

## Nonviolent Peaceforce Welcomes the Formation of an International Coalition on Atrocity Prevention in Sudan

**NEW YORK—12 March 2026:** Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) welcomes the [Sudan Core Group's announcement](#) at the UN Human Rights Council to establish a coalition that aims to increase civilian protection. The commitment and leadership of the group's founding states, consisting of Germany, the UK, Ireland, Norway, and the Netherlands, to establish a coalition to "prevent further atrocities in Sudan and support the Sudanese people to lay the foundations for eventual justice" is a paramount and long-overdue step in the international response to one of the world's most devastating man-made disasters in modern history.

"The world cannot allow the catastrophic events in Sudan to fade into the background while civilians continue to face unimaginable violence, hunger, and displacement," said Armstrong Evans, Nonviolent Peaceforce's Head of Mission in Sudan. "This new coalition has the potential to turn mounting global outrage into meaningful action instead of letting it continue to vanish from world news—what matters now is sustained, palpable commitment to protection, justice, and accountability."

The scale of suffering inflicted on civilians across Sudan demands urgent, steady, and coordinated international action. For nearly three years, the world has been watching in horror as civilians, in El Fasher and across Sudan, have endured unimaginable atrocities. The people of Sudan have waited far too long for the international community and stakeholders in positions of power to move beyond expressions of concern and translate words into concrete measures to protect civilians, end the violence, and bring about accountability.

The coalition's first major test comes at the Berlin Conference on 15 April, convening on the conflict's third anniversary—officially commemorated on 25 April. NP urges the Coalition's founding states to use this moment to exercise real collective leverage while making sure Sudanese voices are central to these efforts, of both the Sudanese civil society and the survivors. These actions must include:

- Ensuring the complete end to widespread sexual violence and other atrocities,
- Gaining immediate, unhindered humanitarian access, and
- Making clear that those responsible for attacks on civilians and other grave violations will be held accountable.

NP established its presence in Darfur in 2021, focusing on community protection and safety training and activities. However, since mass violence erupted in April 2023, NP has shifted its programming focus towards full emergency response—helping manage crowding at reception centres, providing vehicles for peer organisations to use as ambulances, ensuring protection and safe presence for displaced communities, training on psychosocial support, and monitoring and reporting on sexual and physical violence.

Grounded in principles of nonviolence, non-partisanship, and local community leadership, NP continues working alongside Sudanese partners, as well as international humanitarian agencies, to strengthen civilian protection and support communities facing violence.

*About Nonviolent Peaceforce:*

Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) is an international protection agency. Our mission is to protect civilians in violent conflicts through unarmed strategies, build peace side-by-side with local communities, and advocate for the wider adoption of these approaches to safeguard human lives and dignity. NP's duty of care programming aims to reduce the physical risks volunteers are exposed to as well as support the psychological resilience of volunteer networks and the communities they serve.

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