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Headlines

- ⇒ WFP participation in all road missions, including planned food security assessments and the education needs assessments in North Darfur, remains suspended due to insecurity.

Population movements

- WFP registered and verified 5,500 returnees from Chad in Um Dukhun, West Darfur. This group will be included in the regular distribution plan to receive monthly food assistance.

Needs and response by sector

Education

North Darfur

- In collaboration with UNICEF and the State Ministry of Education, Plan Sudan has started rehabilitation of 10 permanent school classrooms in El Fasher town, benefiting over 500 children. The State Ministry of Education, UNICEF and Save the Children Sweden have started the construction of 20 temporary classrooms in Tabora, Dinar and El Najah schools of Tawila rural, which will benefit more than 1,000 students.

West Darfur

- The three schools in Abu Surug that closed after fighting in West Darfur have fully opened again, with some 834 students now attending classes. 15 of the original 24 teachers have returned.

Food Security and Livelihoods

North Darfur

- Despite insecurity, 32% of April food distribution plans have been delivered to various distribution points in North Darfur, so far.

South Darfur

- WFP provided 768 returnees from Abu Matariq heading to Northern Bahr El Ghazal State with a 15-day transit ration.
- WFP partner, CARE, supported 163 children and women in two supplementary feeding centres in Kass.

West Darfur

- WFP Partner, Medair, resumed health and nutrition feeding programmes in the Abu Soroug-Selea-Sirba triangle, which had been suspended since the beginning of the year due to insecurity.
- WFP has delivered 27% of April food distribution plans to various distribution points in West Darfur.

Protection and Human Rights

West Darfur

- UNICEF has been working with the West Darfur Wali's Advisor for the Prevention of Violence Against Women and the State Ministry of Social Welfare as well as ICRC, to prepare for the return of children allegedly abducted in Chad by the organization Arche de Zoe last year. In addition, in partnership with the NGO Terre des Hommes, UNICEF has supported a specialized training programme for four social workers from the State Ministry of Social Welfare to enable them to undertake assessments, case management, and family-based follow-up for the returning children.

Water and Sanitation

North Darfur

- In Zam Zam camp for internally displaced persons, the State Water Corporation and UNICEF have worked with hygiene promoters and other members of the community to maintain and clean 1,300 communal latrines benefiting 26,000 residents. The State Water Corporation and UNICEF have also distributed more than 9,500 bars of soap as part of hygiene programmes benefiting 3,825 new arrivals in the camp.

South Darfur

- In Kass, the State Water Corporation and UNICEF have repaired five hand pumps, as well as a water yard in Ed Daein camp for internally displaced persons. Meanwhile in Mossei camp, the two partners have rehabilitated 15 household latrines to improve sanitation coverage.
- In Ed Daein camp UNICEF has supported the State Water Corporation to undertake a number of training sessions on water system maintenance, chlorination and hygiene promotion for a total of 65 technical workers and community leaders.
- In Al Salam camp, 319 people took part in community-based discussions on safe water use, organized by the State Water Corporation and UNICEF, while a camp clean up campaign was organized in Kalma camp. The State Water Corporation and UNICEF have also supported 70 household hygiene promotion visits in Otash camp, reaching 350 residents, while a community meeting on the same issue attracted a further 350 people.
- UNICEF has provided more than 5,800 cartons of soap to the NGO Mercy Corps, for use in hygiene activities in the Zalingie corridor.

West Darfur

- UNICEF and the State Water Corporation have provided chlorine supplies to the NGO IRC and the Zalingei Department of Health for disinfection of drinking water in Hamidiya camp for internally displaced persons and in Zalingei town. 47,000 people will benefit from this programme.
- A total of 6,686 household visits were conducted by hygiene promoters from the State Water Corporation, Save the Children and Mercy Corps, with the support of UNICEF, focusing on issues of diarrheal disease prevention and safe water storage. Meanwhile, UNICEF and the State Water Corporation have provided 1,225 cartons of soap as part of hygiene campaigns in Krinding camp.

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