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Needs and response by sector

Education

South Darfur

- Three-hundred-and-seventy-five plastic sheets were distributed to 26 basic schools and preschools in the Um Labbasa area benefiting a total of 3,750 pupils.
- A UNICEF Partner Humedica distributed 512 text books and 8 chalk boxes to Alsalam camp boys school benefiting 874 pupils.

West Darfur

- The Sudanese Red Crescent society has completed the roofing of the two classrooms in Mukjar and has commenced the work on the floor and plastering internal walls.
- 450 sitting mats, 30 pupil kits, 140 textbooks, 400 exercise books and 4 cartons of chalk were released to Um Dukhun and Bindisi benefiting 2000 IDP children.

Food Security and Livelihoods

North Darfur

- October General Food and Blanket Supplementary Feeding distributions have been completed in all locations in North Darfur except in Shangil Tobay IDP camp where dispatches have been put on hold until issue related to 5.8 metric tons of food commodities looted in September is resolved with the local community.
- WFP and other Food Security and Livelihood Cluster members met with the State Ministry of Agriculture and HAC to brief them on the findings of the recent rapid food security assessment on crop production in four localities reporting low rainfall in the last planting season, and to discuss a response to the situation. WFP's response is to extend seasonal support in Malha for two months and the response in the other three localities will depend on findings from the post-harvest assessment and fourth round Food Security Monitoring system(FSMS) to be conducted in November.
- WFP Sub-Office in Kutum conducted three-day cooking demonstrations for teachers and cooks at 26 schools where WFP provides Food for Education activities.

South Darfur

- During the week, 1,554 metric tons of food was dispatched from WFP warehouses for activities in South Darfur.
- On 25 October the delivery of the first batch of food to 63 workers involved in the Food For work (FFW) intervention aimed at building a school in Dika (4.6 metric tons of assorted commodities for 24 work days) was carried out in Dika. This intervention, the first in Gereida, is a WFP direct intervention towards IDP returns in South Darfur.
- WFP participated in a UNICEF Ministry of Health (MoH) sponsored workshop on the strategy to launch the Community Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) guidelines. CMAM guidelines will be endorsed during the first week of November, with implementation to begin by January 2010.
- World Vision implemented the following activities during the past week:
 - Distributed 35 drip irrigations to 44 household farmers in Dereige and Mershing IDP camps, 17,936 tree seedlings from Galdi and Um Gadiy nurseries supported by World Vision, 10 shovels and hoes to the women groups in Mershing and water melon seeds to 85 farmers in Aldalaib and Alsaфра villages in Rehed Alberdi locality,
 - Treated 256 animals at Nitega and vaccinated 1,532 at veterinary centres Alsalam and Otash camps.
 - Trained 114 farmers on land preparation, fodder production at Galdi community, while preparation of list for beekeeping and vegetable seeds distribution is ongoing in seven villages in Edd al Fursan locality.
 - Planted 52 plots of sweet potatoes at women's farm in Mershing
- World Vision Conducted general food distribution (GFD) in Manawashi and Alsalam IDP camps. A total of 122,594 beneficiaries received 1281.463 metric tons of food.

West Darfur

- FAR held two-day workshops on building and using fuel efficient stoves in Arara and Kango Haraza. 500 women attended and each participant went home with a fuel-efficient stove that she had produced.
- Over 600 people attended FAR's Pre-Harvest training workshops in Arara, Kango Haraza and Masteri, which trained participants in timing, plant protection, food storage, and agricultural techniques including water harvesting and crop rotation. Each workshop was two days long.
- 78 leaders from nomadic and host communities were trained by FAR staff on team work at a workshop held in Kango Haraza
- 61 people from host and nomadic communities attended FAR training in income-generating activities in Kango Haraza and Arara, including visibility, marketing and book-keeping,

- The FAR-supported Farm Protection Committee conducted the fifth round of farm visits this week in both Kango Haraza and Arara.
- 1,847 metric tons of assorted food commodities were distributed by FAR to 175,250 beneficiaries under the General Food Distribution activity. October food distributions were completed in all Final Distribution Points (FDPs), except in Zalingei to the five IDP camps due to a strike action by ex-CARE's staff.
- The pre-harvest assessment in West Darfur is still ongoing with assistance from FAR. The report is expected during the first half of December 2009.
- The health and nutrition status remained stable with no outbreaks or epidemics reported. However admission trend showed an increase in Kulbus and Morni in comparison to same period of last year.
- Catholic Relief Services (CRS) conducted a rapid nutrition assessment in Bindisi to estimate the number of malnourished children in the area. The report is being finalized.
- WFP held a meeting with Almassar Charity, a local NGO in order to start a pilot FFE Programme in Nomad Schools in Zalingei, Um Dukhun and Krenink. The project should begin in January 2010.

Health and Nutrition

North Darfur

- Help Age International (HAI) began their mobile eye clinics in the El Fasher camps this week. They have served Abu Shouk IDP camp and plan to move to Zamzam camp this coming week.

South Darfur

- World Vision implemented the following activities during the past week:
 - Handled consultations for 2,407 patients at clinics in Galdi, Geneina, Manawashi, Mershing, Duma and Otash; vaccinated 880 children and provided ante-natal care to 921 pregnant women.
 - Supported 767 malnourished children in Manawashi, Mershing and Otash with high energy food and 49 other children were admitted to supplementary feeding centres (SFCs), de-wormed 32 and supplied 278 with folic acid.
 - Conducted health education for 1081 people through community mobilization at Mershing and Manawashi communities.

