



Reducing the burden of drowning on the River Nile, and building peace

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Project Origins – 2007

Driven by the British Council as part of their larger Dreams & Teams project.

To promote co-operation and develop leadership through sport.



Project Origins – 2008

A more ambitious project developing swimming and water safety champions;

- to act as a focal point for water safety
- to provide a community first response service
- to pass on knowledge to the community



Project Origins – 2011

Now self-funded, and supported by;
Rights & Humanity
Royal Lifesaving Society (Commonwealth)
Sudanese Sea Scouts

Qualitative data collection
Focus groups and interviews

Focus broadened to the Nile Basin

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Project Aims

Save lives by tackling drowning as a major public health problem

Promote regional cooperation in the Nile Basin

Create a model project for international implementation

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Project Objectives

Develop a regional workshop on drowning prevention

Scale-up using “train the trainer” approach

Empower local people to run the project



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Moving Forward

Save more lives

Further project development in 2011 in Sudan

Hand over project control

More qualitative data collection

Identify countries for expansion

Increase funding streams

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