



Humanitarian Action in Darfur
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Key overall developments

- Replenishment of key items – plastic sheeting and jerry cans – by NFI Common Pipeline partners to support IDP populations in need in Darfur is ongoing. In total, 249,016 households are expected to be served, of which 62,296 are in North Darfur, 100,040 are in South Darfur and 86,680 are in West Darfur. Today, 94 percent of distributions in North Darfur is complete, 67 percent in South Darfur and 96 percent in West Darfur. The remaining households, estimated at 40,203, are expected to be served in August. For most outstanding gaps, assessments are currently underway or requests are under review and the items are expected to be dispatched. In isolated cases, assessments are delayed due to insecurity blocking access or ongoing communications with the local communities regarding assessment and distribution modalities.
- The Government of Japan and the United Nations World Food Program (WFP) signed a new agreement for food assistance of 660 million Japanese Yen (approximately 6.9 million US dollars) to benefit the most vulnerable people in Sudan. The new contribution will be used to purchase urgently needed food to assist the most food insecure in Sudan, where WFP aims to feed about 5.9 million people this year, including 4.2 million people in Darfur. Needs are especially high as the hunger gap, when the food from the last harvest runs out, has just started.

Needs and response by sector

Education

West Darfur

Regular activities

- A UNHCR-funded school in Jedida (West Darfur) is near completion. Three other schools in the Habila area were handed over to the government and local community by implementing partner Intersos.

Food Security and Livelihoods

North Darfur

Regular activities

- July food distributions were finalised during the week, with distributions completed in El Fasher rural areas, Shangil Tobay and Shaddad IDP camps, Kebkabiya, Turra, Kalimindo, Hamara, Damara, Abdul Skakour, Hashaba and Kutum Route 04 (Deesa) & Route 05 (Hashaba).
- WFP partner, Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), completed its first distribution in Shangil Tobayi and Shadad, with WFP support.
- 54,920 children under-five in Kutum route 2 - Hamara and Kutum route 3 - Damara received food rations under the Blanket Supplementary Feeding programme.
- WFP partner, German Agro Action (GAA), reports of new arrivals in Anka area, Kutum, coming from South Darfur. Verification of this group is planned for next week.
- The State Ministry of Health is carrying out Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) screening of children in Kutum, Fata Borno and Kassab camps. The screening exercise could not take place in July due to suspension of activities by GOAL, following the kidnapping of their staff.

South Darfur

Regular activities

- World Vision implemented the following key program activities in South Darfur during the past week:
 - Distributed 27,000 tree seedlings in Mershing, Manawashi and Edd al Fursan communities.
 - Distributed 180 goats to 45 beneficiaries in Rehed Albiridi and trained them on importance of animal, animal feeding and animal diseases control.
 - Trained 10 Volunteer Leader Farmers (VLF) on tree management and 45 women on vegetable production at Mershing.
 - Vaccinated 12,000 animals and distributed 200 cattle troughs to livestock farmers at Jorof, Manawashi, Khore Abechi and Krumje villages.
 - Conducted field monitoring visits to eight farmers at Edd al Fursan
 - Follow up on chickens distributed to the beneficiaries in Rehed Albirdi locality is ongoing.
 - Implemented Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme to children under-five in Kalma camp. A total of 25,508 children received 137.74 metric tons. Preparations for August general food distribution are ongoing.
- WFP and other humanitarian agencies are planning verifications and registrations of 900 new arrivals at Khore Omer camp. The IDPs were fleeing from conflict in South Kordofan.

- MUAC measurements were conducted for 323 children under-five in El Neem camp as part of the ongoing monitoring plan for the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP).
- WFP, through SMOH, fed 380 beneficiaries (326 children under-five and 54 lactating and pregnant mothers) in three Supplementary Feeding Centres (SFC) and two Outpatient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) centres in Kass town. The increase in the number of beneficiaries, compared to previous weeks, was as a result of UNICEF's outreach efforts and additional incentives for active case finding in the community. 65 new beneficiaries were admitted (59 children under-five and six pregnant mothers) and eight children under-five were discharged from the programme.
- WFP monitored BSFP food distribution to 9,495 under-five children in El Neem and Khore Omer. Findings indicate that beneficiaries received food in the right quantity at both centres. At the distribution centres, drinking water was provided and well kept pit latrines were available.

West Darfur

Regular activities

- The Mukjar refugee community received a donation of 500 assorted seedlings from the Sudanese Ministry of Agriculture. UNHCR is providing environmental awareness sessions and preservation activities to camp committee members to sensitise refugees to agro-forestry issues and encourage them to transplant and care for the seedlings
- Under BSFP, WFP partner, CONCERN screened 4,302 children aged six to 59 months in Kulbus locality (Selea, Aroshrow, Manjora and Hajlija) out of which, 251 children were referred to respective nutrition programmes.
- Food deliveries have been made to schools participating in the Food for Education (FFE) programme in Mukjar and Furbaranga locations, of which WFP supports a total of 14,851 students.
- WFP is currently in discussion with the Department of Education at the locality level to include seven additional Geneina schools into the FFE programme. While the schools have undergone some renovation, WFP will still need to confirm their readiness to implement school feeding. Should the outcome of the assessment be positive, the caseload may increase by more than 1,000 students.
- Heavy rains in Mukjar caused the collapse of three school kitchens. WFP supported the local MoE and communities to rehabilitate the kitchens.

