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European Union celebrates International Day for Disability



Ambassador Tomas Ulicny, Head of Delegation of the European Union to Sudan visited the Khartoum Cheshire Home (KCH) to celebrate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities December 3rd. At the center the European Union Ambassador met with the persons with disabilities benefiting from the EU funding and toured the center to be informed on the services provided and the challenges it faces to serve persons with disabilities.

During the visit, European Union diplomat said my objective for coming today it to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life. Ambassador Tomas said approximately over 1 billion people of the world population live with one or more disabilities. They often face various barriers to their full potential. Ambassador Tomas congratulated the Government of Sudan for ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities. "I would like here to urge the Government to continue its successful efforts and promote national policies, legislations and actions to promote the rights and wellbeing of disabled people "He said. Furthermore Ambassador Tomas congratulated the Sudanese NGOs and Civil Society on the work they do to improve the lives of peoples with Disability and to raise awareness of the rights of people with disability and improve policy. It is also an honor for me to participate in the official opening ceremony of the Project Promotion of Community Based Rehabilitation Programs of Disabled Persons in Khartoum & Gezira States in Sudan which was implemented in partnership with Khartoum Cheshire Home, where the EU has contributed to relatively a total amount of 323,982.00.Euros.

The newly launched EU project is expected to bring awareness to rights of the people with disability and to empower them. It is expected that About 20,000 to 22,000 disabled children and their mothers/caregivers, both girls and boys will benefit from the center every year.

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