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Key overall developments

- A joint WHO meeting of three Darfur States was held in El Fasher to discuss Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD) preparedness plan, flood preparedness and progress in gaps filling after expulsion of INGOs. The meeting was attended by CDC coordinators, Secondary Health Care (SHC) coordinator, heads of sub-offices, World Health Organisation Representative (WR) and Emergency Response & Humanitarian Action (EHA) coordinator.
- With alternative needs assessment and distribution partners identified for the majority of areas recently without coverage, rainy season needs assessments by NFI & ES Sector partners are underway throughout the Darfur states. Distributions to assessed households have begun in South and North Darfur and will begin next week in West Darfur.

Needs and response by sector

Education

North Darfur

- UNICEF supported the State Ministry of Education to train 60 alternative learning facilitators. The training focused on the ways and importance of getting adolescents which are not attending school into the education system, the role of the community, parents, key officials, teachers and the importance of follow up and reporting.

South Darfur

- World Vision (WV) constructed two additional classrooms at Diri School, Edd Al Fursan.

Food Security and Livelihoods

North Darfur

Short-term response to NGO expulsions

- In the gap areas of Shangil Tobayi and Shadad IDP camps, WFP carried out direct distributions to beneficiaries.
- Emergency rations were distributed to 3,398 newly displaced people in Tawila.

Regular activities

- General food and blanket supplementary feeding distributions for May have been completed in El Fasher, Kabkabiya town, Hashabam and Deesa clusters, and Zam Zam camp. Distributions in Muzbat and Kutum were suspended due to insecurity in the area.

South Darfur

- Blanket supplementary feeding distribution (BSFP) for May has been completed in El Neem, Khor Omer, El Firdous and Abu Matariq in Ed Daein locations. During the distribution, Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) measurements were taken for 408 children as a basis for comparison during the next BSFP distribution.
- WFP and partners completed the verification of 14,600 children under-five in Al Salam camp, of whom 46 percent will be included in the BSFP. Meanwhile, verifications are ongoing in Otash camp.
- WFP trained nine Swedish Relief Council (SRC) staff members on General Food Distribution (GFD) monitoring exercises, as part of a capacity building effort to support partners expanding into gap areas. The training covered WFP standard procedures to prepare food requests, food distribution plans, narrative camp food distribution reports and narrative monthly food distribution reports.
- World Vision (WV) verified the registration of 16,189 children under five years, who are slated to receive blanket supplementary food at Asalam and Ottash camps.
- WV organised seed fair events at Albehir, Gad Alhbob, Galdi and Shadida villages, among others. More fairs are planned for this month. Through the fairs, more than 7,000 needy farmers will receive vouchers to acquire high-quality seeds from local traders in various locations of South Darfur.
- WV continued supporting agricultural activities for farming groups in Khorabashi – 3,600 fruit and forest seedlings were tended in a Khorabashi nursery and 3,100 in Mershing.
- WV trained ten Volunteer Leader Farmers (VLFs) and 35 farmers in Mershing on land preparation, food crops production and nursery management, among other key topics.
- WV provided six metric tonnes of chicken feed and ten kilogrammes of vitamin supplements to beneficiaries of a chicken restocking project in Manawashi and Mershing.
- WV provided land preparation training, two treadle pumps and a variety of vegetable seeds to 65 female farmers in Mershing.

West Darfur

- A joint WFP/Catholic Relief Services (CRS) mission has been deployed to Um Dukhun to carry out food distributions for May and June, after repeated flight cancellations.
- WFP has completed May and June general food distributions in Garsila, Deleije and Um Kher.
- Blanket supplementary feeding distributions have been completed in Manjora and Aro Sharow, while it is ongoing in Selea and Hejlilja locations.
- With the ongoing voluntary return of IDPs to Saraf Jidad, WFP and partners are working on adjusting beneficiary caseloads in the camps to avoid over-distribution.

Health and Nutrition

North Darfur

Short-term response to NGO expulsions

- UNICEF supported a meningitis vaccination campaign in Abu Shouk, El Salam and Zam Zam camps. Targeted were 120,622 individuals between two and 30 years old. The campaign lasted three days in Abu Shouk and El Salam camps but is still ongoing in Zam Zam camp.
- UNICEF supported the Sudan Ministry of Health to carry out a door-to-door malnutrition MUAC screening for children under five years old El Salam and Al Ingaz. A total of 1,155 children were screened of which 61 were found to be moderately malnourished and 11 severely malnourished which were admitted into Therapeutic Feeding Centre/Outpatient Treatment Programme.

Regular activities

- UNFPA ND supported Kabkabiya hospital with reproductive health kits.
- UNFPA ND supported Kutum out station hospital with reproductive health kits.
- UNFPA ND supported state national AIDS program with sexually transmitted infections kits.

