

Five Factors Driving Neglected Crises

5 Insufficient support for locally led action

Reflections from LM International's work in Sudan - LM International is prioritising locally led action



There is now plenty of water for local people and their animals © LMI

Often in neglected crises, locally led action does not get enough funding from donors and international organisations. However, LMI is supporting local Partners as they respond to the conflict in Sudan which has displaced 12 million people. The conflict began two years ago and has killed approximately 800,000 people.

There are significant challenges for those trying to work in Sudan currently due to insecurity and government scrutiny. To mitigate these, LMI is supporting community led initiatives, working with Partners across both government and opposition controlled areas.

Communities and local organisations are collaborating with LMI staff and have demonstrated resilience and adaptability to deliver safe water and hygiene knowledge to those affected.

Women's groups provide leadership to determine the best structure for Water Committees and decide who is the most active and responsible person to lead them.

Water Committees repair water sources, organise regular maintenance programmes for sustainability and maintain latrine areas as disease free, hygienic and safe spaces.

LMI is delivering training for community hand pump technicians and providing education to increase hygiene knowledge and safe water storage. Thirteen communities are supporting the installation and maintenance of essential water facilities.

Community engagement and local partnerships have often proven to be a lifeline amidst the ongoing conflict. This approach builds a foundation for community led resilience and sustainability for the future.

We believe locally led action can provide a path forward towards recovery and empowerment, even in the darkest times.