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Key overall developments

- Widespread displacement from Muhajariya, Sheiria and Labado is ongoing following recent fighting in Muhajariya, South Darfur. Figures have yet to be verified pending sustained access but significant numbers of people have arrived to villages and camps in North and South Darfur.
- According to WFP, 89,000 beneficiaries in Muhajariya and Sheiria areas could not be reached with January food rations.

Needs and response by sector

Education

South Darfur

- Rehabilitation of Diri and Juru schools continued with the help of World Vision. Also, the NGO distributed five donkeys and carts for ferrying drinking water for Diri, Elhoda, Juru, Nosieba and Joghma schools in Edd Al Fursan locality.
- 1,664 girls' school uniforms were procured by World Vision for distribution in Edd Al Fursan.

West Darfur

- In Mukjar 87 donkey ploughs were distributed to farmers for winter cropping by Mercy Corps. They also hosted 167 visitors to its demonstration farm, including 72 women. Vocational trainings are ongoing for 55 participants.
- Construction of a rock-crossing (culvert) on the Um Dukhun-Nyala road (Um Dukhun East) was begun by Mercy Corps. The work project was identified by local communities and will serve all road users (lorries, small vehicles, pedestrians), and should be particularly helpful during the rainy season. The road links communities to the market and serves Um Dukhun to and from other cities in West and South Darfur that provide business opportunities. This activity is projected for a period of 30 days.
- Vocational training is being conducted for 58 participants in Um Dukhun supported by Mercy Corps.

Food Security and Livelihoods

North Darfur

- A group of 100 farmers have completed three months intensive training in agriculture techniques on three of GOAL's five demonstration farms in the Kutum locality. In demonstration farms in Kutum Town, Kassab and Fatta Borno IDP camps, farmers were trained in various crop production methods, as well as income generating activities. This means 100 beneficiaries now have the skills capacity to improve quality and quantity of household crop production and therefore the nutritional status of their families. A new intake of 250 trainee farmers will start their three month training in the coming weeks.
- Following recent fighting in Muhajariya, South Darfur, significant population movements heading northwards have been observed. WFP partners have confirmed approximately 1,380 new arrivals to Zam Zam, Shadad, Shangil Tobayi and Al Salam camps, and further population movements to rural areas. A joint WFP/SRC (Sudanese Red Crescent) rapid needs assessment in Zam Zam camp on 30 January was followed by a distribution of two-week emergency food rations to 430 people. WFP has pre-positioned food stocks to meet immediate food needs of arriving IDPs once rapid assessments and verifications take place.

South Darfur

- Tensions remain high following weeks of intense fighting in Gereida and Muhajariya and population displacements within South Darfur and movement towards North Darfur. With the current tense situation in Muhajariya, there are concerns that beneficiaries inside the town may not be reached with February food rations. So far, 89,000 beneficiaries in Muhajariya and surrounding areas could not be reached with January food rations. However, WFP offices in North and South Darfur are in close coordination with NGO partners on daily tracking of population movements to provide assistance to those fleeing conflict in South Darfur.

- General food distributions were completed by World Vision in Sakeley, Mosey, Dereige and Duma camps for Adwa (Internally Displaced Persons) IDPs. A total of 39,019 people received 506.7 metric tons of food.
- Sets of irrigation equipment for vegetable gardening were provided by World Vision to four women groups in Edd Al Fursan and eight fodder production groups in Diri, Edd Al Fursan, Elhoda, Umjanah and Norely. It also provided seeds and tools to the beneficiaries to support their farming activities.
- Cultivation tools and fertiliser were distributed by World Vision to women's groups in Elhoda, Danganure, Umzaifa and Aldambaloyia, where two feddans of land were ploughed.
- 45 women in Brango, Rehed Al Birdi locality were trained by World Vision on vegetable cultivation techniques. Topics included: land preparation, spacing, seed rate, how to prepare and use manure, pests and diseases control.
- 59 women in A Salam camp were also trained on vegetable production, marketing and group management. Officials from the Ministry of Agriculture facilitated the training on the vegetable production.

