



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

- UNJLC published a snapshot on Humanitarian Fuel Consumption in Darfur to support the compilation of regional contingency plans on the fuel consumption rates and contingency stocks of the humanitarian community operating in Darfur.

**Needs and response by sector**

**Education**

South Darfur

- UNICEF provided recreation kits, drawing books and text books to five schools in Kass, benefiting more than 1,200 children. Meanwhile, 500 newly recruited teachers completed their training, supported by the State Ministry of Education and UNICEF at the Nyala Teacher Training Institute. 100 of the teachers will work in camps for internally displaced persons, ensuring all conflict-affected children have better access to a quality education.
- Twelve classrooms were constructed and repaired in Bahr-el-Arab, Kario and Fanga localities through a partnership between the State Ministry of Education, UNICEF and the NGO Almassar. Nearly 800 children, including those from nomadic communities, will benefit from this work. Almassar has also completed the construction of a theatre in Asalaya Girls' School, with UNICEF's assistance - this is the only theatre in the area.
- Refresher training for youth peer educators to promote HIV awareness in South Darfur got underway, with UNICEF support. 4,000 school students are expected to benefit from the peer education project.
- Led by the State Ministry of Education and backed by UNICEF, UNDP and the Global Fund for HIV, Tuberculosis and Malaria, training of 105 teachers on delivery of a new HIV curriculum in schools got underway in Tulus. Additional training will shortly begin in Ed el Fursan and Rihaid al Birdi localities.

West Darfur

- 20 recreation kits, 10 kits of student materials, stationery and chalkboard paint have been provided by UNICEF to the State Ministry of Education to assist schools in the Zallingie corridor. More than 800 children, including internally displaced children and nomadic students, will benefit from the supplies.
- Seven temporary classrooms have been repaired across the State, in an effort led by the State Ministry of Education supported by UNICEF, benefiting an estimated 400 students from internally displaced communities.

**Food Security and Livelihoods**

West Darfur

- Mercy Corps in Mukjar conducted a three-day workshop for 48 farmers from the community and schools on seedling nursery management.
- Mercy Corps vocational trainings are ongoing in Um Dukhun and Mukjar, with 28 current trainees in sewing, 9 in carpentry, 17 in welding, 29 in food processing, 9 in handicrafts, and 5 in shoemaking.

**Health and Nutrition**

North Darfur

- WHO supported the training of 10 medical doctors and Nurses on infection prevention at El Fasher Maternity Hospital.

South Darfur

- UNICEF has provided 20 cartons of nutritional paste to the State Ministry of Health, in support of nutrition activities in South Darfur.
- WHO provided technical and logistical support to a two-week training workshop on "HIV/AIDS counselling and testing". The training was held in Nyala and included 25 counsellors from 3 Darfur States.
- WHO continued supporting SMOH in improving Waste Management in health facilities. In this regard, Nyala Teaching hospital was provided by heavy duty gloves, overall uniforms and safety boxes.
- In order to ensure continuity of service delivery, WHO facilitated the deployment of a SMOH medical assistant to Wadi Hajam hospital as a replacement for his predecessor who was killed a while ago. One emergency kit was delivered to Buram rural hospital by WHO while NCA, Samaritan Purse (SP), SUDO and Sudan Aid are planning to distribute NFIs in the same area soon.

West Darfur

- The State Ministry of Health, assisted by UNICEF, began a five day training programme on Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses for 25 medical assistants and 50 community health workers in Forbaranga locality.

- UNICEF has provided a range of nutritional supplies to the State Ministry of Health as part of efforts to tackle malnutrition, including nutritional paste, therapeutic milk and vitamin A supplements. The supplies will be used in Garsila, Zallingie, Nertiti, Tour and Deleij localities.
- On 3 January 2009, one suspected Viral Haemorrhagic Fever [VHF] case from Ardamata IDP camp in West Darfur was admitted in Geneina hospital. A sample was collected and sent to National Public health laboratory for analysis. The patient has been discharged from the hospital in a good condition.
- 30 community health promoters from WES, STC and Concern were trained on Vector Control for 4 days in Morni. The training was facilitated by SMOH and funded and monitored by WHO. The WATSAN task force meeting discussed the increased in number of cases of Diarrhea and Bloody Diarrhea during 2008. The mentioned group were tasked to assess the latrine, hand washing facilities in identified high risk area like Morni, Geneina and Kerenik, including water quality status for it to be included in 2009 WATSAN sector plan.

