



**Humanitarian Action in Darfur**  
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**Key overall developments**

- On 15 June 2009 the High Level Committee (HLC) visited North Darfur including Zam Zam IDP camp. The visiting team noted that a crisis had been averted through the efforts of the GoS, UN and partners but highlighted that some gaps remain particularly as the rainy season approaches. The HLC meeting on 17 June endorsed the terms of reference and the expansion of sectors (including protection) for monitoring and agreed upon an overnight mission to South Darfur.
- Between 12 and 18 June 2009, a Global Cluster Lead mission visited Sudan. The mission conducted a series of short trainings, workshops and bilateral meetings in the three Darfur States and Khartoum. The aim of the mission was to complement the work already done by the Humanitarian Country Team and enhance and strengthen aid effectiveness.
- UNFPA Humanitarian Response Unit hosted a donor mission on HIV/AIDS from Geneva and New York, with participation of UNICEF, WHO and WFP. The purpose of the mission is to scale up technical assistance to countries affected by conflicts and to identify gaps and needs to address HIV/AIDS within humanitarian priorities. The mission headed by UNAIDS included representatives of Global fund GFTAM and DFID fund.
- As NFI & ES Sector lead, UNJLC continues to coordinate distributions of jerry cans and plastic sheeting to support vulnerable households in Darfur during the seasonal rains.

**Needs and response by sector**

***Education***

***North Darfur***

**Regular activities**

- UNICEF supported the State Ministry of Education by supplying 76 classroom kits, 76 recreation kits and ten boxes of geometric sets to 76 basic schools in Um Kaddada locality. This will benefit 3,800 school children, 53% of whom are girls. In a similar effort 34 recreation kits, 34 classroom kits and five geometric sets were provided to rural schools in Kilaimandu, benefiting 1,700 school age children, half of whom are girls.

***Food Security and Livelihoods***

***South Darfur***

**Short-term response to NGO expulsions**

- UNICEF continued to support the Therapeutic Feeding Centres and the Outpatient Therapeutic Programmes in camps in and around Nyala and in Kalma with funds and supplies.

**Regular activities**

- UNICEF together with Sudan Ministry of Health distributed lipid-based nutrient supplement to 12,400 children under five years old in Al Salam camp.
- World Vision (WV) distributed 1,599.02 metric tonnes (MT) of monthly food rations to 158,270 displaced people at Dereig and Kalma camps, Manawashi and Mershing A, B and C distribution sites and conducted distributions at Al Salam camp.

***West Darfur***

**Regular activities**

- Triangle Génération Humanaire (TGH) seeds and tools distribution are still going on in Bendisi (65,750 beneficiaries) and Um Dukhun (75,000 beneficiaries).

***Health and Nutrition***

***North Darfur***

**Short-term response to NGO expulsions**

- UNICEF continued to support the Therapeutic Feeding Programmes in Abu Shouk and Al Salam camps.
- UNICEF supported the State Ministry of Health to train 20 community outreach workers from Abu Shouk and Al Salam camps on basic nutrition, community screening and referral, hygiene and sanitation and importance of immunisation on nutrition status of children.
- UNICEF will support the Outpatient Therapeutic Programme in Kabkabiya throughout July.
- UNICEF supported the State Ministry of Health to establish a nutrition team in Tawila which will operate also in Dali, Argo and Rwanda camps.

**Regular activities**

- WHO provided the essential live saving drugs to Abu Zarega's clinic in North Darfur for 450 patients.
- A joint mission had been conducted to Sartoni in North Darfur. No signs of epidemic were detected. Lack of health and nutrition services is the main finding. WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA are coordinating with UNAMID to improve the health and nutrition situation.
- WHO supported KPHF (NGO) clinic in Al Salam camp, North Darfur with essential drugs for more than 350 patients.

