



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

- Recent conflict in Muhajariya, South Darfur and surrounding areas has displaced over 30,000 people. WFP participated in an inter-agency rapid assessment mission to Muhajryia on 6 February, which confirmed that people are in need of food, medicine and water. Subsequent humanitarian missions planned to Muhajryia are yet to take place due to access issues. Partners are on standby to resume humanitarian activities.
- Displacement resulting from recent conflict in Muhajariya is requiring coordinated support by partners in the Non-Food Items (NFIs) and Emergency Shelter (ES) Sector. UNJLC, as Sector Lead, is participating in the OCHA-led task force in North Darfur which is coordinating inter-sector response. At the same time, UNJLC is also working with partners to coordinate assessments of and distributions to the affected populations.
- As suspected cases of meningitis are reported from West and South Darfur, the task forces in the states are gearing up for the response to any outbreak during the season. Essential supplies like oily chloramphenicol, TI media, rapid diagnostic tests, lumbar puncture kits, etc have already been pre-positioned in high risk areas. This season, FMOH also has a good buffer stock of essential supplies including bivalent and trivalent vaccines
- The State Ministry of Health - Expanded Program for Immunization EPI/WHO in collaboration with UNICEF and health partners in the three Darfur states have finalized the implementation plan for the upcoming Polio National Immunisation Days (PNID) campaigns in Darfur. Coverage for gap areas will be done with collaboration of WHO, UNICEF and community volunteers

**Needs and response by sector**

***Education***

**South Darfur**

- A new Children's Club was established at Alkhyada primary girls' school in Nyala with UNICEF support, where 718 students are currently enrolled. The Children's Club concept aims to encourage greater participation amongst students and parents in the running of schools, and provides opportunities to raise awareness on a range of issues affecting children, including health care, hygiene and child rights.
- With UNICEF assistance, one classroom and a new office have been constructed by the NGO Almassar in Um-Khairban nomadic school, benefiting 232 children. Meanwhile, three permanent classrooms have been repaired and two semi-permanent classrooms constructed by the NGO at Karyo school, benefiting a further 325 children.
- Awareness sessions on the issue of HIV/AIDS were undertaken in Dereige and Asalaam camps for internally displaced persons, with the support of UNICEF. Twelve peer educators undertook training, and information materials were distributed to camp residents.
- More than 10,000 people participated in hygiene education sessions in Otash, Mossai and Asalaam camps for internally displaced persons, led by the State Water Corporation with support from UNICEF.
- The construction of improved latrines resumed with World Vision help at Alsalam Basic School in Manawashi.
- Training for 39 teachers from 13 schools in the central area of South Darfur was facilitated by World Vision. The teachers are undergoing training at the Nyala Institute of Education.
- School uniforms distribution was carried out for 171 girls attending the schools for displaced people in Otash camp by World Vision.
- The rehabilitation of two schools at Juru and Diri continued World Vision and latrine building was completed in schools in Jughma, Juru and Elhoda.
- A set of hand washing facility was supplied to Diri School and drinking water facilities to Diri and Nosieba schools by World Vision. The items included a plastic tank and a donkey cart.
- School uniforms distribution to 508 girls was carried out in the following schools: Diri, Norley, Nosieba, and Dabaka. World Vision also conducted a joint monitoring visit to the schools in conjunction with local officials from the Ministry of Education.

***Food Security and Livelihoods***

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Muhajariya have received January food distributions, some 30,500 beneficiaries could not be reached with food rations due to the clashes. With the recent displacements, locating the 30,500 people is a challenge. Some are heading towards North Darfur, while some have fled to other parts of South Darfur. Approximately 3,000 people from Muhajariya are being assisted with food rations at various IDP camps in North Darfur.

- Food rations were distributed to 4,828 beneficiaries by World Vision's food aid sector in Duma and about 12,000 households in Hamada and Manawashi. Food distributions also took place in Khor Abeche.
- More than 60 farmers in Khor Abeche, Manawashi and Mershing received training from World Vision on vegetable production and storage. Also, it identified farmers to benefit from future training and vegetable seeds distribution.
- Half a kilogramme of forest and fruit seeds were distributed to six beneficiaries at al Baitery in Nyala by World Vision.

#### West Darfur

- A drip irrigation system was fixed by Mercy Corps, Mukjar. The NGO also hosted 85 visitors, including 31 women, at its demonstration farm.
- Business skills training for 22 participants, including 12 women was completed in Um Dukhun by Mercy Corps. Inputs to three farmers' groups were also distributed.

### **Health and Nutrition**

#### North Darfur

- WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA in North Darfur supplied partners in Zam Zam with drugs, medical supplies, medical tents and paracheck kits to respond to the new arrivals. To date the number of new arrivals in Zam Zam stands at 3054 individuals.
- As part of ongoing initiatives to cover Tawila with health services after the pull out of MSF-Spain WHO assisted the community leaders in Tawila to select five women to undergo training of new midwives at El Fasher as a long term plan to improve mother and child health. The training at the midwifery school will start next week.

#### South Darfur

- Following the events in Muhajariya, WHO supplied drugs and medical supplies to Nyala Teaching hospital and Shearia rural hospital to manage referred patients
- Coverage of pentavalent vaccine reached 87%.

