Recommendations and Conclusions

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Some strategical problems of Acholpii settlement such as settlement boundaries, gazetting of settlement for agricultural use and additional borehole drilling can only be solved when the assistance by over-all responsible UNHCR becomes more effective. It is the focal point of negotiations between all partners (Ministry of Local Government MOLG, UNHCR; AVSI) to draft a master plan for the development of the settlement. Decisions need to be made about concrete steps towards an extension of land and basic infrastructure and allocation of land to refugees. The trend of a constantly growing camp population must be taken into account.

To make the aid operation for the displaced people in Sudan more transparent for the donor and its implementing partner, AVSI should employ staff themselves to help the diocese of Torit in doing accounts, tracing the needs and monitoring the operations.

In relation of both sub-projects to each other, the assistance to displaced people in the Sudan should be stressed. This could diminish the pressure to leave the Sudan. Consequently the influx of refugees into Uganda would become less and the growth in number of the settlement population could slow down.

5. Conclusions

The ECHO funded operations, carried out by AVSI are successful, in diminishing poverty and distress caused by the civil war in Southern Sudan.

ECHO aid contributes to give Sudanese refugees a chance of becoming gradually self-sufficient in the settlement of Acholpii.

ECHO funding facilitates aid to displaced people in the Sudan by operating from Uganda and by using the already existing structures of the diocese of Torit.

There is positive impact on the markets. All involved organisations and local authorities have shown willingness to cooperate with AVSI.

AVSI works effectively and in a professional manner. Over and above that it is the only NGO operating in the northern part of Kitgum District.

Assistance to the victims of ongoing civil war has to continue. Further funding of AVSI operations would make it possible (End p5)