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Key overall developments

- Starting September, the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) will exclude corn-soya blend (CSB) from the food basket of over 3 million beneficiaries, supported through the General Food Distribution programme, in order to prioritize distribution for feeding programmes targeting children. The revised basket will provide 71% of the daily kilocalorie requirement.
- In a press release issued on 07 September, WFP warned that it will have to suspend food distributions in Darfur if the security situation does not improve as the relentless attacks on truck convoys in Darfur are hampering the agency's ability to feed more than three (3) million people each month. Since the beginning of this year, more than 100 vehicles delivering WFP food assistance have been hijacked in Darfur, with many more shot at and robbed. Drivers are refusing to travel along certain routes, significantly slowing food aid deliveries.

Needs and response by sector

Education

North Darfur

- With the school term in full swing UNICEF is supporting schools with additional supplies. UNICEF supplied textbooks, pupil kits and recreational kits for primary school children in grade 1- 4 Malha nomadic schools, which will benefit 400 children in Malha Locality. UNICEF in collaboration with the El Fashir Rural Development Network is supporting the on-going construction of classrooms in Tawisha, El Lait and El Fashir Rural. Twenty six (26) permanent classrooms have been completed in these localities thus far.
- With UNICEF support, the State Ministry of Education (SMoE) in collaboration with Abu Shouk Camp's Parent Teacher Committees have completed the construction of ten (10) classrooms in Salaam 8 School which will benefit 500 school age children – 52% of whom are girl.

South Darfur

- Some schools affected by flooding in Kalma IDP Camp are now returning to teaching and learning after the recent flooding. In addition to education supplies provided by UNICEF during the past few weeks, five (5) tents have been released to use as temporary classrooms benefiting approximately 1,500 children – who are rotated in double shift. The tents are large with three (3) compartments each.

West Darfur

- Education supplies – including 25 schools in box, 100 recreation kits, textbooks and pencils, 375 sitting mats, and three (3) large tents – were released by UNICEF to the Ministry of Education for 2,000 children in Krinding and Riyadh IDP Camps, and 200 nomadic children in the Geneina locality.
- Under the Food for Education (FFE) programme, WFP conducted a FFE training in 13 schools in Jebel Marra by a team of three (3) WFP staff in collaboration with the Danish Refugee Council (DRC)-Zalingei office. This is expected to facilitate the ongoing school feeding programme.

Food Security and Livelihoods

North Darfur

- A total of 1,547 metric tons (MT) of food was dispatched to various locations in North Darfur by WFP during the reporting week to cover part of September distributions.
- Oxfam has been carrying out new Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) analysis around Kabkabiya as part of efforts to increase work with rural communities, where and when security allows.
- WFP discussed with cooperating partner African Humanitarian Action (AHA), preliminary findings of a rapid food security assessment carried out by AHA during the week in Um Kaddada locality. Discussions are underway with local authorities to provide emergency food assistance to targeted population in that area.

South Darfur

- A total of 2,335 MT of food was dispatched to various distribution points in South Darfur by WFP achieving 29% of the dispatch plan for September (at reduced rations).
- Oxfam held a series of focus group discussions with camp residents in Kass to discuss current livelihood needs. Fifty (50) women were selected to undertake a range of skills development training. A new community tree nursery is also due to begin. The community helped Oxfam staff to select the land and types of trees that will be distributed.

- The August round of Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme was carried out in Al Salam IDP Camp on 31 August, reaching about 13,000 children under five.

West Darfur

- During the week, WFP assisted over 57,400 beneficiaries with 683 MT of food in four (4) final distribution points (FDPs) in West Darfur. Distributions and dispatches to other locations are on going.

Health and Nutrition

North Darfur

- UNICEF has started the implementation of the Accelerated Child Survival Campaign (ACSI) in North-East Jebel Marra targeting 15,000 children under five. The ACSI campaign – in conjunction with the State Ministry of Health (SMoH) and supported by UNICEF and the World Health Organization (WHO) – will see children and mothers who are pregnant or breastfeeding benefit from the integrated package of community services that covers measles and polio vaccination, de-worming and vitamin A and iron supplementation.
- With UNICEF support, ACSI was implemented by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in the Abdel Shakur, Furnong and Simeir areas of Kutum rural.
- With UNICEF support, the State SMoH trained 20 health staff on breastfeeding practices.