## South Darfur

### **Regular activities**

- WHO, UNICEF and OCHA visited Kalma Camp, South Darfur to assess Health and Water and Sanitation situation and had a meeting with Sheikhs of Kalma. The Sheikhs have been denying access to health centres and water points.
- WHO in collaboration with the State Ministry of Health (SMoH) conducted a training session in Buram locality, South Darfur for 25 health cadres (medical doctor, medical assistants, nurses, auxiliary nurses, statisticians, public health cadres) on Acute Watery Diarrhoea Case Detection and Case Management, Notifications and Sample collection.
- 2595 patients benefited from the health services available at Merlin's two static clinics (Adilla and Hilal) and five mobile sites (Dar El salaam, Bakhit, Abu Jabra, WadJoda, Habib Suleiman) in the past week.
- Merlin also supported a mass polio vaccination campaign across Adilla locality between eight and ten June 2009, targeting children under five.
- A plan for community mobilisation was developed between Merlin and Samaritan's Purse (SP) to address the Leishmaniasis outbreak in Hijer. Fifty Community Health Volunteers from SP will be trained by four Community Health Promoters from Merlin, and together they will pass messages on to the community regarding the avoidance of sand-fly breeding areas and the importance of cleaning campaigns. It is hoped that this will have an impact on the population of Hijer village, comprising approximately 14,122 individuals.
- Across all three Merlin-supported clinics in the locality (Babanusa, Donkey Abeid and Um Zakharat): 1108 patients attended consultations, 164 children immunized, 92 mosquito nets distributed and 241 expectant mothers attended antenatal care (ANC). Growth monitoring and nutritional screening has also continued at all clinic sites.
- In Babanusa static clinic, 15 health education sessions were held, targeting 1632 community members. At a community-level, 204 home visits were made and 15 education sessions conducted.
- WV conducted consultations and provided primary health care to 2,225 patients at clinics in Galdi, Geneina, Manawashi, Mershing and Otash; vaccinated 465 children and mothers; provided ante-natal care to 641 women and supervised the safe delivery of 28 children.
- Conducted health education visits to 1,707 households, and reached out to 1,937 people
- Merlin supported the Ministry of Health (MoH)-led polio campaign in Gereida between 8 and 10 June.
- A major challenge for the programme is the lack of immunisations in Gereida: it is over three weeks since Tetanus Toxoid was available and other antigens are also currently out of stock.

## 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**

- WHO, MEDAIR and SMOH conducted a joint mission to For Baranga, West Darfur to assess the Primary Health Care facilities there. Public Health Centre (PHC) support and guidelines were provided to the health staff. Moreover, WHO participated in two joint missions to Sartoni and Abu Zerega areas in North Darfur for assessment and support.

### ***Non-Food Items (NFIs)***

## South Darfur

### **Regular activities**

- Popular Organisation for Development and Relief (PODR) replenished 5,761 households in Kass, Southern Darfur with jerry cans from the NFI Common Pipeline.
- Humedica supported 3,000 households in need of replenishment in Al Salam with plastic sheeting.
- Merlin supported health clinics in Gereida, Buram with plastic sheeting.
- Ed el Fursan Rural Development distributed plastic sheeting and jerry cans to 3,200 households requiring replenishment in Otash camp.

## West Darfur

### **Regular activities**

- Catholic Relief Services (CRS) replenished 1,766 households in Mukjar camp with jerry cans and plastic sheeting for the rainy season.
- Islamic Relief provided rainy season items to 1,095 households requiring replenishment in Krinding Two camp.

### ***Protection and Human Rights***

## North Darfur

### **Regular activities**

- Eighty women were reached with HIV awareness messages in Zam Zam camp through general awareness raising sessions conducted by trained community health promoters and counsellors and supported by UNICEF.
- 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 activities aimed at psychological wellbeing of war affected children in camps around Nyala, benefiting 22,000.

### **Regular activities**

- WV provided psychosocial support, care and informal education to 1,302 children at community centres and child friendly spaces at Al Salam camp, Galdi, Manawashi and Mershing settlements.
- WV supported adult literacy classes for 789 women and income generation activities for women at Al Salam camp, Galdi, Manawashi and Mershing settlements.

- Ninety six women at Manawashi and Mershing settlements were trained by WV on the construction of fuel-efficient stoves.
- WV conducted six focus group discussions in Manawashi and Mershing through which 847 children were sensitised on issues related to children and their rights, and 13 focus group discussions through which 772 women and 76 men were sensitised on children's rights and gender issues. Also, two focus group discussions were held for village protection committees in Manawashi and Mershing.

#### West Darfur

##### **Regular activities**

- UNICEF supported a five days' basic training on Interpersonal Communication Skills (IPC), including briefing, monitoring and evaluation of HIV/AIDS awareness raising sessions. Thirty four volunteers and health workers from Krenik town and its surrounding villages attended the training.

#### **Water and Sanitation**

##### North Darfur

##### **Short-term response to NGO expulsions**

- From 7 - 13 June 2009, UNICEF supported the State Water Corporation to chlorinate six water tanks and maintain and operate 87 hand pumps and 11 water yards in Abu Shouk, Al Salaam and Kassab camps for internally displaced persons, benefiting 130,000 people.
- In Kabkabiya, UNICEF supported the repair of three boreholes and 10 hand pumps and the continued operation and maintenance of water supply systems for the IDP community, benefiting 77,000.
- UNICEF supported the State Water Corporation to carry out a cleaning campaign in Abu Shouk camp and mobilize the community to participate. More than 300 communal latrines were constructed, 34 repaired and 1,700 disinfected.
- UNICEF supported the construction of 100 household latrines in Kabkabiya and the mobilising of the camp community to clean 3,000 communal latrines. Also, in Kassab, three communal latrines were repaired.
- In Abu Shouk camp UNICEF supported the State Water Corporation to hold a community session about sanitation and hygiene attended by more than 500 people and to mobilize community members to clean 8,900 jerry cans to promote safety of water in households. In a similar effort in Kassab more than 600 jerry cans were disinfected. In Kabkabiya 17 community sessions were held on sanitation and hygiene aiming to mobilise the community members. Hygiene promoters there reached 950 households with hygiene and sanitation messages.

