

## COURSE GRADUATE PROFILE

### Mudathir Elyas Suleimen Golo (Central Darfur)



**Three sentences on who you are: where are you from and what is your involvement in your community?**

My name is Mudathir Elyas Suleiman and I am from Golo which is located in Central Jebel Marra, Central Darfur state. I am a medical doctor and very much concerned about civilian protection and aid. I am 27 years old.

**How has this course added to or changed what you knew or believed about protecting civilians or securing communities?**

First of all, this course totally changed my thinking about protection of civilians compared to what I previously knew. It was an upgrade to my knowledge and skills about the protection of civilians: protection by peaceful means rather than through

violence which leads to bad and lasting consequences for communities was a big revelation.

**Of the things you learned or experienced in the UCP course, what has been the most important for you?**

I think the course was comprehensive in covering different approaches to civilian protection. I believe it would be very beneficial for young men and women in Darfur to be trained on UCP, particularly in protection hotspots. This would raise awareness on the importance of peaceful co-existence among communities in such fragile contexts and ultimately lead to the reduction of violence.

**Were you able to use the information and methods from the UCP course in your life, whether in your family, your community, or your work? Can you give one example?**

Once I finished the course, it became a part of my daily life. I initiated a discussion about UCP with youth and Resistance committees in my hometown Golo and I suggested with others to form an initiative which will join youth from Central and Southern Darfur states. The initiative aims at working communally for peacebuilding and to inform social and human rights activists

about UCP methods, principles and values.

**What opportunities for UCP do you see in your community?**

I believe the circumstances are appropriate to implement UCP methods in Darfur. I believe that the crisis my region was going through is going to be solved. In addition, all communities want peace, social peace in particular.

**How do you see that Unarmed Civilian Protection can contribute to silencing the guns in Darfur? In other words: many people, including civilians, own and use weapons in Darfur. Do you see that UCP can effectively protect people in this context?**

When civilians feel secure, they will surrender their guns voluntarily. But if they don't, they may still own their gun to secure themselves, their farms and their animals. The former government supported some tribes against others through its policies; therefore, nowadays silencing of guns in Darfur depends on the new government's confirmed willingness to bring peace rather than just signing off on it on paper. I believe that civilians are eager to finally reach peace and enjoy peaceful co-existence. In that, UCP will contribute to effectively protect civilians.