



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

- The NFI Common Pipeline continues to work with partners to replenish key items – plastic sheeting and jerry cans – to support IDP populations in need through the rainy season. UNJLC, as manager of the NFI Common Pipeline, estimates that in total approximately 260,000 households will be supported, of which approximately 147,000 households have already received these items to-date. Distributions are being executed by 21 cooperating partners and are expected to be complete by the end of the month.
- Acute Respiratory Infections (ARI), Bloody Diarrhoea (BD), Clinical Malaria (MAL) and Acute Jaundice Syndrome (AJS) continue to be the principle diseases/conditions of public health importance in Darfur states. In North Darfur only one suspected case of measles was reported from Abu Shouk besides five suspected cases of meningitis were reported (One case from Zam Zam, two cases from Shangil Tobay and two from Tabit.)
- Globally and as of 6th of July 2009, more than 120 countries have officially reported 94512 cases of Influenza A (H1N1) infection with 429 deaths (CFR= 0.4%). In Sudan, so far, there have been no reported cases.

**Needs and response by sector**

***Education***

North Darfur

**Regular activities**

- With financial support from UNICEF, the Otash Association for Peace and Development completed construction and repairs of 16 permanent classrooms in El Serif, Saraf Omra and Kabkabiya Localities, benefiting 800 children.

South Darfur

**Regular activities**

- With UNICEF support, Humedica completed the repair of 52 classrooms in El Serif and Al Salaam camp schools, benefiting more than 3,400 students.

***Food Security and Livelihoods***

North Darfur

**Short-term response**

- WFP formally handed over the implementation of food assistance in Shangil Tobay and Shadad to its partner AHA. These areas were formerly covered by cooperating partner ACF prior to their expulsion.

**Regular activities**

- All food distributions including seasonal support are ongoing as planned throughout the state. General food distributions were completed in El Fasher town, Fata Borno camp, Kassab camp, Shangil Tobay rural area, Abu Shouk, Rwanda/Dali camp as well as new arrivals in Zam Zam camp. Food is being prepositioned in Kabkabia town simultaneously as general food and blanket feeding is being implemented.
- In preparation of WFP's Blanket Supplementary Feeding impact assessment, WFP has screened some 300 children across selected locations. However, the Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) screening of children under five in the Kutum area is on hold, as GOAL's operation remains suspended following the kidnapping of two of its staff members.
- WFP is closely monitoring reports of new arrivals in Tawila where IOM has nearly completed its verification.

South Darfur

**Regular activities**

- WFP and the Ministry of Education monitored 15 schools in Ed Daein where all had received food and eight schools had already started implementing school feeding activities. A further eight schools have been identified in Asalaya for school feeding.
- The arrival of some 500 households in Abu Jabra area was alerted by the HAC commissioner for South Darfur. An interagency assessment mission is being arranged, with UMCOR as the lead agency. Elsewhere, 133 households displaced from Muhajiriya will begin receiving food assistance next week in Ed Daein while verification is also ongoing of reports that 179 households have arrived in Billel camp from Labado.
- WFP has commenced general food distribution jointly with Qatar Charity in Kass town. Activities in Kass town will be done jointly until Qatar Charity fully takes over the general food distribution in the area starting September.
- Cooperating Partner World Vision has completed Blanket Supplementary feeding to 19,600 children under five in Kalma camp while registration of additional children in sector 1 of the camp will commence shortly.

- World Vision implemented the following key programme activities in South Darfur during the past week:
  - Completed distributions of premix rations for children under five at Kalma Internally Displaced Person (IDP) camp. A total of 4,027 children received 21,999 metric tones of supplementary food.
  - General food distribution (GFD) is continuing at Kalma, Deriega, Sakali, Sakali west, Krumje, Khor Abeche and Duma camps. So far 110,000 beneficiaries have received a total of 1,295.454 metric tones of commodities.
  - Completed food distribution in Manawashi, a total of 12,503 beneficiaries received their ration, while food is ready to be distributed in Mershing and El Malam settlements.
  - Distributed seeds and tools to 1,183 farmers in Alsalam IDP camp, segregated as: (940 received crop seeds and 243 received vegetable seeds). A total of 9.71 metric tones of crop seeds and 43.54 kg of vegetable seeds) as well as distribution of 250 donkey ploughs and 300 kg of vegetable seeds in Mosey IDP camp, while other 100 farmers received vegetable seeds in Mershing settlement.
  - Trained 144 volunteer leader farmers in Ganateer, Eraidia, Boba, Danganure, Umdabazi and Edd el Fursan communities on land preparation.
  - Identified 300 households that will receive chickens and training on poultry management in Rehed Al Birdi locality.
  - Distributed 12,000 plastic pockets for nurseries in three villages in Edd al Fursan.
  - Distributed 1493 chickens to 300 women in Rehed al Birdi, Almatar, Aldelaib, Albirdi Alrahad, Alsarfa, Alsika Hadeed and Nori communities.
  - Trained 300 women on poultry management in the above-mentioned villages.
  - Mobilized people in Hamada and Mershing communities for livestock and treatment campaign.