South Darfur

Short-term response to NGO expulsions

- In South Darfur WHO, continued to fill gaps in drugs and medical supplies in PHC clinics run by NGOs mainly this time by strengthening the diagnostic capacity for malaria by providing 1000 Rapid Diagnosis Test (RDT) to KPHF (NGO) and Humedica working in Dereig IDPs camp.
- As sector lead WHO last week was following the issue of Kalma clinics and the process of recruiting national staff together with OCHA and Merlin as they already started implementing the services in MSF.H clinic.
- IEC materials on malaria and AWD were distributed to the agencies working in some clinics in gap areas run by KPHF, NHC and SMoH.
- UNICEF continued to support the Therapeutic Feeding Centres/Outpatient Treatment Programmes in South Darfur. All seven Therapeutic Feeding Centres in South Darfur are operating and 29 out of 31 Outpatient Treatment Programmes.
- UNICEF supplied the Kalma Therapeutic Feeding Centre with medical material and food.

Regular activities

- In South Darfur, WHO's monitoring and supervision visit to rural hospitals continued, with Gereida Rural hospital being covered this week.
- Regular monitoring includes among others the access of IDPs to hospital services and the quality of care provision for all patients. The WHO also provided the hospital with different drugs and consumable supplies to cover free care for the IDPs for the proceeding three months.
- A field coordination meeting was likewise carried out, with the implementing partners on ground which includes ICRC, MERLIN and ARC. Apart from the secondary care referral system, the preparedness for AWD was also tackled and coordinated.
- The draft AWD Preparedness and Response Plan including Activity Plan and Supplies forecast has been shared with health partners. The guidelines and standard operating procedures for AWD case definition, reporting and management, and collection/storage of stool specimen has been disseminated to all health partners. The tools for line listing of cases and case investigation have also been disseminated and shared with partners in South Darfur WHO and SMoH jointly conducted a monitoring visit to Gredha to train health cadres, pre position Cholera SMART kits and reporting tools, and conduct risk assessment for outbreak of AWD
- UNFPA SD trained 20 health care providers on the clinical management of rape guidelines.
- WV conducted consultations and provided primary health care to 3,477 patients at clinics in Galdi, Genena, Manawashi, Mershing and Otash; vaccinated 805 children and mothers; provided ante-natal care to 622 women; provided anti-malarial treatment to 71 children under five years of age and pregnant women.
- WV provided Corn Soya Blend (CSB) to boost the health status of 977 malnourished children in Manawashi and Mershing. 1.24 metric tonnes of supplementary food to beneficiaries in Otash, Elserief and Duma and admitted 52 severely malnourished children for treatment.
- WV conducted health education visits to 504 households in Manawashi and Mershing, and reached out to 993 people through community mobilisation.

West Darfur

Short-term response to NGO expulsions

- Eleven of the 13 Therapeutic Feeding Centres and all six Supplementary Feeding Centres that were affected by the suspension of the NGOs continued activities with UNICEF support.

Regular activities

- The vaccination campaign has been completed in Congo and Khartoum Bilel sectors as well. The coverage was above 75 percent for the target population.

- WHO WD provided the furniture and essential equipment to the five health facilities of Northern Corridor including Birdiqiq, Sirba, Abusuj, Kuma, Kondobe) through assistance of SMOH and INGO Medair.
- WHO conducted monitoring and supervisory visit with SMOH in six health facilities of Zalingei last week for gap identification and further support. The gaps identified in IDP clinics in terms of shortage of some medicines such as oral antibiotic (Paediatric and adult) and ant malarial drugs, vaccination card availability, clean delivery kits, and rehabilitation of some facilities before the rainy season. The findings were shared with the partners to advocate for the intervention.
- Public Health Centre (PHC) guidelines were provided to staff in the six clinics in Zalingei Locality IDPs camp Clinics.
- WHO supported five clinics in the Northern Corridor in West Darfur with furniture and equipment through MEDAIR.
- The meningitis vaccination campaign in Western Jebel Marra supported by UNICEF and other partners has concluded. In the last phase of the campaign 39,600 people between two and 30 years old were vaccinated in Golo and Killin. There have not been any further cases of suspected meningitis reported in Jebel Marra.
- UNICEF with a partner conducted a three day workshop in Umshalya for 28 Ministry and NGO workers on Community Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM).
- UNICEF supported the Sudan Ministry of Health to train 30 volunteers in basic Interpersonal Communication Skills (IPC) regarding developing and disseminating messages on HIV/AIDS and how to report on feedback from target audiences. The training was a part of the Sudan National Aids Control Program (SNAP).

