



Patients arriving at the Mycetoma Research Center and waiting for treatment, both taken in 2021.

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"A place where patients could find care, and where scientists could search for answers."

— A Personal Message from
Professor Ahmed Fahal to DNDi Supporters

“Mycetoma’s only research centre destroyed”

— BBC, May 2025

A message from the desk of Professor Ahmed Fahal

Dear Friend,

When my team and I opened the doors of the Mycetoma Research Center in Khartoum in 1991, we started with few resources — but an abundance of determination.

At that time, very little was understood about mycetoma, and even less was being done to treat it. So we built something from the ground up: a place where patients could find care, and where scientists could search for answers.

Over the years, we developed the Center to serve people from across East Africa and the Middle East, conducting leading research supported by our unique biobank and partners like DNDi.

When I watched the video my team recorded last month during their first visit back to the Center since the war began, I was overwhelmed. I found it hard to speak or communicate with anybody for some time.

I invite you to watch parts of this in DNDi’s short video at www.bit.ly/4n1fmmq.

Now, the building is in ruins. The labs have been emptied, and decades of our work destroyed.

With DNDi’s support, we are working to continue patient consultations in a safer part of Sudan. The challenges are immense. But our commitment is unchanged.

I hope you will stand with us in this moment of crisis, and help continue the critical research for mycetoma patients by donating today.



The waiting room and laboratory at Mycetoma Research Centre, following conflict-related destruction, April 2025.



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