#### West Darfur

##### **Regular activities**

- General food distributions are ongoing as planned, with seasonal assistance for the lean months having commenced in five locations. Distribution of repatriation packages for returnees in Seraf Jidad commenced, attended by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and WFP.
- A joint verification exercise by WFP, IOM and SRC is ongoing in Masteri, in an effort to minimise inclusion/exclusion errors of beneficiaries last registered in 2005. The exercise is expected to be completed next week. Expectations are that the caseload numbers may increase.

#### **Health and Nutrition**

##### North Darfur

##### **Regular activities**

- UNICEF supported the State Ministry of Health to undertake refresher training for 31 health facility staff on immunization, nutrition monitoring, promotion of breastfeeding and hygiene education.

##### South Darfur

##### **Short-term response**

- UNICEF has provided 70 cartons of nutritional paste for the nutrition programme in Kalma camp, and work on repairing feeding centres in the camp was also completed. UNICEF has provided essential drugs, medicines and health equipment to the former IRC clinic in the camp, to assist with delivery of health programmes for IDPs.

##### **Regular activities**

- World Vision implemented the following key programme activities in South Darfur during the past week:
  - Handled consultations for 1,703 patients at clinics in Galdi, Geneina, Manawashi, Mershing and Otash; vaccinated 406 children and provided ante-natal care to 577 women and supervised 19 delivery cases
  - Treated 662 malnourished children in Manawashi and Mershing and gave them high energy food.
  - Conducted health education for 1,328 people through community mobilization
- UNICEF has provided a range of health supplies released to World Vision, to address the needs of patients in Mershing, Manawashi and Duma.

#### West Darfur

##### **Regular activities**

- With UNICEF support, the State Ministry of Health undertook a six-day training course for 20 Community Health Promoters in Habilla on community integrated management of childhood illnesses.
- UNICEF provided training for 20 State Ministry of Health and NGO staff to strengthen local capacity to undertake nutrition surveys and analyse and report on nutrition data.

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

##### North Darfur

##### **Regular activities**

- In North Darfur, MSF-Spain supported 205 newly-displaced households arriving at Shangil Tobayi Camp with essential items from the NFI Common Pipeline.
- In Kabkabiya, Oxfam America distributed plastic sheeting to 91 households affected by heavy rains and also replenished jerry cans and plastic sheeting, as needed, for 10,309 households.

##### South Darfur

##### **Regular activities**

- In South Darfur, Humedica provided essential items from the NFI Common Pipeline to 61 newly-displaced households arriving at Al Salam Camp.

- Replenishment of jerry cans and plastic sheeting from the NFI Common Pipeline continue: International Islamic Relief Organisation (IIRO) supported 1,804 households in Serif Camp; NCA supported 160 households in Sakali; and, Social Solidarity Organisation (SSO) supported 1,608 households in Hijaar and 1,226 households in Um-Kunya.

#### West Darfur

##### **Regular activities**

- Replenishment activities of jerry cans and plastic sheeting in West Darfur included: CRS support to 581 households in Abu Sorog Camp; Helpage support to 417 households in Ardamata Camp and to 330 households in Riyad Camp; and, Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) support to 1,288 households in Riyad Camp.

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

##### North Darfur

##### **Regular activities**

- 378 women from rural areas around El Fasher benefited from information on HIV prevention through the efforts of 45 trained social mobilisers, with the assistance of UNICEF.

