



## Editorial

On the occasion of re- issuance of Population Voice News Letter after being absent for sometime, during which we reflected on our progress and the lessons we learned from our past experience, the News Letter is felling its way forward. With the good news of advent of peace, our News Letter sees the light again in its news attire, to highlight the various, and intricate issues related to population, observing the truth, exploring new horizons in the age of globalization and telecommunication revolution, and trying to look for a treading – spot for a place e.g. for the foot of the population of Sudan in a world that surges with problems that have both positive and negative impacts on population.

## Appointment of a Secretary General for the National Population Council (NPC)

His Excellency the President of the Republic issued the decree No (96), 2002, on the seventeenth of Rabia Al-Awal, 1425, corresponding to the sixth of May, 2004 by which he appointed Professor **Sitt El-Nafar Mahjoub Badi** as Secretary General to (NPC).



### **C.V. of the Secretary General**

Professor Sitt El-Nafar Mahjoub was graduated from University of Khartoum, Faculty of Science. She awarded her M. Sc. and Ph.D. in Food Technology and Nutrition from the University of Kensas, USA.. She occupied several posts e.g. the Director of Food Research Centre (FRC), and the chairwoman of Industry Committee in the National Assembly. She is an active member in a number of regional and international organizations including Clogis International, Palm Oil Promotion Board, African Patent Arbitration Committee (African Union). She is an active member in Civil Society organizations and Voluntary work e.g. Rural Development. Nutrition Centre, and Women Initiative group.

The News Letter takes this opportunity to congratulate professor Sit El Nafar, hoping that her term of office shall witness as many achievements as possible.

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Report of the First ten years of the Action Programme of the International Conference on population and development (ICPD+10):

The General Secretariat of the National Population Council (NPC/GS) has completed the above-mentioned report. As member of the Economic Committee for Africa (ECA), Sudan has to submit its achievements in the area of population and development in the last ten years. The report included all issues and orbits pertaining to population and development. The NPC Secretary General has presented the report in Dakar, Senegal in 6-10 June 2004.

### Action Plan to Implement National Population Policy (NPP) :

Following the ratification of NPP by the Council of Ministers Decree No. (48) for the year 2002, the NPC/GS has to lay out an Action Plan to implement the NPP in cooperation with official and community partners depending on sectoral strategies and policies. The Plan of Action approved by the Higher Technical Committee of the NPC in its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting dated 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.2004.



### Establishment of Data base for National Population Policy (NPP) :

The design of the framework of the NPP database was completed including the infrastructure, identification of population and development indicators, specialized software in population & development e.g. POP map/Arc View in addition to other relevant programmes.

24 members of the NPC/GS staff were trained on the basic programme so as to enable them to contribute effectively to the build-up of the database until its completion.



## UNFPA signed Reproductive Health Projects in Darfur States:

United Nations Population Activities Fund (UNFPA) and Ministry of International Cooperation (MIC) have signed a Reproductive Health Project Document for Darfur States. The project duration is one year and aims to train the health cadre and support health institutions with equipment and other requirements beside to raising the awareness about RH and compact HIV/AIDS. The total cost of the project is 1.450.000 US\$. Activities concerning with this project will be executed in collaboration with local NGOs and CBOs.



Dr. Nimal Hitrachy, UNFPA Representative in Sudan has signed on behalf of UNFPA and Mr. Yossif Al-Takana, Minister of International Cooperation on behalf of Sudan Government.

Mr. Najeeb Al-Khier State Minister of External Affairs attended the signature ceremony and emphasized that there must be a full partnership between the Government institutions and UNFPA in executing Population and

### Workshops:

The general secretariat of (NPC/GS) organized a series of workshops within the project of the institutional framework for the implementation of the National Population Policy (NPP) funded by UNFPA.

- A workshop on the population policy data base at the Martyr El-Zubair Mohd. Salih International Centre for Conferences in April 2004.
- The Second forum on the role of voluntary non governmental (NGOs) organizations in the implementation of (NPP), March, 2004.
- A workshop on the system of evaluation and follow up of gender social integration, April 2004.
- A forum on the role of parliamentarians in the implementation of (NPP) at the National Assembly, Green Hall, December, 2003.
- Forum of integration of the population issues in the higher education curricula, Sharja Hall, University of Khartoum, February, 2004.

International cooperation between NPC/GS and its partners in Population & Development:

In the sphere of promoting international cooperation, a delegation from World Bank

### State Council's news:

#### NPC, Blue Nile state:

The Ministry of Education in collaboration with NPC and UNICEF are now conducting a survey concerning girls' education. Moreover, NPC has participated in Training Of Trainers (TOT) in the sphere of mother and child harmful practices with concentration on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in collaboration with Ministry of Social and Cultural Affairs and UNICEF.

Beside that, NPC has participated in the project of counting the displaced people affected by the war from South Kordofan and other Southern states.

#### NPC, North Kordofan State:

To empower and activate the NPC to play its role, four specialized secretariats are established, they are:

- 1- Population and Development and Peace.
- 2- Health and Reproductive Health.
- 3- Information and Advocacy.
- 4- Administrative, Financial and

### Millennium Summit

Within the context of joint cooperation between the General



## Local and regional training:

Within the framework of the efforts aiming at building-up the capacity of the NPC/GS and state councils staff, some of the staff members had participated in several training programmes and workshops in the sphere of Population & Development in Uganda, Kenya and Ethiopia.

Locally, training sessions on computer programmes were held for all NPC/GS staff for five weeks in collaboration with National Council for Information, Ministry of Council Ministers.