West Darfur

- Approximately 5,800 Sudanese that fled from Arowsharow, West Darfur, to Chad due to fighting in February 2008 have reportedly returned to their villages. Of this, 4,000 people have already been included in WFP food distribution lists since late 2008. Efforts are ongoing to verify those pending for inclusion in food assistance programmes in their areas. A further 235 people from Feina, east of Jebel Marra, to Hamidiya camp are being verified for food assistance.

Health and Nutrition

North Darfur

- Sudan National AIDS Program (SNAP), in collaboration with State Ministry of Health (SMOH) and WHO held the second Darfur HIV Advocacy Workshop in El Fasher. A total of 60 participants from UN, government and INGOs discussed HIV AIDS issues and agreed on a common declaration and recommendations.
- MSF-B expressed its intention to begin phasing out activities in Kebkabiya locality at the beginning of March. Discussions are ongoing to identify a potential partner to support the health and nutrition services.
- WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA and SMOH discussed the lack of drugs in some of the IDP camps health facilities. In the meantime UNICEF is to supply these clinics through SMOH until a solution is reached.
- Teams from SMOH-Expanded Program for Immunization (EPI) and WHO are developing a micro plan for the upcoming Polio National Immunization Days (PNID). The campaign which is scheduled for 16 to 18 February will focus on areas that are difficult to access.

South Darfur

- A training workshop on community management of acute malnutrition was undertaken with the support of UNICEF, involving 47 NGO, State Ministry of Health and UN personnel from Gedaref, South Kordofan, Kassala, North Darfur, West Darfur and South Darfur states.
- UNICEF has provided supplies of therapeutic milk to the NGO Action Contre La Faim to support nutrition programmes in Kerere, Kalma, Al Salam and Otash IDP camps.
- Seven new radio messages on breast feeding, and seven dramas focusing on voluntary counselling and testing for HIV, HIV prevention and nutrition, and four new radio spots promoting the use of iodised salt have begun to be broadcast on local radio across South Darfur, with the support of UNICEF. The messages are expected to reach some 7,000 people.
- Three clinics supported by Relief International were suspended namely Saq Naam, Sarafaya and Kunjara. Discussions are ongoing to cover the population health needs.
- WHO, SMOH and UNICEF are preparing for a PNID campaign focusing on Sharg eljabal and Kalma areas. Training of the vaccinators will be conducted early next week with the support of NGOs ARC and MSF.
- WHO in collaboration with SMOH and UNICEF discussed with HUMEDICA, IOM and IMC, in order to fill the gap of health services to the new arrivals in Al Salam Camp since last October.
- In the Health Coordination Meeting, camp coordinators of Abu shok and Alsalam informed WHO of the difficult IDP access to the hospital without referrals especially in the evening. WHO together with health partners is looking into way to address this issue. The regular supervisory visit to Kutum was cancelled due to security restrictions.
- Regular supervisory visits were carried out by WHO in Ed Daein rural hospital. Apart from monitoring the free access for the displaced and affected population (i.e., the targeted beneficiaries of the hospital support), technical guidance is also extended by WHO each time to ensure that standard treatment protocols and quality care is applied.
- In Nyala Teaching Hospital, six more cases of visceral leishmaniasis from Hejir area were admitted and currently undergoing treatment. The SMOH, WHO and INGO on the ground, have been collaborating to control the source of infection (all cases so far have been reported from the same area). Vector campaigns and awareness activities are currently being undertaken.
- This week 538 cases of bloody diarrhoea have been reported, with an incidence of 5.4 cases per 10,000 populations as compared to 274 cases with an incidence of 3.8 cases per 10,000 populations reported the last week of 2008.
- WHO/SMOH conducted water quality control in Dereig camp, samples from five water points and two HH were analyzed for free residual chlorine and all were found to be within normal range.
- Health care services have been provided to more than 2,000 patients, vaccinations to children and ante-natal care to pregnant women by World Vision at its clinics across the region.
- Corn Soya Blend (CSB) to malnourished children was provided by World Vision at its supplementary feeding centres (SFCs).

