

Every day, WHO staff are at work saving lives and improving the health of the people of Sudan. On World Humanitarian Day, we celebrate humanitarian aid workers by shining a light on their work.

Meet Wafeeg Babiker Abu Elnoor, National Public Health Officer in Kassala.



Wafeeg (third from right) during a supervision mission (Photo: Wafeeg Babiker Abu Elnoor/WHO).

**Hi Wafeeg! How long have you been with WHO?**

“Almost 10 and half years, since February 2007! I started working on communicable diseases, became an HIV Officer after about three years, and since 2013 I’ve been in charge of the East Sudan office here in Kassala.”

**Can you tell us what your most impressive day was during those years?**

“I remember an important day in 2012: World Blood Donation day, on June 14th. For the occasion, we conducted the first-ever awareness raising and blood donation campaign in East Sudan. I also recall a day in April 2015, when we finished a project strengthening 11 laboratories and blood banks in rural health facilities. Finalizing such a big initiative, one of the biggest WHO efforts in support of health systems in East Sudan, really impressed me.”

**Understandable - and thank you for the work you and your fellow WHO Staff are doing! Speaking of fellow WHO Staff, is there anyone who has inspired you especially over the years? Someone you look up to?**

“Two people come to mind. Firstly, Dr. Yakoub Vaid, who led this office from 2006 to 2010. He taught me so much about public health, and guided my first steps within WHO. Secondly, I have to mention our current country Representative, Dr. Naeema Al Gasseer. As a leader she always inspires me.”





Health workers carrying supplies through a flooded area in Kassala.