##### **Regular activities**

- WHO participated in the joint mission to Sartoni area. Ten water samples were taken for bacteriological test of Hydrogen Sulphide (H<sub>2</sub>S) from three villages; all samples were found contaminated and were sent to SMOH reference lab for further investigation.
- 17 samples were collected from Abu Shouk and El Salam camps, the free residual chlorine was within the normal range (0.3 mg/one to 0.6 mg/one) in all collected samples.
- WHO continued to support the infection control activities in El Fasher Maternity Hospital, through supporting the hospital by 100 litres of disinfectants, 5000 ml of iodine solution and 10 litres of Ethanol solution.
- UNICEF supported the State Water Corporation to maintain and operate 61 hand pumps and eight water yards in Zam Zam camp benefiting 90,000 people. Also, with UNICEF support 15 hand pumps were rehabilitated and one mini water yard installed at other locations.
- With UNICEF support the State Water Corporation constructed 107 communal latrines and rehabilitated 78 in Zam Zam camp and mobilised community members to clean 712 communal latrines. Thirty of the newly arrived IDPs were trained as hand pump mechanics, including seven women.
- With UNICEF support the State Water Corporation's hygiene promoters reached 1,211 households with hygiene education messages.
- With UNICEF support a partner supplied a Supplementary Feeding Centre in Zam Zam camp with 6,750 soap bars to promote personal hygiene. In a similar effort 1,110 soap bars were distributed at Therapeutic Feeding Centres in Abu Shouk and Al Salam camps and 600 in an El Fasher Therapeutic Feeding Centre.

#### South Darfur

##### **Short-term response to NGO expulsions**

- With UNICEF support The State Water Corporation and hygiene promoters held three community sessions on water and hygiene and visited 1,330 households with hygiene and sanitation messages in Kass camp, reaching 4,000 people.

##### **Regular activities**

- WHO and the joint team of SMOH/WES visited Al Salam, El Serif, Sakalle and Ottash camps and conducted sample water quality control, 34 samples were taken from water points and analysed for residual chlorine. All samples showed residual chlorine level between 0.2 - 0.5 mg/l in all camps except El serif which showed 0.1 - 0.5 mg/l.
- With UNICEF support the State Water Corporation maintained and operated 33 motorised water yards and 120 hand pumps across South Darfur, benefiting 230,000 people. Chlorination activities in all the motorised water yards were carried out successfully.
- UNICEF supported the State Water Corporation to rehabilitate three hand pumps in Kass camps, benefiting 1,500, and install five hand pumps in Kass and Bulbu.
- Two general cleaning campaigns were conducted by UNICEF and SMOH in Musai and Ottash camps and 110 household latrines were constructed benefiting 660 people.
- The State Water Corporation's hygiene promoters reached 10,254 people with hygiene and sanitation messages through 2,050 household visits and 134 community sessions in different camps. Also, nine school latrines were rehabilitated in Mosia. Both activities were supported by UNICEF.

## West Darfur

### **Short-term response to NGO expulsions**

- The State Water Corporation supported by UNICEF carried out hygiene and sanitation promotion activities in Nertiti camp.

### **Regular activities**

- TGH supported a general cleaning campaign led by Chourouk (NNGO) in Um Dukhun. One thousand two hundred persons will participate and five TGH hygiene promotion (HP) promoters will spread awareness messages during the event.
- Jerry can cleaning activities are going on daily in Um Dukhun, where TGH manages to reach 85 to 100 persons per day. TGH provided a specific HP session to 50 women and 90 children in this village.
- With UNICEF support the State Water Corporation continued to chlorinate, maintain and operate 18 motorised water yards in Zalingei, Mornei, Habilla, Um Shalaya and Geneina benefiting more than 100,000 people.
- A total of 157 household latrines were rehabilitated in Krinding One camp by the State Water Corporation with UNICEF support benefiting 942 people. They also received 123 cartons of soap.
- With UNICEF support 662 households were reached with hygiene and sanitation messages in Taiba, Dorti, Ardamata and Riyadh camps. Four cleaning campaigns were conducted in Riyadh, Dorti and Ardamata camps.

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