- Four focus group discussions on the preparation of Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS) were held in Khor Abachi IDP camp by World Vision.

West Darfur

- As part of efforts to reduce the threat of malaria, more than 1,000 long-lasting insecticide treated bed nets were provided to the State Ministry of Health by UNICEF, for communities in the Jebel Moon area.
- With UNICEF support, 46 community volunteers from military units were trained on awareness raising skills to promote the issue of HIV/AIDS prevention with local communities.
- UNICEF provided 103 cartons of nutritional paste which is sufficient to meet the needs of 120 malnourished children to the NGO World Relief.
- The SMOH presented the annual Reproductive Health work-plan to partners to incorporate their own activities.
- WHO provided guide lines on clinical management of rape and guidelines of common diseases in IDP camps to World Relief who is supporting three clinics.
- An advanced surgical eye procedures campaign is currently being carried out in Geneina Eye Hospital by the hospital's surgeon.
- WHO technically supported (planning, monitoring) in the joint garbage collection activities that have started in Abu Shook and A Salam camps. These activities are jointly implemented by partners working in the camps (WES/UNICEF, WHO/SMoH, OXFAM, El Fasher Local Authority and CHF). Separately, WHO has provided protective clothes (ten overall, ten heavy gloves) to SMOH for this exercise.

Non-Food Items (NFIs)

- Winterization distributions to-date of Common Pipeline NFIs by Sector partners has supported an approximate 90,000 out of 105,000 households requiring replenishment in the three Darfur states. In North Darfur, distributions to ten out of eleven camps are complete while distributions in Fata Borno, Kutum are still pending due to security restrictions. In West Darfur, distributions are complete save Mornie camp where Sheiks have refused targeted distributions. In South Darfur, approximately 42,000 households have been supported so far and verifications for 13,000 are ongoing.

North Darfur

- Oxfam GB distributed over 20,000 jerry cans (for safe household water storage) in Al Salaam and Abu Shouk IDP camps. Oxfam staff conducted a vulnerability assessment of the camp population, to identify the households most in need. One jerry can per household was then distributed to 13,884 families in Al Salaam, and 8,760 families in Abu Shouk. The jerry cans were part of the UNJLC and Oxfam GB pipeline

South Darfur

- Muslim aid replenished 1,105 households with blankets, plastic sheeting and jerry cans in Sakale, Nyala.
- International Islamic Relief Organization (IIRO) distributed winterization items to 1,280 households requiring replenishment in Serif camp, Nyala.

West Darfur

- 18,720 pieces of soap were distributed by Mercy Corps to 3,744 IDP households and 742 pieces of soap to 148 refugee households.
- Following a fire, Helpage distributed essential non-food items and emergency shelter to 66 households in Sisi Camp, El Geneina.
- SRCS replenished 1,481 households with winterization items in Riyadh camp, Geneina.
- 1,437 households in Zalingei camp requiring replenishment with NFIs from the Common Pipeline were supported by Mercy Corps.

Protection and Human Rights

South Darfur

- The NGO Jasmara, supported by UNICEF, provided mine risk education for nearly 700 residents of El Neem camp for IDPs in the Ed Daien area. Half of those reached were children.
- Members of the Children's Club at Umm Alghora school in south Nyala organized a one day festival to promote peace and culture, with assistance from UNICEF. The Children's Club concept is designed to encourage children and young people to play a more active role in promoting issues of relevance to them, and engaging with adult audiences to advocate for improved service provision and increased awareness of child rights.
- Provision of psychosocial support, informal education, vocational training and awareness on gender issues by World Vision continued to hundreds of beneficiaries at its community centres.
- Six community animators were also trained at its child friendly spaces and women centre.

West Darfur

- A two day training workshop was undertaken with UNICEF support in Zalingei, involving 36 UN civilian police officers, and addressing issues related to child protection and violation of child rights.