Non-Food Items (NFIs)

North Darfur

- UNHCR El Fasher conducted a monitoring mission to Zam Zam and arranged for emergency shelter to be provided to 1,100 newly arrived IDPs in Zam Zam from Muhajariya. The IDPs were staying in Dar Es Salam but have come to Zam Zam due to recent instability in Dar Es Salam and a lack of humanitarian assistance.
- The Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) supported 1,913 newly-displaced households in Dali camp and Tawila with clothing, cooking sets, jerry cans and plastic sheeting.
- In addition, SCRS replenished 11,456 households in Dali camp, Tawila and Saraf Omra with plastic sheeting and jerry cans for the rainy season.
- Following fires and looting, MSF-Spain supported 117 households in Bahar Um Durm with NFIs from the Common Pipeline.

South Darfur

- In Al Salam camp, Humedica replenished 2,000 households with plastic sheeting and 5,300 households with jerry cans prior to the onset of seasonal rains.

West Darfur

- The refugee camp committee (RCC) in Mukjar requested the relocation of some families who are residing in congested areas of the camp. UNHCR in collaboration with RCC demarcated plots for 34 families. UNHCR also provided local construction materials and plastic sheets to 34 families for shelter construction. On 28 May, UNHCR also carried out Non-food Item (NFI) distribution to 130 refugee families (Chadian & CAR) and an additional 30 plastic sheets to 30 families relocating within the camp for shelter support.
- From 19 to 26 May, UNHCR and WFP conducted a mission to Garsila, Umkher and Deleij. The mission carried out monitoring and training activities including training in agriculture and environment for farmers in Umkher and Deleij. The mission held meetings with sheiks of various locations including returnees who reported the challenges of security, livelihoods and safe water.
- On May 28, UNHCR distributed 589 plastic sheets, 1,100 plastic mats and 350 jerry cans to 24 schools in Mukjar and the rural areas. The student population for the assisted schools in the community is 10,855.
- The number of the Sudanese refugees returning from Iridimi refugee camp in Chad reached to 46 families (158 individuals).
- UNHCR implementing partner DRC has completed the rehabilitation of the community centres and implementation of three literacy classes in Zalingei camps whilst the school construction in rural areas is ongoing in Fase and Nyagadula. UNHCR also handed over 20 bales of plastic sheets, 14 boxes of jerry cans, 97.5 sets of kitchen sets and 150 cartons of solar torches to DRC.

Protection and Human Rights

North Darfur

- The Community Radio Programme, supported by UNICEF, continues to broadcast a range of public information messages on various child-related issues reaching 120,000 people.

South Darfur

Short-term response to NGO expulsions

- UNICEF continues to support various psychosocial wellbeing activities for children affected by war in Eastern Jebel Marra, benefiting 15,000 children.

Regular activities

- WV provided psychosocial support, care and informal education to 1,270 children at community centres and child friendly spaces at Al Salam camp, Galdi, Manawashi and Mershing settlements.
- WV supported adult literacy classes for 784 women and income generation activities for women at Al Salam camp, Galdi, Manawashi and Mershing settlements. Ten adult education centres were also visited.
- WV trained 72 women at Manawashi and Mershing settlements on the construction of fuel-efficient stoves.

- WV conducted five focus group discussions in Manawashi and Mershing through which 776 children were sensitised on issues related to children and their rights, and 11 focus group discussions through which 799 women and 137 men were sensitised on children's rights and gender issues. Also, four focus group discussions were held for village protection committees in Manawashi and Mershing.
- WV conducted refresher training for 31 women involved in income generation activities supported by the NGO. It also visited four homes to address issues related to children and provided capacity building training to a peace building committee in Mershing.

West Darfur

- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) West Darfur (WD) trained 20 service providers on the clinical management of rape guidelines. Trainees came from different health facilities.
- UNFPA WD supported a training session for sheiks and community leaders on the concept of gender based violence.
- UNFPA WD distributed 58 cartons of reproductive health kits in Zalinjei area.
- UNFPA WD funded the planning meeting of the newly established state committee on combating gender based violence.

Water and Sanitation

North Darfur

Short-term response to NGO expulsions

- During the last week UNICEF supported the State Water Corporation to chlorinate nine water tanks and maintain and operate 72 hand pumps and eight water yards in Abu Shouk, Al Salaam and Kassab camps for internally displaced persons, benefiting 130,000 people. Water quality monitoring in households found that only 197 samples out of 719 were free of contamination.
- With UNICEF support, 440 communal latrines were constructed in Abu Shouk camp and 60 in Shangili Tobai/Shadad. Eighty communal latrines were repositioned in El Salam camp, 31 in Kassab camp, 29 in Kebkabia and 356 in Shangili Tobai/Shadad.
- With UNICEF support community hygiene promoters reached 14,400 households with hygiene and sanitation messages in Abu Shouk camp and mobilized community members to clean more than 2,300 jerry cans to promote safer use of water in households. In Kassab camp community hygiene promoters mobilized community members to clean 495 jerry cans and reached 129 persons with hygiene and sanitation messages.

