



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

- Various events took place in the three Darfur States to celebrate the 16 days of Activism Against Gender Violence. The 16 days between the 25 November, which is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and the 10 December, which is the International Human Rights Day, was used to reinforce that eliminating all forms of violence against women is a human rights issue and that the act of perpetrating violence against women is a human rights violation.

**Needs and response by sector**

***Education***

North Darfur

- The UNICEF Child Protection Team celebrated International Children's Day by supporting functions in primary schools and children's home through the State Council for Child Welfare (SCCW). In addition, the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) ran a workshop on Child Rights for the Association for the Disabled.
- UNICEF Child Protection facilitated a session on Child Rights and discussions on the international legal framework in a training workshop led by UNAMID-HR for 30 police officers this week.

South Darfur

- UNICEF has released text books and recreation kits to two schools in Sheiria reaching 1,020 children. UNICEF has also released text books, sign boards, desks & benches, tarpaulins, and plastic sheets to Samaritans' Purse for Jebel Marra, Tullus and Sheiria benefiting approximately 4,000 children.
- UNICEF has released text books and sign boards to Humedica for three camp schools in Nyala and Kass, reaching 1, 200 children.
- World Vision distributed 15 plastic sheets to Sellalow Basic School and conducted monitoring visits to Boba, Beteikha and Sellalow.

West Darfur

- With UNICEF support, around 10,000 Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials including posters and fact sheets were distributed in the event of World AIDS Day which was celebrated in El Geneina, Zalingei, Garsila and Foro Burunga.
- With UNICEF support, 2,000 sitting mats were released to the State Ministry of Education (SMoE) to improve school environment for approximately 400 IDP children in El Geneina and Zalingei localities.

***Food Security and Livelihoods***

North Darfur

- Oxfam is undertaking a new pilot project promoting Soil Stabilised Blocks in North Darfur which will see selected IDPs trained in new brickmaking technology. The project is being undertaken with UN HABITAT.

South Darfur

- World Vision trained 40 farmers (25 male and 15 female) on crop harvesting and post-harvest management at Albiridi Alrahad.
- World Vision trained 100 farmers on seedlings management at Nimiri village and distributed 400 seedlings to 100 households. Also, 1,500 eggs were produced under a poultry project supported by World Vision.
- Five hundred households received vegetable seeds worth \$30 each during a seed fair organised by World Vision on 2 December 2008.
- World Vision trained 63 Edd al Fursan farmers on post-harvest management.

***Health and Nutrition***

North Darfur

- Relief International started nutrition activities (SFP and OTP) in Sag al Naam health facility in Dar el Salam locality with support from UNICEF and WFP.
- The MUAC (Mid Upper Arm Circumference) screening part of the UNICEF/ State Ministry of Health ACSI (Accelerated child Survival Initiative) campaign was completed in El Fasher town and El Fasher rural.

- WHO supported Kelemando Primary Health facility with an assortment of essential medicines. This will help facilitate IDPs access to adequate health care services in rural areas.
- WHO in collaboration with State Ministry of Health (SMoH) conducted training on surveillance, meningitis preparedness, outbreak investigation and case definition for 18 medical doctors and ten medical assistants.
- WHO supported SMoH in training 25 Primary Health Care supervisors from SMOH and INGOs on Health Information Management System.

#### South Darfur

- World Vision trained six village midwives and 44 beneficiaries of Insecticide Treated Nets (ITNs) on the correct usage and care of the nets. The beneficiaries were mainly lactating mothers, pregnant women and parents of children under five years.
- WHO provided Tullus Rural Hospital with emergency surgical supplies for 28 severely injured patients.
- With the support of WHO, SMoH conducted a training for 15 Sheiria health cadres on malaria case management, protocol, guidelines for diagnosis and reporting tools.
- WHO in collaboration with SMoH in Ed Daein/Adila localities conducted an orientation session for 58 health staff on Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers case definition, diagnosis, case management and reporting. The participants were: females and males, medical assistants, nurses, auxiliary nurses and medical doctors working with NGOs and SMOH.
- WHO in collaboration with IRC, Humedica, and CARE, conducted training on Integrated Management of Child Illness (IMCI) for 21 community workers during six days in Kass locality.
- WHO organised training on Safe Blood Transfusion for 15 Staff working in Ed Daein Rural Hospital. The participants were: laboratory technicians, laboratory medical assistants, anesthesia medical assistants, and laboratory & blood bank nurses.
- An isolation room in Ed Daein hospital will be created for any Viral Hemorrhagic Fever suspected cases. WHO provided nurses and doctors working in the rapid response team and in the isolation ward with personal protective equipments.
- In Nyala Teaching Hospital, the cases of Visceral Leishmaniasis at the pediatric ward were followed-up and monitored. To date, 18 patients were admitted to the hospital. Ages ranged from 8 months to 12 years old. Four have been discharged after treatment.
- WHO briefed partners in South Darfur on the Acute Jaundice Syndrome in Kalma and El Salam camps. In addition to the increasing number of the clinically diagnosed malaria cases this week compared to last week.

#### West Darfur

- UNICEF, in collaboration with the State Ministry of Health (SMoH), provided training for 12 community based sentinel site data collectors. Also, UNICEF in collaboration with SMoH and WFP conducted training on SFP (supplementary feeding programmes) for staff from German Red Cross and IMC in Mukjar.
- An Internal Awareness Raising Session on AIDS was conducted targeting 113 support staff (guards, cleaners, drivers, cooks) from different hospitals.

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

#### North Darfur

- Supported by UNICEF, the Water and Environmental Sanitation Department of the State Water Corporation (WES) distributed 608 cartons (109,440 bars) of soap to IDPs in Zamzam Camp.

#### South Darfur

- Humedica distributed Common Pipeline items to 15 disaster-affected populations. Each household received two blankets, two jerry cans, a piece of plastic sheeting, two plastic sleeping mats, and a piece of women's clothing.

### ***Water and Sanitation***

#### North Darfur

- UNICEF and WES supported the construction of two blocks of school latrines in Sani Karaw which will benefit at least 800 school children. With UNICEF support, the WES team supported community hygiene promoters in Kassab to conduct 75 household visits and disseminate hygiene promotion messages. As a result 618 jerry cans were cleaned.
- Oxfam completed a new borehole in Shangil Tobai as part of plans to extend the water network in the area over the coming month.
- A SMoH team, with the support of WHO, controlled a total number of 62 water points: 29 in El Fasher town, 24 in Abu shook and As Salam camp and 9 in Zamzam camp.
- WHO completed an environmental health gaps analysis draft report and handed it over to SMoH.

#### South Darfur

- World Vision trained 49 pump caretakers from 19 communities that benefited from new water facilities and some old communities that had their broken down pumps repaired.

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