Non-Food Items (NFIs)

North Darfur

- In North Darfur, host communities affected by conflict were served with blankets and sleeping mats by German Agro Action (GAA) in three locations. The items from the NFI Common Pipeline were distributed to 137 households in Boba, 341 households in Furawia and 207 households in Shegeg Karo. In total 685 households were served with 2,740 items.

South Darfur

- In South Darfur, Muslim Aid distributed items from the NFI Common Pipeline to four households affected by fire in Sakali camp. The Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) distributed plastic sheeting and jerry cans to 877 households of IDPs requiring replenishment in Abu Jabra Camp.

West Darfur

- Based on a list of beneficiaries submitted by the Sheiks of Hassa Hissa IDP camp, UNHCR distributed NFIs to 25 extremely vulnerable families in Zalingei.
- In Western Darfur, SRCS distributed Blankets and Sleeping Mats from the NFI Common Pipeline to 772 Households of IDPs requiring replenishment in Dorti Camp.

Protection and Human Rights

North Darfur

- The second meeting of the Darfur Protection Cluster was held in El Fasher on 27 October. The issues tabled for discussion included: durable solutions, land tenure/management, the 2010 elections, law enforcement and the GoS capacity to provide efficient access to justice in particular in rural areas, and the current status of the implementation of the cluster action plan.
- Several actions were agreed upon including, inter alia, enhanced information sharing, support to GoS to strengthen rule of law institutions, ongoing advocacy to provide durable solutions to the protracted IDP situation and possible input into the Integrated Strategic Framework.
- On 28 October the return sub-cluster met for the second time in El Fasher with the aim to enhance cooperation and coordination between IOM and UNHCR on return issues in Darfur by updating, inter alia, recent activities, discussing policy and programme and information sharing/reporting and cooperation with UNAMID on returns.

South Darfur

- World Vision implemented the following activities during the past week:
 - Sensitized 238 women, 14 men and 289 children on children's issues and rights and gender issues at Manawashi and Mershing's Child Friendly Spaces
 - Provided care and psychosocial support to 1,275 children at Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in Alsalam, Manawashi and Mershing camps
 - Conducted adult literacy classes for 877 women in Manawashi, Mershing and Alsalam camps, as well as 650 youth and 991 adults in Otash camp.
 - Organized five sport events at Mershing and Manawashi communities.
- UNHCR contributed actively to a two-day Workshop organized by OCHA in Nyala, on 26-27 October. The workshop aimed at developing further the capacity of 35 representatives from HAC and NNGOs involved in CCCM in Nyala, Al Daein, and Kass. UNHCR made a presentation on UNHCR Mandate, and protection in practice (IDPs).

- A programme to immunise children under five against polio and to give Vitamin A was carried out by UNICEF between 27 and 29 October in all South Darfur Localities including Dirbat and surroundings in the East Jebel Marra area.

West Darfur

- On 28 October 2009, a total of 70 refugees received training in actions against rabies' organised by HAC and UNHCR Mukjar with the facilitation of the Ministry of Animal Resources. Same training was given to some 60 IDPs and local Mukjar residents, on Oct 26 and 27.

Water and Sanitation

South Darfur

- UNICEF and WES (the Water and Environmental Sanitation Department of north Sudan) started training 30 Hygiene Promoters in Kalma camp.
- UNICEF helped build 100 new latrines in Dereige camp.
- UNICEF helped with 11 routine cleaning up campaigns in Ottash, Alsalam, Dereige, Mossei, Sekali & Kass camps.
- Almost 14,000 people benefited from household visits in Ottash, Alsalam, Dereige, Mossei & Kass. Health promoters focused on hygiene, the importance of hand washing with soap, proper water handling & solid waste management & preventive measures against AWD & other WASH related diseases.
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- World Vision implemented the following activities during the past week:
 - Lined 14 latrines in Yara, 11 in Mershing and replaced 25 in Kass.
 - Conducted clean-up campaigns attended by 336 people in Duma west, Duma East, Korari, Manawashi, Mershing and Kass camps as well as participant from eight villages in Rehed Alberdi locality to whom 2082 clean up campaign kits were distributed.
 - Distributed 1,360 cartons of soap to 3,064 households in Mershing camps as part of hygiene promotion at same time 60 jerry cans were checked and cleaned at Manawashi.
 - Conducted Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Techniques (PHAST) training attended by 474 people at Abu Jaradil village in Rehed Alberdi locality to whom clean up campaign kits were distributed.
 - Celebrated and marked the Global Hand washing Day in Jughma and Umjanah communities, the day attended by 278 people, importance of proper hand washing was demonstrated.
 - Drilled two boreholes in Yara area.
 - Carried out Free Residual Chlorine (CRF) and water quality surveillance at household and water resources level in Duma, Korari and Kass areas.

West Darfur

- Soap distribution was carried out on 26 October in the refugee camp in Um Shalaya by UNHCR implementing partner, Medair.
- WES with support from UNICEF conducted cleaning campaigns in 7 camps (Dorti, Krinding I, Nertiti (North and south camps), and Garsila, Tayba and Treije camps).
- WES with support from UNICEF conducted 1431 households' visits in Geneina camps and 528 household visits in Nertiti camps. They identified hygiene problems at the homes they visited and provided basic hygiene promotion.
- During the past week, Geneina Radio with UNICEF assistance broadcasted messages about HIV AIDS, girls' education, iodized salt and personal hygiene in Local Arabic, Bargo, Aringa, Fur and Massalit dialects. These would have been heard by about 200,000 listeners.

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