



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

- After several unsuccessful attempts by the humanitarian community to gain access to Muhajariya and surrounding areas in South Darfur, approval was finally granted for a joint mission to Muhajariya on 16 February. On 17 February senior officials of the United Nations headed by RC/HC Ameerah Haq visited Nyala and gained assurances from the Deputy Governor of South Darfur for continued access to Muhajariya, Shearia and the surrounding localities.
- The ongoing hostilities in South Darfur still impact the security situation and the overall humanitarian operation in North Darfur state. Furthermore, carjacking continued to be a concern to all humanitarian actors.
- Movement of humanitarian cargo in South Darfur is facilitated by UNJLC for MSF-Holland, WHO and UNAMID to move essential medical supplies from Nyala to Muhajariya and Labado to re-supply MSF-Holland's medical facilities.
- Partners continue to work with UNJLC to identify, assess and support newly-displaced populations throughout Darfur. Despite the current focus on supporting conflict-related displacements, replenishment activities continue as well to support populations affected by other localized emergencies, such as fires.

**Needs and response by sector**

***Education***

**South Darfur**

- 85% of the rehabilitation of Diri and Juru schools has been completed by World Vision. Juru and Elhoda schools were supplied with a set of hand washing facilities each.
- Drinking water facilities were supplied to Juru, Elhoda and Jughma schools. Also, 75% of classrooms rehabilitation is completed in Alzahra girls' school.
- 476 girls' school uniforms were distributed to 6 schools in Ed el Fursan locality by World Vision. World Vision also trained 26 teachers from 15 schools on English and mathematic teaching.
- A new Children's Club was inaugurated in Elsaadia girls' primary school with the support of the State Ministry of Education and UNICEF. The Children's Club concept is aimed an enabling children and young people to play a more active role in education, peace-building and leadership within their communities.

***Food Security and Livelihoods***

**North Darfur**

- The ongoing fighting in South Darfur still impacts the security situation and the overall humanitarian operation in North Darfur state. Carjacking continued to be a concern to all humanitarian actors. On 11 February, a WFP contracted truck was reportedly hijacked after delivering food to Kebkabiya. An investigation is being carried out.
- According to WFP Cooperating Partners, Sudanese Red Crescent (SRC) and IOM, the initially verified figure of new arrivals at Zam Zam IDP camp totals 5,303 individuals, of whom about 1,700 had been provided with WFP emergency food rations in the last two weeks. WFP plans to provide additional one-month rations to 4,000 new arrivals in February and will organize further food dispatches as new arrivals continue to be reported. OCHA has established a task force to coordinate assistance and proposed locations to accommodate arrivals before the camp exceeds its capacity.

**South Darfur**

- After several unsuccessful attempts by the humanitarian community to gain access to Muhajariya and surrounding areas in South Darfur, approval was finally granted for a one-day joint mission to Muhajariya on 16 February, comprising WFP, UNICEF, WHO, OCHA, MSF and Solidarités to assess the humanitarian needs following intense fighting in the area since January. Solidarités and MSF staff remained on the ground to recommence the delivery of humanitarian assistance. Meanwhile, access to surrounding areas, including Shearia locality is still denied. WFP is concerned that some 115,000 people may not receive their February food rations.
- General food distributions were concluded by World Vision in Mershing and Khor Abeche. A total of 42,863 people received 322.88 metric tons of food, as well as four sectors in Kalma camp, where a total of 36,447 people received 455.6 metric tons of food.
- Two monitoring visits were conducted by World Vision to two of the cheese making centres at Ed el Fursan; 28 women and two men were trained on fodder production at Ed el Fursan and 1,713 eggs were recorded during the week in Umdabazi, Ed el Fursan and Boba.

- Three fodder farmer groups were trained on fodder production, two at Abondorowa and one group at Juru.
- A total of 100 farmers from Juruf, Mershing, Manawashi and Neteiga were identified for various training including fodder improvement production.
- 85 women were trained by World Vision on vegetable production in Khorabashi and Mershing, while another 100 women were identified to have benefited from vegetable seeds.

## **Health and Nutrition**

### North Darfur

- State Ministry of Health received 200 clean delivery kits from UNFPA to support the response to the needs of the new wave of IDPs that arrived in Zam Zam camp.
- An agreement has been signed that the state Ministry of Health will receive support in capacity building, reproductive health kits and commodities from UNFPA early in 2009.

### South Darfur

- 150 hygiene kits provided by UNFPA to ARC are to be distributed to women in late pregnancy in Tomat area, after the recent tribal fighting in the area where UNFPA also provided reproductive health commodities to ARC and IRC.
- The Kuwaiti Patients' Assistance Fund will receive UNFPA support to provide reproductive health services in Dereige camp.
- Health care services were provided by World Vision to more than 2,329 patients, vaccinations to tens of children and ante-natal care to pregnant women at its clinics across South Darfur.
- World Vision provided Corn Soya Blend (CSB) to tens of malnourished children at its supplementary feeding centres (SFCs) across South Darfur.
- UNJLC is working with MSF-Holland, WHO and UNAMID to move essential medical supplies from Nyala to Muhajariya and Labadu to re-supply MSF-Holland's medical facilities.
- Five cases of suspected meningitis were reported during the week. Two cases are from Muhajariya and three cases from Kalma Camp. The Rapid Test showed Serotype A. The State Task Force is being activated to coordinate the response to any outbreak during the epidemic season. Essential supplies have already been pre-positioned in high risk areas. The Health agencies in Kalma Camp were advised to conduct active case finding.
- WHO in South Darfur distributed Meningitis Kits to NGOs – MSF-H, MERLIN, MDM and pre positioned the same in Rural Hospitals of Kass, El-Daein, and Gereida.
- WHO coordinated with MSF-H, UNAMID and UNJLC to transport essential supplies and medicines (1000 kg) to Muhajariya, South Darfur.