#### West Darfur

- Doctors and medical assistants in West Darfur received training on Meningitis standard case management in Northern Corridor. The training was fully supported by WHO/SMOH
- With UNICEF support, staff from the State Ministry of Health was able to undertake training for 40 immunization volunteers in areas of Jebel Moon currently controlled by non-signatories to the Darfur Peace Agreement.
- In Zallingei, 46 community volunteers have undertaken UNICEF-supported training on interpersonal communication as part of efforts to raise awareness on HIV/AIDS prevention. The volunteers subsequently began activities in schools and youth clubs in the area.
- 45 cartons of therapeutic milk have been provided by UNICEF to the State Ministry of Health and MSF France, to assist treatment of malnourished children in Zallingei. UNICEF has also provided weighing equipment to support sentinel site data collection in the Zallingei area.

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

#### North Darfur

- Blankets and plastic sleeping mats from the NFI Common Pipeline were distributed by CHF International to 550 newly-displaced households in Zamzam Camp, recently arriving from the Muhajariya area.
- Common Pipeline blankets and sleeping mats were also distributed by CHF International to 1,663 households requiring replenishment in Zam Zam, thus completing winterization distributions for the camp.

#### South Darfur

- Winterization distributions in Otash Camp were concluded last week when Rehaid El-Fursan Rural Development conducted distributions to 5,000 households requiring replenishment, providing blankets, jerry cans and plastic sheeting from the Common Pipeline to beneficiaries in need.
- Also in Otash Camp, Rehaid El-Fursan Rural Development supported 11 disaster-affected households, who lost their essential household items in a recent fire.
- Winterization items from the Common Pipeline were distributed by International Aid Hand to 250 households of IDPs requiring replenishment in Kass.
- Additionally, items from the NFI Common Pipeline were distributed by Solidarité to newly-displaced populations in Khazan Jedid in Shearia locality.

#### West Darfur

- NFIs from UNJLC are being distributed by Mercy Corps to targeted households across all the Zallingei camps. Thus far 601 households in Hassa Hissa camp and 49 households in Shabab camp have each received two blankets, One jerry can and two sleeping mats.

### **Protection and Human Rights**

#### North Darfur

- UNDP Rule of Law Programme in Darfur in collaboration with UNAMID Civil Police trained 45 police officers in international humanitarian law. During the same period, other 45 police officers received training on how to prevent and respond to gender-based violence and to address gender and sexual exploitation. Both training sessions took place in En-Fasher from 15 to 31 January.

#### South Darfur

- During an assessment mission to Muhajariya on 6 February, the Mine Action Office in Darfur met with local community leaders who reported the presence of UXOs. A UXO accident was reported, injuring one child. This is the third reported accident since fighting began in the area. The UN Mine Action Office in Darfur will gather additional information on these accidents when they deploy its contractor to the area on 10 February.
- A Mine Technical International (MTI) team working on the former SAF demolition pit (crater) close to UNAMID/Nyala Supercamp excavated the crater, a total of 162 m<sup>2</sup> and found 69 items of explosive remnants of war (ERW) and a large number of items free from explosives (FFE). MRE teams working in Dereige Camp gave presentations to 1426 IDPs.
- The MTI Route/Area Survey Team (RAST) conducted General Mine Action Assessment (GMAA) along the Khor Abeche – Karaka road. From 28 January to 4 February, the teams visited three villages, assessed 15 km of road, destroyed two UXO and marked one unexploded bomb for future demolition.
- Continued Psychosocial support, informal education, vocational training and awareness on gender issues were provided by World Vision to hundreds of beneficiaries at its community centres.

#### West Darfur

- Through its implementing partner, Mine Tech International, the Mine Action Office in Darfur destroyed 20 unexploded ordnances (UXO) and one 250 lb bomb in the Tina area, North of El Geneina on the 4 and 5 February.
- As part of a programme to support child-friendly spaces for children affected by conflict in West Darfur, UNICEF has provided construction materials for latrines to the NGO INTERSOS and art materials, stationery and other recreational items to the NGO CFS.

### **Water and Sanitation**

#### West Darfur

- 12 slabs and 24 beams for family latrines were distributed by Mercy Corps, Mukjar sanitation team. 12 families began digging their latrines and 11 other family latrines were covered.
- Seven water point stations and seven hand-dug wells were cleaned by Mercy Corps, Mukjar which distributed 60 pieces of soap to six schools for hand washing and cleaned 630 jerry cans.
- 293 households received visits from Mercy Corps hygiene promotion team in Mukjar with hygiene messages, reaching 1,900 household members. They also conducted 27 group discussions in the community on hygiene promotion with 877 people in attendance, and one group discussion in the livelihoods centre for 40 people.
- 643 donkey carts of waste were transported to the landfill by Mercy Corps sanitation team in Mukjar.
- One big well has been deepened and lined by Mercy Corps, Um Dukhun and one hand-dug well in Sherik along with one hand pump repaired, 18 slabs and 9 beams distributed for family latrines, and one water point station cleaned.
- In Hassa Hissa and Shabab camps in Zallingei, Mercy Corps sanitation team completed siting for 16 new latrines, covered 23, fenced seven and maintained 15 latrines. It also delivered 23 slabs for family latrine construction. The team in Zallingei also replaced 6 taps in the former camp.
- Five hand pumps in Karolei, Treij and Solo in the Zallingei corridor underwent maintenance through a partnership between local community technicians and the State Water Corporation, supported by UNICEF. Five new hand pumps were also installed in Rongata camp for internally displaced persons, benefiting 2,500 new residents who had moved from Mornie camp.
- In Ardamata camp, 40 household latrines have been repaired, ensuring adequate sanitation for some 200 people, in a project supported by the State Water Corporation and UNICEF. The partners have also supported the construction of eight household latrines in Treij village in Zallingei as part of the Community Action for Total Sanitation programme. Meanwhile, routine household visits on hygiene promotion were undertaken amongst 558 households in Dorati, Ryad, Treij and Ardamata.

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