**School bulletin on International Girl Child Day 2022 Celebration**

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Sudan celebrates the International Day of the Girl Child on the eleventh of October every year, designated by the United Nations Resolution 66/ 170/2011 for celebration and renewal of commitment towards the rights of girls and young ladies and revision of all policies, strategies and plans for the development of the rights of girl-children and enacting legislations and laws that protect their rights and working to change misconceptions and social norms underlining practices harmful to girls physical and psychological health and ending all kinds of violations.

This year, the Girl Child Day is celebrated under the slogan:"Our Time Is Now—Our Rights, Our Future."

In Sudan, a lot of gains were recently accomplished for the development and protection of the rights of girls, including the approval of legal frameworks for the development and protection of girls' rights by approving the Miscellaneous Amendments Law and adding Article 141 to the Criminal Law 1991, Amendment 2020 which criminalizes and punishes against practicing the female genital mutilation / cutting (FGM/C), and the approval of the National Plan to End Girl Child Marriage and other legal frameworks that protect the girls' rights in the different stages of their lives.

The achievement of this year's slogan requires coordination and partnerships to fulfill the regional and international charters and agreements to improve the lives of girls by respecting their opinions and feelings and participation in decision-making by establishing girls' groups and organizations to engage in dialogues and exchange experiences and ideas to defend their rights and demands that promote equal opportunities and non-discrimination in education, health care, welfare and protection from negative practices and end the physical and psychological violations such as the female genital mutilation / cutting (FGM/C) and underage marriage girl children. Also through supporting and strengthening the girls' clubs for a bright future for all girls in Sudan.

With the best regards and greetings of the National Council for Child Welfare - General Secretariat and Partners.