

Wad Sherifey Refugee School Starts 36th Academic Year with 686 Students

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The Wad-Sherifey School for Eritrean refugees, located near the Eritrean border in Eastern Sudan, started another new academic year on 23 June 2019 with 686 refugee children.

Thanks to the uninterrupted generosity of friends of the school, both charities and individuals, this is the 36th academic year for Wad-Sherifey School to give hope and a better future for children and families who fled home in search of safety.



Per guidelines of Sudanese education authorities, academic years in the country extend between July and March each year in both private and public schools.

The Wad Sherifey School, teaching in Eritrean curriculum, and using both Arabic and Tigrigna in the elementary classes, was founded and is still administered by the Eritrean Red Cross-Crescent Society (ERCCS). Each year, the school enrolls up to 700 students, with about equal number of boys and girls.



During the previous academic year that ended last March, the school faced various challenges that included damage on school buildings due to heavy rains; interruption of classes due to insecurity in the Sudan as well as an infectious epidemic caused by so-

called chikungunya virus, and lack of air conditioning facilities. The school administration is in contact with the city council to acquire the necessary legal permission for power supply.