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PRESS STATEMENT

THE OUTBREAK OF DENGUE FEVER IN DAMAZIN, SUDAN

There has been an outbreak of dengue fever in Damazin. The outbreak started at the beginning of July 2026 and yet there is general failure of the health systems which resulted in tens of deaths. The dengue fever is now spreading to the neighbouring city of Roseries.

The rainy season (Autum) in Sudan always starts in June and tends to come with malaria outbreak. However, this year in Damazin of Blue Nile state, there happened to be both malaria and dengue fever outbreak. According to the ministry of health, the affected people (cases) are more than three thousand with more than thirty to have died.

The main affected neighbourhoods in Damazin town are; Nasr East and West, Arkaweit, Al-Hejraa, banat East and West as well as the IDPs Centres. However, by the end of July 2026, the outbreak had spread to the neighbouring town of Roseries. There has been limited government intervention with general lack of required medicines, laboratory services that forced the residents to use the private hospitals and clinics which are costly for the ordinary people particularly within this difficult time of war. For instance, the cost for essential lab investigation and intravenous fluids for one patient is one hundred thousand SDG (approximately 15 USD) which raised the number of deaths.

The general manager of the health ministry confirmed to Aljazeera network saying that; *“the registered cases that reached the hospital within two weeks are three thousand patients and the hospitals are overcrowded”*.

Two organizations (The Blue Nile Initiative and resistance committees of Damazin city) condemned the lack of response from the health ministry-authorities in the state and nationally and for not declaring Damazin as health emergency area.

HUDO Centre is concerned about the health, safety and security of civilians in Sudan during this difficult period of fighting between SAF and RSF and calls for the following:

- The Sudan Ministry of Health to declare Blue Nile state as health emergency area, offer the required response and communicate with the WHO to secure support.
- Sudan government to offer free medical services and medicines for all patients affected by the outbreak.
- The Blue Nile government to take the necessary measures to combat the spread of dengue fever.

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