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Key overall developments

- The third round of the Food Security Monitoring System (FSMS) data collection is ongoing in the three Darfur states. The FSMS is a food security monitoring tool that tracks the food security status of vulnerable households in specific geographic areas. Data is collected and analysed on a quarterly basis to guide WFP programme interventions.
- Rainy season replenishment of jerry cans and plastic sheeting to populations identified as in need by NFI Common Pipeline cooperating partners are nearing completion. North Darfur and West Darfur are 100% and 99% complete, respectively. In South Darfur, distributions are 85% complete as of 18 August. Delays have occurred in areas with limited access; however, assessments are currently being finalised and distributions are expected to be complete by the end of the month.

Needs and response by sector

Food Security and Livelihoods

North Darfur

- General Food distributions, Blanket Supplementary Feeding (BSF) and seasonal support distributions are ongoing and in line with WFP's planning. Distributions were completed in Al Salam IDP camp, Kassab IDP camp and Kutum town, and are ongoing in Saraf Omra, Kutum Routes 1, 2 and 3.
- WFP conducted another voucher baseline survey in Shangil Tobay and Shadad IDP camps during the week and in preparation for the launch of the milling voucher pilot project.

South Darfur

- World Vision implemented the following activities during the past week:
 - Conducted general food distribution (GFD). A total of 99,290 beneficiaries received 1,146.699 metric tons at Mershing C and F, Kalma, Duma, Adwa and Sakali West camps.
 - Distributed 250 donkey-ploughs to 750 households at Asalam camp.
 - Distributed four kilograms of assorted tree seedling to four villages in Edd el Fursan as well as one rake and one shovel for each village.
 - Trained 103 Volunteer Leader Farmers (VLF) on crop production at Galdi, Albohair and Edd al Fursan communities and 86 women farmers on home garden management at Mershing.
 - Follow up of chicken distributed to the beneficiaries in Rehed el Berdi locality is ongoing.
- WFP finalized data collection for the third round of the Darfur FSMS.

West Darfur

- Food requirements for the month of August were dispatched in all El Geneina town and satellite village schools under the WFP Food for Education programme.
- WFP's Mukjar office carried out community sensitization activities in four schools on the reconstruction of damaged school kitchens.
- FAR distributed 18,000 tree seedlings in Masteri.
- 100 people attended FAR-run agricultural training in Arara. The groups were made up of cattle herders, IDPs, host community members, and camel herders. Participants were trained in seasonal timing and how to effectively manage demonstration farms, which FAR is establishing in West Darfur.

Health and Nutrition

South Darfur

- World Vision implemented the following activities during the past week:
 - Distributed 190 mosquito nets to 50 pregnant women, 52 lactating women and 88 children under five at Norly and Edd al Fursan communities.
 - Handled consultations for 2,460 patients at clinics in Galdi, Geneina, Manawashi, Mershing and Otash; vaccinated 978 children, 588 women and provided ante-natal care to 598 pregnant women.
 - Treated 489 malnourished children in Manawashi, Mershing and Otash and gave them high energy food and 21 other children were admitted to Supplementary Feeding Centres (SFCs).
 - Trained 209 caretakers on health education at Otash camp and Galdi
 - Referred four cases to Nyala Teaching Hospital and supervised 26 delivery cases.
 - Conducted health education for 1,067 people through community mobilization at Mershing and Manawashi as well as two sessions at Otash and Old Serif IDP camps.
 - Trained 60 community leaders and village midwives on a health care based project in Edd al Fursan

West Darfur

- Medair conducted training on cholera prevention, outbreak response and control to 16 participants including medical staff, health educators, hygiene promoters and project officers.

Non-Food Items (NFIs)

North Darfur

- This week Oxfam America distributed jerry cans and plastic sheeting from the NFI Common Pipeline to IDPs requiring replenishment, supporting 5,984 households in Shangil Tobay Camp and 2,516 households in Shadad.

South Darfur

- World Vision distributed 12,500 plastic sheets and 25,000 jerry cans to 12,500 beneficiaries at Kalma IDP camp.
- Replenishment of rainy season items continues by NFI Common Pipeline cooperating partners:
 - International Islamic Relief Organisation (IIRO) supported 50 households in Serif.
 - The Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) supported 877 households in Abu Jabra Camp and 982 households in Abu Matariq Camp.
 - Additionally, Great Family distributed essential items to 501 households affected by flooding in Umm Labassa Camp.