Water and Sanitation

South Darfur

- Under the leadership of the State Water Corporation, with the support of UNICEF, more than 10,000 people were reached with information on improved hygiene practices through group events held in Otash, Mosai and A salaam camps for internally displaced persons. In addition, 46 household latrines were constructed or repaired in A salaam camp.
- A hand-dug well in Silo camp was rehabilitated and fenced by World Vision as well as four broken hand pumps in Almalam East and West, Ardaiba Umfalag and Marintamat.

- 100 water taps were repaired, the construction of 29 latrines in Duma completed and the lining of 100 new latrines in Manawashi and Mershing commenced by World Vision.
- A clean-up campaign attended by 114 people in Masgid camp was conducted by World Vision.
- Four boreholes were drilled in Khair Wajid, Umgozaine, Abuginzeer and Umzaifa Diri, Edd al Fursan locality by World Vision. Two of the boreholes were tested and the water was approved for drinking.
- 40 pits were dug for household latrine construction within the Altaror community in Edd all Fursan locality. A total of 65 latrines were dug in the communities of Rehed Al Birdi locality: Fondog, Alsaisaban, Almatar and Alsika hadeed.
- Sensitisation sessions for beneficiaries in five communities on the construction of 150 household latrines were conducted by World Vision. The sessions focused on the importance and benefits of household latrines, responsibilities of the beneficiaries which includes digging of the pits and the selection of the beneficiary households by the community members. Clean-up campaigns in the communities were also discussed.

West Darfur

- 12 slabs and 24 beams for family latrines were distributed by Mercy Corps Mukjar sanitation team. Eight families began digging their latrines and seven other family latrines were covered by Mercy Corps.
- Eight water point stations were cleaned by Mercy Corps Mukjar that distributed 60 pieces of soap to schools for hand washing, and cleaned 595 jerry cans.
- A hygiene promotion team of Mercy Corps, Mukjar visited 313 households with hygiene messages, reaching 1,111 household members. The hygiene promoters also conducted 33 group discussions in the community and a follow-up with 892 people. It also did one group discussion in the livelihoods centre for 55 people.
- Mercy Corps continue the digging of a water pipeline in Mukjar in partnership with the community.
- 631 donkey carts of waste were transported to the landfill by Mercy Corps sanitation team in Mukjar.
- A Knowledge Attitudes and Practices (KAP) survey is being conducted by Mercy Corps, in Zallingei. This week data was collected from the villages of Treige, Urukum, Yesrib, Dar el salaam, Tadamon, and Salafjabal and from Yesrib damra.
- 23 pupils and two teachers are being trained on children's hygiene, diarrhoea and malaria control, latrine maintenance, and safe water usage, by Mercy Corps Zalingei. In Hassa Hissa and Shabab camps, Mercy Corps sanitation team, Zallingei also completed siting for 11 new latrines, covered 20 latrines, fenced three latrines, maintained 15 latrines, and delivered 10 slabs for family latrine construction.
- A water and sanitation (watsan) team from Mercy Corps Zalingei organised and held watsan committee meetings in Taiba, Hamidiya and Hassa Hissa camps to discuss current waste collection issues for better management in future. They also conducted two trips to rural areas (Tadamon and Sarafjabal) to train 10 community representatives in slab making and covering.
- Eight taps and two pipe linkages were fixed by Mercy Corps water team, Zallingei in Taiba as well as one gate valve replaced Hassa Hissa camps.
- The State Water Corporation, supported by UNICEF, has drilled five new boreholes and two large diameter wells in Rongata and Mornie to increase availability of water for these communities. In addition, the partners undertook maintenance of 13 hand pumps in Nertiti, Kanon and Gildo villages, benefiting some 6,500 people.
- The State Water Corporation and UNICEF also worked with local communities to construct 12 household latrines in Terij, and undertook a range of hygiene promotion activities in Terij, El Riyad, Ardamata and Dorti camps for internally displaced persons.

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