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**World Relief Announces New Office in Ad-Damazin, Sudan**

**BALTIMORE** – Today, World Relief announces a new office and guest house in Ad-Damazin, the capital of Blue Nile in Sudan. The new office will advance World Relief’s presence in the Blue Nile region to best serve the community. Since 2004, World Relief Sudan has been on the ground, working to alleviate poverty and stabilize conflict in the region.

World Relief currently has three professional staff members at the new office. The focus at present is on responding to post-flood, Covid-19 and other disaster needs but World Relief has been discussing with UN agencies and other donors on potential program expansion into food security and livelihoods, wash, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and other extreme areas of need. We are providing food, water and other immediate needs support to almost 1,000 refugees from Tigray in neighboring Ethiopia and continue to assess our capacity to do more in responding to the influx of refugees into Sudan.

“We are grateful to open our new office in Blue Nile, where we have been working for a number of years now,” said Charles Franzén, director of humanitarian and disaster response at World Relief. “The new location gives our team greater access into the region to best serve the most vulnerable. Especially as tensions continue in the area and refugees arrive from the Tigray region.”

In 2019, World Relief Sudan was granted the largest amount of funding from the Sudan Humanitarian Fund (SHF) at \$4.8 million. This funding enabled World Relief to provide urgent aid to the estimated 6.9 million people that, according to the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), faced food insecurity during the lean 2019 season. The funding has also given World Relief the flexibility to open the new office in Blue Nile, in addition to other private and institutional sources.

"Our work in Blue Nile expands to a new state the excellent humanitarian efforts of World Relief in Sudan," explains Gemta Birhanu, Sudan Country Director at World Relief. "In the future we can look at opportunities to provide food security and livelihoods and WASH to a marginalized part of the country and hope to extend our work to the more diverse community elements in the state. As we have only recently started our work in Blue Nile, we are fortunate enough to be in a position to respond to the needs of Tigrayan refugees from Ethiopia who have crossed the border into the state."

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