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Key overall developments

- World AIDS Day was celebrated in Sudan this week. A number of events were held including an Internal Awareness Training on HIV/AIDS organized by the WHO and a UNICEF release of 58,000 fact sheets and posters covering ABC, stigma and voluntary counseling and testing to the Sudan National AIDS Programme (SNAP) for distribution by implementing partners.

Needs and response by sector

Education

North Darfur

- In coordination with the State Ministry of Education (SMoE) and UNICEF, the NGO Plan Sudan conducted training for 80 education inspectors from Abu Shouk IDP Camp, As Salaam IDP Camp, ZamZam IDP Camp and El Fasher Town on the technical supervision of education activities to assist in ensuring quality delivery of education. UNICEF in conjunction with the SMoE released five classroom kits, three recreation kits, two pupil kits and ten metal poles to Um Haraz school of Kilamandu Locality benefiting 250 school age children.

South Darfur

- World Vision distributed 20 plastic sheets to two schools.

Food Security and Livelihoods

North Darfur

- With winter approaching, Oxfam has begun distributing winter seeds and tools in Kebkabiya, as part of a project to improve food security for 3,247 vulnerable families in the area. The seeds and tools have been provided by FAO. 46 families in the town also received Oxfam donkey carts, to help support livelihoods opportunities and increase their ability to earn an income.
- In Kebkabiya, Oxfam and local partner KSCS distributed 4,130 tree seedlings to families in nearby rural villages as part of efforts to support the local environment and people's livelihoods.

South Darfur

- World Vision distributed 334 metric tonnes of food to 27,837 displaced people at six points: Sakaly, Sakaly West, Mosey, Dereg 1&2, Duma and Adwa.
- They provided 60 households in Nyala and Edd al Fursan with knowledge on how to care for their goats and trained 95 women in Norley, Dambaloya, Diri, Umzaifa and Edd Alfursan centres in cheese-making, fodder cultivation, and gave them 450 kg worth of seeds.
- World Vision trained 113 farmers in Diri and Alhoda to serve as trainers to other farmers – each to train ten other farmers in crop production issues. They also trained 185 farmers, 140 in Copoalmor and 45 in Fondog, in crop harvesting and post-harvest management. Furthermore they trained 34 women in Rahed Albirdi in the importance of vegetables and vegetable production, and land preparation for production in the winter season (dry season), which starts mid December.
- World Vision also trained 120 farmers (30 female, 90 male) in Nimri Village on the important of seedlings and how to plant and irrigate them. It also distributed 600 seedlings to the farmers.
- Further, World Vision trained 30 farmers in the northern area of South Darfur on how to improve crop production and generate high-quality fodder. The farmers prepared 50 plots for vegetable production.
- World Vision conducted ten mentoring visits to promote coping mechanism activities to enhance resilience of marginal households in order to restore and maintain their food security. It visited eight fodder farms in Rahaid Albirdi, Aldelaib, Fondog and Umshoka. Also, it visited seven farms (20 farmers) in the northern area of South Darfur.
- World Vision worked with farmers in ten villages in Galdi and Umgadity area to establish seed banks. It also set up one vegetable garden in Galdi, where 60 beneficiaries are involved in various agricultural activities, including water harvesting.
- World Vision distributed 1.2 metric tonnes of chicken feed to women groups involved in varied agricultural projects in Galdi.

Health and Nutrition

North Darfur

- The Accelerated Child Survival initiative (ACSI) "PULSE" campaign was launched in the North Darfur state. The campaign focuses on immunization, distribution of bed nets, de-worming, mid upper arm circumference (MUAC) screening for malnutrition, and the communication of sanitation and hygiene education messages. MUAC screening is limited to El Fasher locality – El Fasher town, El Fasher rural, Tawilla, Korma, and ZamZam IDP Camp – where there are UNICEF supported programmes.
- In preparation for World AIDS Day, UNICEF released 58,000 fact sheets and posters covering ABC, stigma and voluntary counseling and testing, to the Sudan National Aids Programme (SNAP) for distribution by implementing partners. Radio Jingles have been provided to SNAP for use on local radio.
- WHO, together with the State Ministry of Health (SMoH), has conducted field visits to Kebkabiya for three days which facilitated the SHC team training on infection preventions targeting medical staff in Kebkabiya hospital.
- WHO supported SMoH in training 25 Primary Health Care supervisors on Health Information and Management System (HIMS) for five days. The aim of the course was to familiarize the PHC coordinators of SMoH and INGOs with modern tools and critical approaches of planning and management of health system.