Regular activities

- In North Darfur 61 samples of Hydrogen Sulphide (H₂S) were taken from four camps; 14 samples from Abu Shouk, 19 from Elsalam, 11 from Zamzam and 15 from Elfashir town. In Abushok, five samples were below normal, Elsalam seven and Zam Zam one hence requiring corrective action. Regarding West Darfur 17 water samples were taken from different locations of Geneina for free chlorine residual (FCR) and H₂S (3HH, ten taps and four tanks). All the three HH samples were within normal FCR but one was positive for H₂S. All samples from taps had normal FCR and no evidence of contamination. For the tanks two were positive for H₂S and three of them had FCR below normal. Corrective measures are being undertaken.
- UNICEF supported the State Water Corporation to maintain and operate 62 hand pumps and eight water yards in Zamzam camp benefiting 90,000 people. One hand pump was repaired in Magareen village in Tawilla rural benefiting 500 people.
- With UNICEF support the State Water Corporation trained 30 community based hand pump mechanics in the villages of Hilat Salih, Um Rakoba and Um Khames.
- In Zamzam camp, UNICEF supported the State Water Corporation and community based hygiene promoters to mobilize community members to clean more than 1,600 communal latrines and community hygiene promoters reached 245 households with hygiene education messages.

South Darfur

Short-term response to NGO expulsions

- UNICEF supported the State Water Corporation to maintain and operate 16 motorized water yards in South Darfur camps affected by the suspension of the NGOs.
- The State Water Corporation with UNICEF support conducted cleaning campaigns in seven IDP camps in Kassab benefiting 15,000 individuals as well as 48 new household latrines were constructed, benefiting 960 individuals.
- Hygiene promoters with UNICEF support reached 437 households in Otash camp with hygiene and sanitation messages and more than 1,500 people were reached through 140 community sessions about improving water services and hygiene.

Regular activities

- A joint WHO/SMoH team visited four camps in south Darfur state (Sakalle, El Serif, Otash and Belail) and conducted simple water quality control, 55 samples were taken from water points, 20 samples of H₂S were taken from House hold in Sakalle camp for simultaneous detection of bacteriological contamination. In Otash and Sakalle camps all samples had normal FCR, Belail had one sample below normal and El Seref had seven samples out of 14 were found below normal. In Sakalle, out of 20 HH samples tested for H₂S, 11 were found to be positive mainly due to old water containers and bad water handling practices.
- WV rehabilitated a hand pump and water distribution system in Duma.
- WV conducted water quality analysis for water sources in Duma East, Karari, Khorabashi, Manawashi, Mershing and Oma and provided fuel, engine oil and technical expertise for the maintenance of water motorised schemes in Duma and Karari, where a second tank was added to the system.

- WV provided hygiene promotion messages to 503 households in Adwa, Duma West, Karari and Manawashi, and constructed 87 latrine superstructures, identified sites for 25 new latrines in Mershing and sites for 80 latrines in Manawashi.
- Refresher training on appropriate sanitation and hygiene practices was given by WV to 50 members of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) committees in Duma.

West Darfur

Short-term response to NGO expulsions

- With UNICEF support the State Water Corporation rehabilitated 16 latrines in Krinding 1, repositioned nine communal latrines and continued sanitation and hygiene promotion activities in Nertiti and installed ten hand pumps in Gornei and Saga benefiting 500 people.

Regular activities

- With UNICEF support the State Water Corporation continued to maintain and operate 18 motorized water yards in Zallingei, Mornei, Habilla, Um Shalaya and Geneina benefiting more than 100,000 people.
- With UNICEF support the State Water Corporation and trained community members maintained three hand pumps in Krinding one and Dorti camps, benefiting more than 1,500 people, installed nine hand pumps in Dukhun which provides safe drinking water to 4,500 people and maintained 12 tap stands in Taiba camp.
- With UNICEF support the State Water Corporation and community members repositioned 274 household latrines in Taiba and Garcilla camps, the village of Karti and in Treije, benefiting more than 1,600 people.
- With UNICEF support 772 households were reached with hygiene messages in Taiba, Dorti, Ardamata, Riyadh and Treije camps. Cleaning campaigns were also conducted in Dorti and Ardamata camps.

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