##### South Darfur

##### **Regular activities**

- World Vision implemented the following key programme activities in South Darfur during the past week:
  - Sensitised 713 women, 34 men and 767 children on children's issues and rights and gender issues at Manawashi and Mershing Child Friendly Spaces.
  - Provided care and psychosocial support to 1,456 children at Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in Alsalam, Galdi, Manawashi and Mershing
  - Conducted adult literacy classes for 1,243 women in Manawashi, Mershing and Otash, and trained 27 others on the construction of fuel-efficient stoves in Manawashi and Mershing.
  - Celebrated the Day of African Child (DAC) at Alsalam camp, more than 700 people participated, 57% of them children.
- A training workshop on communication to prevent HIV transmission was undertaken for 50 community health promoters from ten communities, with the support of UNICEF. The health promoters will now undertake awareness raising activities targeting 10,000 young people.

#### West Darfur

##### **Regular activities**

- In Zalingei, 13 child friendly spaces in Hamidiya camp for internally displaced persons will benefit from the supply of recreation kits provided by UNICEF.

#### **Water and Sanitation**

##### North Darfur

##### **Short-term response**

- In Kabkabiya, the State Water Corporation and UNICEF assisted local community mechanics to repair 20 hand pumps in the area, to increase access to clean water supply, in addition to the construction of 400 new communal latrines. In Abu Shouk camp for internally displaced persons, the two partners also started a cleaning campaign and constructed 27 new communal latrines as part of efforts to improve sanitation in the camp. In Al Salaam camp, the State Water Corporation, backed by UNICEF, undertook disinfection of more than 1,300 latrines and over 1,000 bath houses. In Kutum, the agencies also disinfected more than 12,000 jerry cans to reduce the risk of contamination.
- As part of ongoing efforts to improve hygiene, the State Water Corporation and UNICEF supported the distribution of more than 750,000 bars of soap in Abu Shouk, Shangil Tobay and Kabkabiya, while UNICEF supported GOAL to undertake a similar distribution of more than 83,000 bars of soap in Kassab.

##### **Regular activities**

- With UNICEF assistance, the State Water Corporation supported the local community in Zam Zam camp to clean over 1,000 communal latrines, as well as supporting more than 300 household level hygiene promotion visits. Meanwhile, with support from UNICEF and the State Water Corporation, the NGO PAI organised hygiene education activities in two schools in Graid Besham, with 750 children trained on hygiene education.

##### South Darfur

##### **Short-term response**

- In Kass, repair work to 200 latrines was completed by the State Water Corporation, with the assistance of UNICEF. Hygiene education activities in the camp also reached 950 households, or more than 4,200 people.

##### **Regular activities**

- World Vision implemented the following key programme activities in South Darfur during the past week:
  - Repaired two hand pumps in Mershing and Duma, and one tap stand at Manawashi
  - Drilling resumed at Barkoal Albaranda.
  - Distributed hygiene kits to Umbalaina and Umshoka communities in Rehed al Birdi locality
  - Lined 13 family latrines in Manawashi and Mershing and received materials for the construction of 100 new latrines.
  - Conducted a clean-up campaign attended by 74 people in Duma
  - Conducted hygiene promotion visits to 50 households in Mershing and Manawashi.
  - Construction work on the water system in Jughma village, Edd al Fursan locality is ongoing
  - Conducted Participatory *Hygiene* and Sanitation Transformation training (for 112 people (33 children, 40 men and 39 women) in Umshoka and Umbalaina communities Rehed al Birdi

- Water chlorination in Khor Omer IDP camp, which had been suspended for the last month due to lack of trained personnel, has now re-started after UNICEF and the State Water Corporation identified and trained a new chlorinator for the camp.
- More than 22,000 households in El Neim, Khor Omer, and El Fardus camps have received soap supplies, with the assistance of UNICEF, while 200 new household latrines have been constructed in Khor Omer and El Fardus, with UNICEF support.

#### West Darfur

##### **Short-term response**

- The State Water Corporation, supported by UNICEF, repaired hand pumps in Teraige to secure clean water for some 1,500 people while more than 150 households in the area were reached with hygiene promotion messages.

##### **Regular activities**

- With UNICEF assistance, the State Water Corporation repaired 500 household latrines in Dorti camp, benefiting 3,000 people while nearly 600 households were reached with hygiene promotion activities in Dorti, Ardamata and Ryiad camps

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