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The IDF Life for a Child Programme would like to thank its major donors:
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In Sudan, 650 children and youth with diabetes are now accessing care thanks to LFAC collaboration with two key local organisations. Since 2011, LFAC has worked with the Sudanese Childhood Diabetes Association based in Khartoum, Sudan’s capital city. Overseen by the internationally renowned paediatric endocrinologist Dr Mohamed Abdullah, the Association has established a strong network in the country, and clinical care is at a level of quality beyond most African countries. In Gezira, a city to the south-east of Khartoum, the Integrated Management of Diabetes in Children (IMDC) clinic at the University of Gezira also provides similar care for many children with diabetes.

LFAC contributes by providing essential supplies such as insulin, blood glucose meters, and test strips, as well as point-of-care testing for HbA1c (a test done every three months which gives an indication of overall blood glucose control) and microalbuminuria (an annual test checking for kidney complications).

Dr Ogle conducted a site visit in November 2012, meeting with key local doctors and discussing needs and plans for the future, including clinical research.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS: JANUARY – JULY 2013

▶ LFAC support commenced in Burkina Faso
▶ Azeri (Azerbaijan) education resource page added to the LFAC Childhood Diabetes Education website
▶ LFAC hosted two update meetings at 73rd Scientific Sessions of the American Diabetes Association and Dr Ogle received a major international award - 2013 Harold Rifkin Award for Distinguished International Service in the Cause of Diabetes – recognising his contribution, over many years, to the international diabetes community
▶ Donation of one million test strips and 1,333 blood glucose meters from LifeScan (Johnson & Johnson) was distributed to seven LFAC-supported countries between April and May
▶ Site visits and teaching by LFAC and other international experts conducted in Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda and Sri Lanka

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