



## A Stitch of Hope: How Tailoring Transformed Adam’s Life in South Kordofan

In the heart of Al Rahmania village, South Kordofan, 26-year-old Adam Hussein’s life tells a powerful story of resilience and renewal amid crisis. Displaced from his home in Abu Jubeiha by violent conflict in 2020, Adam’s family faced immense hardship — losing their home, livelihood, and sense of security. For two years, they struggled to rebuild their lives in Al Rahmania, surviving on meager earnings from low-paying labor.

But a beacon of hope came when Adam was selected as one of five youth (two women and three men), to participate in a vocational training program in tailoring and embroidery. Adam received not only skills but also a sewing machine to launch his own business as part of the project, “*Addressing Human Security through Integrated Support for the Most Vulnerable and Crisis-Affected Communities in South Kordofan*,” jointly delivered by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and UN Mine Action Service (UNMAS).



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## What is Human Security?

Human security is an approach to assist Member States in identifying and addressing widespread and cross-cutting challenges to the survival, livelihood and dignity of their people.” It calls for “people-centred, comprehensive, context-specific and prevention-oriented responses that strengthen the protection and empowerment of all people.”

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“This training changed everything,” Adam reflects. “I now have a stable and dignified profession. For the first time, I can earn enough to support my family’s education and healthcare needs.” Beyond personal transformation, Adam’s new sewing services fill a critical gap for his community, which previously had no local tailoring available.

Adam’s ambition is clear: “I want to become a master tailor, open my own shop, and provide quality clothing and fabrics to my village. This is not just a livelihood—it’s a foundation for hope and growth.”

Adam’s journey underscores how targeted, community-centered interventions can empower vulnerable populations to rebuild lives shattered by conflict. Through skills, opportunity, and dignity, small stitches weave a stronger future for individuals and communities alike.

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