South Darfur

- With UNICEF support emergency obstetric care (EmOC) training for 25 medical doctors started and is due to last for seven days as part of the safe motherhood programme.
- WHO responded to a notification of suspected Hemorrhagic Fever cases by sending a rapid response team for investigation. Infection control measures such as strict barrier nursing techniques were introduced in all hospitals in the area. The health personnel were briefed on the nature of disease and its route of transmission and infection control procedures.
- WHO conducted a training of trainers to 18 doctors in Nyala Teaching Hospital on Integrated Management of Child Illness (IMCI). The training lasted for 11 days.
- Training was also conducted in Eldein on the "Community Component of the IMCI" Program. The duration of training was six days and targeted 21 community volunteers.
- WHO conducted three days training on "Safe Blood Transfusion" for 15 employees at Kass Rural hospital.
- WHO also donated drugs, anesthesia reagents and consumable supplies to Nyala Teaching hospital and the house to house Polio Campaign was launched across the State.
- World Vision provided primary healthcare to 999 patients in Mershing and Manawashi. It handled 158 antenatal cases, 234 children with nutrition-related cases, and mobilised community health activities that benefited more than 4,000 people.
- World Vision handled 602 consultations in its clinics in the central area of South Darfur. It attended to 61 pregnant women and children under five in the same area and continued providing basic health care and health education to hundreds of beneficiaries.
- World Vision distributed 2.4 metric tonnes of supplementary food for children under five.
- World Vision visited 150 households in the central and northern areas of South Darfur State to conduct health education on preventive and control measures, including hygiene issues.
- World Vision also conducted awareness sessions on water-borne diseases in Otash, Genena and Galdi.
- World Vision provided immunisation coverage (DPT3, Polio3, pentavalent) to 293 children and 133 women at its clinics in the central area of South Darfur. It also provided vitamin supplementation to 307 people and oral rehydration salts (ORS) to 176 children under five.
- World Vision provided 200 information, education and communication (IEC) materials for use as visual aids in clinics and during health education sessions.

West Darfur

- Through UNICEF full support, the training on Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI) modified case management for a total of 39 Community Health Promoters (CHPs) has been successfully completed in Zalingei.
- With UNICEF support, the Expanded Programme of Immunization (EPI) team managed to reach Golo in Jebel Marra with the required vaccinations and Accelerated Child Survival Initiative (ACSI) related supplies. The second round of the acceleration campaign for routine immunization targeted 4,039 children <1years; 4,713 pregnant women targeted for Tetanus Toxoid vaccination.
- WHO with the collaboration of State Ministry of Health (SMOH) and NGOs conducted a training for the doctors and medical assistants in Zalingei locality, on "Active case finding", "Outbreak investigation" and "Malaria management and control" for 23 participants from different health facilities of Eastern Corridor from 26th to 28th of Nov 2008.
- WHO organized an Internal Awareness Raising Training on HIV/AIDS and was attended by 25 support staff (drivers, cleaners and other non medical staff) on 25th of November.

Protection and Human Rights

South Darfur

- With UNICEF support, 33 animators in IDP camps benefited from training on centre management, facilitation skills and psychosocial support. Another 13 social workers, 14 youth committee leaders and eight volunteers were trained on communication and facilitation skills.

West Darfur

- UNICEF Child Protection facilitated one session on inter-agency standing committee guidelines on psychosocial support in emergency settings, in the workshop organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The session was attended by 25 participants from the Ministry of Social Welfare (MoSW), the State Council for Child Welfare (SCCW), Administration localities, Family and Child Protection police unit, and Community Based Organizations (CBOs).

- UNICEF collaborated with UNFPA in the 16 days of activism for elimination of gender-based violence (GBV) through supporting awareness-raising activities within the basic schools.
- UNICEF released child protection supplies – one pupil kit, two recreational kits, and two pre-school kits – to the Ministry of Education as a part of supporting school activities during the 16 days of activism. A further seven classroom kits and 14 recreational kits were released to Zalingei youth center/Ministry of Youth and Ministry of Social Welfare

Water and Sanitation

North Darfur

- A SMOH team continued to conduct water quality control of 25 water source in El Fasher town and 13 in Abu shook and Asalam IDP camps with support from WHO/DFC Q3.
- As part of a three days field visit the WHO conducted an environmental health assessment that cover water quality control, solid waste management in Kebkabiya town and medical waste in Kebkabiya hospital and vector control activities materials. In water quality 26 water points were covered.

South Darfur

- SMOH, supported by WHO, did routine water quality control activities in Nyala town and Ed Daein IDP camps (Elneem and Khor Omer).
- World Vision rehabilitated a hand pump in Nabaga to provide sufficient and safe water to the area's residents.
- As part of its efforts to improve access of water supply and sanitation facilities, World Vision formed Watsan committees in seven villages (Fondog, Alsiasaban, Umbaliana, Aldelaib, Haialmatar, Alsikahadee and Umshoka) in Rehed Albirdi.
- World Vision identified two boreholes in Ubjaradil community and selected the following villages for latrine construction: Haialmatar (25), Fondog (30), Saisaban (25), Sikahadeed (30) and Aldelaib (40).
- World Vision drilled a borehole to support its agriculture project in Shadida.
- World Vision conducted water source disinfection and chlorine monitoring in households in Manawashi and Mershing. It also repaired two broken hand pumps in Al Masgid camps.
- World Vision visited 730 households in Manawashi and Mershing and provided them with received hygiene messages on such topics as hand washing.
- World Vision completed the construction of 80 new latrines in Kramjie. Also, World Vision continued to construct a latrine superstructure in Manawashi and Mershing and identified the households to benefit from 100 new latrines to be constructed in Khorabashi camp.
- World Vision conducted water analysis for five new boreholes in Yara, Labas, Grongo and Ferdos.
- World Vision distributed latrine-digging tools to five villages in Yara corridor and conducted a cleanup campaign in which 70 people participated.
- World Vision established three water trenches in Galdi and Umgadity.

West Darfur

- WHO carried out routine water quality tests in Geneina and Zalingei localities.

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