South Darfur

- The Polio immunization campaign was completed successfully by UNICEF and partners in Umdafoug and Edd Al Fursan.
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)-Nyala office assisted asylum seekers and refugees from the Central African Republic (CAR) to obtain medical care, due to the difficulty finding French-speaking doctors and psycho-social support.

West Darfur

- The Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) of HIV/AIDS Programme – supported by UNICEF and the SMoH – was officially launched in El Geneina recently. The service is located within the Mother and Child Health Center of the Ministry of Health. The Sudan National AIDS Programme (SNAP) has contributed to the programme with medical supplies and medications.
- UNHCR-Mornei has been assisting refugee patients referred from Um Shalaya refugee camp to Mornei and El Geneina with cash for transportation and food.

Non-Food Items (NFIs)

North Darfur

- This week the Common Pipeline supported 3,544 households requiring replenishment with plastic sheeting in the Abu Shouk IDP Camp. Distributions were carried out by OXFAM.

South Darfur

- In support of flood-affected households 7,705 pieces of plastic sheeting were airlifted from El Obeid to Nyala this week. All distributions are based on needs assessments which are currently on-going.

West Darfur

- In Habila, UNHCR through its partner Help Age International (HAI) distributed 20 plastic sheets to the community centers that are monitored by HAI.

Protection and Human Rights

South Darfur

- The UNICEF and the SMoE facilitated a one-day workshop in South Darfur for educators. Twenty five (25) teachers – who in turn will train a further 600 other teachers throughout South Darfur – discussed child protection issues with a specific focus on violence in schools. Meanwhile in Deraji IDP Camp, the NGO Child Development Foundation (CDF) – with UNICEF support – conducted a one-day work shop on child protection for 200 animators, community leaders and members of women's groups.
- On 11-12 August, UNHCR-Nyala designed and delivered training on the Inter-agency standing committee (IASC) gender-based violence (GBV) guidelines, funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and organized by the Amal centre. Also, on 30 August in Nyala, UNHCR delivered a presentation on the UNHCR mandate at a United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) organized training for United Nations Police.

West Darfur

- On 13 August, UNHCR-Mukjar conducted a one-day workshop on Child Protection for its operational partners in Mukjar town, including representatives from the Ministry of Education (MoE) and the Ministry of Health (MoH). The workshop intended to promote protection gap identification and redress measures.
- On 14 August, UNHCR-Habila assessed 16 persons with specific needs (PSNs) in Habila town and referred the cases to Save the Children-US (SC-US) for further action.

Water and Sanitation

North Darfur

- Oxfam is piloting a new latrine design in Abu Shouk and As Salaam IDP Camps. The new design – which uses sandbags instead of wood – places less demand on natural resources, and also benefits livelihoods. The sandbags are made by IDPs in the camps, and helps provide them with an income.

South Darfur

- Following the recent flooding in Kalma IDP Camp, Oxfam has been filling and repairing latrines which collapsed in the floods. Oxfam's public health team has also distributed 4,000 cartons of soap to 18,500 families in the camp,

and has been disinfecting the hand pumps and monitoring water quality to ensure it has not been contaminated by the flood waters.

West Darfur

- The chlorination of water supplies and access to safe water has been a priority for the SMoH – with UNICEF support – in Zalingei. Sixteen (16) water points are providing water for approximately 23,000 people and a further 60,000 people are accessing safe water supplies in Zalingei town with the support of the Zalingei Urban Water Corporation and UNICEF.
- The State Water Corporation (SWC) – with UNICEF support – are continuing the routine operation, chlorination and maintenance of 17 water yards in Zalingei, Mornei, Habila and El Geneina with approximately 102,000 accessing safe water supplies.
- UNHCR-Mukjar is currently planning hygiene information sessions with Mercy Corps, including distribution of sanitary materials for girls in five Basic Schools and in one secondary school.
- In Garsila and Um Kheir, the UNHCR field office in Mukjar is working together with InterSOS to support distribution of sanitary materials, in conjunction with hygiene information sessions.
- On 28, 29 and 30 August, UNHCR Habila and HAI organized hygiene promotion and nutrition training for elderly persons. The training was organized in two (2) HAI community social centers in Habila where around 300 elderly persons attended the training every day.

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