Health and Nutrition

South Darfur

Regular activities

- The renovation of Dar Elsaalam clinic sponsored by Merlin is complete and the contractor is ready to hand over.
- World Vision implemented the following key program activities in South Darfur during the past week:
 - Handled consultations for 2,489 patients at clinics in Galdi, Genena, Manawashi, Mershing and Otash; vaccinated 584 children and provided ante-natal care to 618 pregnant women.
 - Treated 396 malnourished children in Manawashi and Mershing and gave them high energy food and 114 other children were admitted to SFCs.
 - Conducted health education for 929 people through community mobilisation.

West Darfur

Regular activities

- From 2 to 3 August Medair provided training in Masteri clinics on the symptoms, complications and treatment of Malaria and cholera to 14 participants including medical assistants, community health workers, nurses and midwives. The second day's training involved technical and practical sessions on urinary catheter and how to treat dehydration with re-hydration solutions. The total number of participants was 30 (20 from Medair staff and were from Tearfund).

Non-Food Items (NFIs)

North Darfur

Regular activities

- In North Darfur, German Agro Action (GAA) has supported replenishment distributions of jerry cans and plastic sheeting from the NFI Common Pipeline to IDPs based on assessed needs. Specifically, GAA supported a total of 6,645 households in the following locations: 602 households in Al Dor, 174 households in Anka, 360 households in Araid Camp, 96 households in Bauri, 294 households in Birdik, 626 households in Fata Borno Camp, 4,221 households in Kassab Camp, and 272 households in Malagat.

South Darfur

Regular activities

- Replenishment of rainy season items also continues in South Darfur by NFI Common Pipeline cooperating partners:
 - Danish Refugee Council (DRC) supported 4,500 households in Nertiti Camp.
 - Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) supported 4,033 households in five different villages in Buram locality.
- Also in South Darfur, Rehad El-Fursan Rural Development distributed essential items from the NFI Common Pipeline to 12 households affected by a fire in Otash Camp.

West Darfur

Regular activities

- In West Darfur, replenishment of rainy season items also continued with Helpage supporting 237 households in Goker Camp and 290 households in Krenek Camp.
- Eleven child friendly spaces opened by the Sudanese Red Crescent Society in the Mukjar area received 176 plastic mats, 55 jerry cans and 41 plastic sheets from UNHCR to improve facilities. Ten of the sites cater to roughly 500 IDP children, while 50 refugee children benefit from the child friendly space created in Mukjar camp.

- More than 700 households received NFIs in Taiba camp Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) as part of the rainy season distribution; NFI distribution is also ongoing in the remaining Zalingei camps.

Protection and Human Rights

South Darfur

Regular activities

- World Vision implemented the following key program activities in South Darfur during the past week:
 - Sensitised 621 women and 718 children on children's issues and rights, and gender issues at Manawashi and Mershing Child Friendly Spaces (CFCs).
 - Conducted two children's events at Mershing and Manawashi. The events included songs and games
 - Provided care and psychosocial support to 1,180 children at CFS in Alsalam, Galdi, Manawashi and Mershing
 - Trained 329 women and adolescents on gender issues in Galdi and Alsalam camp, while 35 additional women were participated in income generating activities (IGA) at Galdi.
 - Conducted adult literacy classes for 2,892 women in Manawashi, Mershing and Otash, and 985 adolescents in Otash camp.

Water and Sanitation

South Darfur

Regular activities

- World Vision implemented the following key program activities in South Darfur during the past week:
 - Drilled four boreholes in Bulbul area and rehabilitated three hand pumps in Timbico and Mershing communities and installed one borehole in Barcol Alfugara village
 - Completed super construction of 13 latrines and made 32 latrine frames at Khore Abechi community.
 - Trained 20 hand pump caretakers in Barcol Alfugara and two water system operators on how to operate and manage Jugma water system and 90 others on water storage and jerry cans cleaning at Mershing.
 - Conducted a clean-up campaign attended by 44 people in Duma and Manawashi communities.
 - Carried out free residual chlorine (FRC) and water quality surveillance at households and water source levels in Karary and Duma camps.

West Darfur

Regular activities

- Some 7,000 refugees in Um Shalaya refugee camp regained access to potable water following the replacement of the water pumping system carried out by UNHCR and its operational partner Medair.
- UNHCR is following up a series of non-operational water sources at Al Faiga near Habila, in two Geneina camp schools, and at Zalingei hospital. The water situation is particularly serious in rural Habila, and in Forabaranga some 80 km away. In an effort to improve the situation UNHCR is endeavouring to provide capacity building to WES, the government organisation in charge of waterworks.

Population movements and returns

West Darfur

Regular activities

- As a result of the previously reported attacks in Birao/Daba CAR in June, and subsequent instability in surrounding villages, asylum seekers and returnees from Birao, continue to arrive in Um Dukhun. In the last two weeks, Triangle registered 252 new arrivals, bringing the total number of refugees and returnees in the area to 728. UNHCR will provide NFIs to new arrivals and has submitted a request for food assistance to WFP.
- At Al Faiga 25 IDP families have returned mainly from Mesesmenge, Dorti and Habila town to cultivate crops. Returnees have reported harassment since moving back and UNHCR is raising the matter with HAC.

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