West Darfur

- Replenishment of rainy season items also continued in West Darfur:
 - In Zalingei, Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) completed replenishment distributions of jerry cans and plastic sheeting from the NFI Common Pipeline to 20,116 households. Specifically, 9,607 households were supported in Hamedia Camp, 7,719 households in Hassa Hissa, 2,085 households in Khamsa Dagaig, and 705 households were supported in Tabla.
 - Additionally, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) supported 1,204 households in Foro Burunga.

Protection and Human Rights

South Darfur

- World Vision implemented the following activities during the past week:
 - Sensitized 416 women, 46 men and 525 children on children's issues and rights and gender issues at Manawashi and Mershing Child Friendly Spaces
 - Provided care and psychosocial support to 2,526 children at Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in Alsalam, Galdi, Manawashi and Mershing camps
 - Trained 28 women on construction of fuel efficient stoves at Manawashi.
 - Conducted adult literacy classes for 1,717 women in Manawashi, Mershing and Otash, and 937 adolescents in Otash camp.

Water and Sanitation

South Darfur

- World Vision implemented the following activities during the past week:
 - Repaired one hand pump at Duma west, tank layer at Alshurta camp in Manawashi, overhead tank at Karary camp and one generator for the water supply system at Kass;
 - Completed construction of 13 latrines, made 32 latrine frames at Khore Abechi community.
 - Drilled two boreholes at Albaggara and Muhagiriya villages in Bulbul area.
 - Carried out disinfection of 11 hand pumps at Duma west, Adwa and Omo camps.
 - Trained 20 hand pump caretakers in Barcol Alfugara, two water system operators on how to operate and manage Jughma water system and 90 others on water storage and jerry cans cleaning at Mershing.
 - Conducted a clean-up campaign attended by 1,060 people in Duma, Karary and Kass camps and distributed clean up campaign tools [wheelbarrows], and 3,419 cartons of soap to 20,888 households at Mershing, Manawashi, Kass and Duma communities, while a jerry cans clean up campaign was conducted in Kass area.
 - Carried out Free Residual Chlorine (FRC) and water quality surveillance at households and water sources levels in Kass camps.

Population movements

North Darfur

- UNHCR took part in an inter-agency mission to Tawila to assess the condition of IDPs living there and the services available to them in light of reported new arrivals. During the mission, UNHCR followed-up on protection concerns highlighted during previous visits (including incidents involving members of the Civil Reserve Police, conflict resolution mechanisms, and insecurity while fetching water and firewood) in Rwanda, Dali and Argo camps, and spoke with flood victims in Dali camp.

West Darfur

- UNHCR investigated reports of new arrivals in Tendelti, West Darfur, from Haskanita, Karayangone, Jokhan, Basit and Boldong in Chad this week. Their flight appears to have been motivated by the killing of two individuals, one in Karayangone and one in Basit, the first of whom was murdered by Zaghawa militia. Some 25 households from Karayangone fled together first and were followed by the remainder of the population over the course of the next two weeks. UNHCR is undertaking further verification of the population as it appears that some households were previously registered in Tendelti but were engaged in seasonal movements across the border when the attacks occurred.
- Asylum-seekers (391 from CAR and three from Chad) and Sudanese returnees (334 individuals) from CAR continued to arrive in Um Dukhun this week. As of 24 July, 161 households (728 individuals) have been registered

by UNHCR implementing partner Triangle, with another seven households awaiting registration. Triangle says a small number of the families wish to travel to Mukjar camp. UNHCR Mukjar has requested additional information on the families in order to facilitate their transportation.

- UNHCR conducted an assessment of possible community based projects in Um Dukhun to assist the locality and host community in supporting the large and increasing number of refugees in the area.
- UNHCR undertook several missions this week to follow-up on reported population movements in the Geneina area. In Heilet Farig, Tandirko, Ojeje, Bir Tenjo, Mulli, and Mejmere towns it was found that most of the population were not originally from these communities, but that they had migrated there from the Geneina camps in order to cultivate. In Hashabo, Allah Nagar, Derty and Heilat Zaghawa, the small number of new arrivals appear to have migrated from the Geneina camps or surrounding areas for the purpose of cultivation. The majority of the original populations from Hashabo and Derty are reportedly still living in refugee camps in Chad.
- At Jamezza Sunta, UNHCR found 13 families which had arrived recently from Um Dukhun. The village has 270 families including 75 IDP families from the surrounding villages.

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