ensuring that no one is left behind

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# Sudan Aid Programs

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## Spreading the joy of Eid

Eid is more than just a holiday—it's a beautiful reminder of unity, generosity, and gratitude. It's a time when streets fill with smiles, homes light up with festive decorations, and the warmth of community shines through every interaction. The essence of Eid is not just about celebration but about sharing that celebration with others. It's about spreading joy in ways that uplift those around us—family, friends, and strangers alike.



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## Ramdan Iftar

the first joint project between the United Mission Relief and Development (UMR) and the Sudanese American Research Center (SARC) has been launched to distribute Iftar meals to fasting individuals in the Red Sea State - Um Al-Qura village under the supervision of the Sudanese Red Crescent Organization. One hundred diversified Ramadan bags, each containing thirteen different items, were distributed at the Mohammed Abdou Rabah School, which hosts 100 Sudanese families

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## Health Fair

In a remarkable collaboration between the Federal Ministry of Health, Port Sudan State Health, and the unwavering support of SARCS (Sudanese American Research Center) and UMR (United Mission for Relief and Development), a significant healthcare event unfolded on June 7, 2024, at the Port Sudan Shelter Center. This event not only symbolized a union of efforts but also underscored the collective commitment to providing healthcare access to all, regardless of their circumstances.



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## EID Adha

2024, United Mission for Relief and Development (UMR) is launching a heartfelt initiative—Gurbani for IDPs Camps. This program is designed to bring peace, spiritual solace, and hope to internally displaced persons (IDPs) living in camps, many of whom have endured unimaginable hardships due to conflict, displacement, and natural disasters.

# Outreach initiatives

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## Book Publication

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## 80 Experts Across Diverse Fields Uplifting Communities

The Sudanese American Relief Center (SARC) has assembled a remarkable group of up to 80 experts across various fields to serve as a beacon of hope and progress for communities in need. These experts, hailing from diverse disciplines such as healthcare, education, engineering, mental health, business, and humanitarian relief, are united by a single mission: to bring sustainable development and transformative solutions to underserved populations, including those affected by displacement, conflict, and natural disasters.

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## Meals And medical kits for for the displaced in sudan

in collaboration with other NGOs, including the United Muslim Relief (UMR), has successfully secured and transported around one million ready-to-eat meals and medical kits valued at over \$6 million to Sudan. These essential supplies have arrived in the country and are now in the final phase of distribution, aimed at supporting displaced people affected by the ongoing conflict. This humanitarian effort highlights the critical role of international cooperation in addressing the urgent needs of vulnerable populations during the crisis





# collaboration & partnerships

2023 has been a year of impactful collaborations for the Sudanese American Research Center (SARC). We are excited to share the incredible partnerships we've fostered with key organizations and institutions that are making a difference in the Sudanese community and beyond.

Partnership with the Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS)  
This year, SARC joined forces with the Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) to address critical health and humanitarian challenges in Sudan. Together, we launched community health initiatives aimed at improving access to medical care and promoting health education in underserved areas. This collaboration has not only provided essential resources but also empowered local volunteers to lead health awareness campaigns, enhancing community resilience.

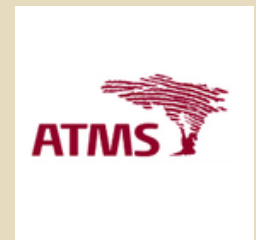
Support from United Mission for Relief and Development (UMR)

We extend our deepest gratitude to our largest donor, the United Mission for Relief and Development (UMR). Their generous support has been instrumental in funding our research and outreach programs. In 2023, UMR contributed to our scholarship initiatives, allowing us to support even more Sudanese American students in their educational pursuits. Their commitment to humanitarian work aligns perfectly with our mission, and we look forward to continuing this fruitful partnership.

## Academic Collaborations

Our collaborations with academic institutions have also been a highlight this year:

- National University of Sudan: We partnered with the National University of Sudan to facilitate joint research projects and exchange programs. This partnership has allowed students and faculty to share knowledge and resources, strengthening the academic ties between our institutions.
- Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC): Our collaboration with SRCC has focused on enhancing research opportunities and sharing best practices in commerce and business education. This partnership has opened new avenues for student exchanges and joint projects, enriching the educational experiences for students from both institutions.



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# financial earnings

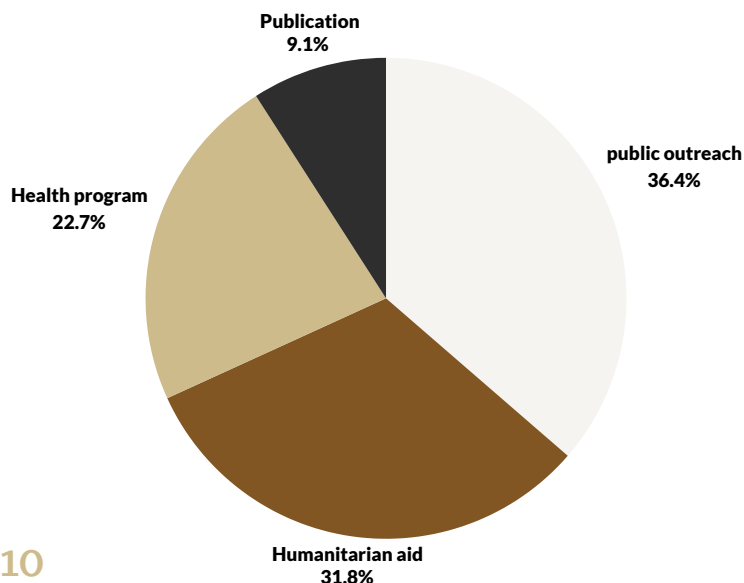
During this year, the Sudanese American Research Center (SARC) received approximately \$87,000 in donations from generous contributors. This funding has been instrumental in financing several key projects, with a primary focus on providing aid to Sudan amidst the ongoing conflict.

## DONATIONS

**\$87.3k**

## EXPENSES

**\$76.5k**



### Key Initiatives:

1. **Humanitarian Aid:** A significant portion of the funds has been directed towards delivering essential supplies, including food, water, and medical assistance, to those affected by the war in Sudan.
2. **Community Support Programs:** SARC has implemented programs aimed at supporting displaced families and communities, providing them with the resources they need to rebuild their lives.
3. **Advocacy and Awareness:** We have also worked to raise awareness about the situation in Sudan, engaging with the diaspora and the broader community to highlight the urgent needs and mobilize further support.



# Displaced Shelter Activities

## Port Sudan





# Future plans

## THE LOOK AHEAD

### The Look ahead

- **Enhanced Accessibility:** By situating community centers in areas with significant Sudanese populations, we ensure that vital resources—such as educational materials, legal aid, and health services—are easily accessible. This accessibility can significantly reduce barriers faced by community members.
- **Cultural Heritage and Identity:** Community centers can serve as a space to celebrate our rich cultural heritage. They can host events like cultural festivals, art exhibitions, and traditional music performances, fostering pride and connection to our roots among younger generations.
- **Supportive Services:** These centers could offer various support services, including counseling, job training, language classes, and financial literacy workshops. By addressing the specific needs of our community, we can empower individuals and families to thrive.
- **Safe Spaces for Dialogue:** Community centers can provide a safe environment for open discussions on pressing issues affecting Sudanese Americans. Whether it's a forum on mental health or discussions about current events, these spaces can facilitate meaningful dialogue and community engagement.





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