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

On 2 January, UNJLC published a snapshot on Humanitarian Fuel Consumption in Darfur. The objective of the snapshot is to support the compilation of regional contingency plans by gathering, analyzing and disseminating information on the fuel consumption rates and contingency stocks of the humanitarian community operating in Darfur. Survey results can be extrapolated to estimate the fuel consumption of the humanitarian community in Darfur to be 1,305,469L of diesel and 53,748L of petrol annually. The humanitarian community also appears to be well prepared, as almost all organizations have arrangements/stocks in place and, according to this assessment, the average organization would be able to continue operations for 38.8 days in the event of the cessation of fuel supplies to the State capitals.

Following the announcement by CHF that US\$23 million has been granted to the Darfur region in the first round of the CHF allocation in 2009, UNJLC is finalizing its strategy to secure funding for the NFI & ES Sector. Regional Allocation Meetings to determine the percentage of funds received by each Sector are due to take place shortly. Sector partners with a Project Sheet in the 2009 UN & Partners Work Plan will then be invited to attend the Darfur Sector Allocation Meeting in Khartoum to advocate for a percentage of the secured funds. It should be noted that money from the CHF is not intended to cover all the requirements of the Sector and partners are encouraged to continue seeking bilateral funding.

#### North Darfur

- This week in North Darfur, the NFI Common Pipeline supported distribution centres in Abu Shouk camp with plastic sheeting.

#### South Darfur

- Following tribal clashes El Tomat, Buram, Samaritans Purse supported 750 disaster-affected households with blankets, jerry cans, plastic sleeping mats, plastic sheeting and women's clothing.
- In response to a fire in Otash camp, Rehaid El-Fursan Rural Development supported 9 households with the above mentioned items.

#### West Darfur

- Concern supported a total of 3,041 households with winterization items in Seleah in the Kulbus locality.
- SRCS also distributed winterization replenishments to 726 households in Dorti camp, Geneina.
- Save the Children-US distributed essential NFIs and ES to 16 disaster-affected households in Kerenek camp, Geneina.

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

#### North Darfur

- Oxfam and the local students association collaborated to hold "Shangil Tobay Environmental Day", conducting a major cleaning campaign in Shangil Tobay town (North Darfur). Oxfam provided student groups with tools including rakes and shovels for garbage collection. Around 700 people participated, including students, market committee members, women's groups and Oxfam staff, and the groups cleaned the town market area and main roads.

#### South Darfur

- In Ottash Camp for internally displaced persons, a general cleaning campaign was conducted and more than 2,600 residents reached with hygiene and sanitation messages through home visits, in an initiative led by the State Water Corporation and UNICEF. In Mousia 13 household latrines were newly constructed or repaired, while more than 800 people took part in local discussions on water, sanitation and hygiene. Meanwhile, in Al Salam camp, five community events were staged to raise awareness of health and hygiene education.

#### West Darfur

- Mercy Corps in Mukjar began construction of 2 waste collection points, and the hygiene team focused on raising awareness about the proper use of these points. The hygiene team delivered messages through 21 group discussions attended by 524 individuals and visits to 203 households, which reached 1309 household members. The MC Mukjar hygiene team also made follow-up visits to tea vendors in the market and to food processing groups at the MC livelihood centre to discuss proper food hygiene practices.
- Mercy Corps in Um Dukhun completed construction of a communal latrine at the Elwinda School. Communal latrine elevation activities are ongoing at the Salawia School and the slab factory, and communal latrine digging is ongoing at the Women's Community Centre. The MC Um Dukhun hygiene team held 4 meetings with members of the community on health messages about hand washing, followed by a focus group discussion in Shamal Camp and house-to-house activities in identified high-risk areas.
- Mercy Corps' water and sanitation team in Zallingie serviced all water pumps in Shabab and Hassa Hissa camps and changed all broken taps in Hassa Hissa (8 taps), Shabab (4), and Taiba (5) camps. The team also conducted water testing in 20 houses and 10 tank stations in Hassa Hissa, Shabab and Taiba camps. Mercy Corps Zallingie

hygiene team disseminated messages on waste collection in Hassa Hissa, Khamsa Dagaig and Tayba camps, and messages on child hygiene at Tayba camp.

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