### West Darfur

- Reproductive Health kits were provided by UNFPA to the State Ministry of Health and the Sudanese medical Islamic Association (SIMA). Items included: clean delivery kits, sexually transmitted infections management kits, rape management kits and mother-child health kit.
- Oral and injectable contraceptives were provided to ICRC, Zalingei by UNFPA.
- With UNICEF support, more than 1,400 children under the age of five received polio and measles vaccinations, vitamin A supplementation and de-worming treatment as the Sudan Accelerated Child Survival Initiative reached the areas of Gosmino, Arrosharow, and Falco in Jebel Moon. These are areas under the control of non-signatory groups to the Darfur Peace Agreement. During the initiative, which aims to deliver an integrated package of life-saving activities at community level, more than 1,000 anti-malarial bed nets were also distributed.
- The State Ministry of Health, assisted by UNICEF, conducted a workshop for 80 teachers in Habilla on Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) and the importance of consuming iodised salt. Iodine is known to strengthen children's physical and intellectual development, and prevents conditions such as goitre amongst women. The teachers will conduct awareness raising sessions in their respective schools.
- UNICEF has provided a range of nutrition supplies to partners, including weighing and measuring equipment to the State Ministry of Health and 20 cartons of nutritional paste and 50 cartons of therapeutic milk to the Therapeutic Feeding Centre in El Geneina Hospital.
- WHO conducted assessment on Health Care Waste Management (HCWM) in Foro Burunga hospital and SC-US health facility. HCWM/safe water quality procedures and guidelines were provided to the two facilities. The protective wear provided included: five protective clothing, five boots and heavy gloves.

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

### North Darfur

- Blankets and plastic sleeping mats provided by the NFI Common Pipeline are being distributed by CHF International to new arrivals in Zamzam Camp. Last week 759 households of newly-displaced populations were supported.
- OXFAM distributed essential items from the NFI Common Pipeline to 200 newly-displaced households in Shangil Tobayi Camp.
- Also in North Darfur, GOAL supported, 282 IDP households requiring replenishment in Fata Borno Camp, distributing blankets, plastic sleeping mats and plastic sheeting provided by the NFI Common Pipeline.

### South Darfur

- A distribution of plastic mats and jerry cans for 27 Chadian refugee households who arrived in the camp between January-June 2008 was carried out by UNHCR, Mukjar on 05 February. During the exercise, a total of 121 sleeping mats, 81 jerry cans and ten blankets were distributed.
- In Habilla, one household from Chad and two IDP households from Nyala and Gadarif were assisted by UNHCR with NFIs packages containing, two sleeping mats, two Jerry cans, and two sanitary kits.

- After a fire in Al Salam Camp, Humedica distributed essential items to 10 disaster-affected households from the NFI Common Pipeline.

#### West Darfur

- Terre des Hommes supported households affected by fires. NFI Common Pipeline items were distributed to eight households in Ryad Camp and one household in Durti Camp.

### **Protection and Human Rights**

#### North Darfur

- UNHCR, El Fasher delivered a protection seminar for UNAMID team site military officers on 4 February, aimed at enhancing the military's understanding of protection and in turn guiding them on how to report on protection concerns and incidents.

#### South Darfur

- The Commission of Refugees (CoR), in conjunction with the Ministry of Health (MoH), started the issuance of birth certificates in Um Shalaya refugee camp on 25 January. All live births in the refugee camp dating from 2006, when the camp was established, are being issued with birth certificates. The birth certificates were procured by UNHCR in 2008. On the first day, 33 mothers received birth certificates for their children. Currently over 100 children have been issued with birth certificates in Um Shalaya refugee camp.
- UNHCR, Habilla conducted a basic refugee and IDP protection training for 21 police and national security on 5 February. On 3-4 February, UNHCR, Habilla conducted an 'HIV Prevention and Response in the Workplace' training for 60 participants (32 men, 28 women) from UNHCR, WFP, SCUS, InterSoS, HelpAge and Ministry of Education.
- Two women clubs were established by World Vision at Asalam camp and 54 women were trained on violation issues, group management and Income Generating Activities IGA management.
- Psychosocial support, informal education, vocational training and awareness on gender issues have been continued by World Vision to hundreds of beneficiaries at its community centres in South Darfur.
- The NGO Haraza for Peace Development (HOPD) in collaboration with UNIFEM and with support from UNICEF began a ten day workshop on conflict resolution and negotiation skills with 200 women leaders from the internally displaced populations in Sakale, Al-Sam, Otash and Dereige camps. UNICEF is leading the facilitation of sessions on the law related to the protection of children and on issues such as child abuse, exploitation, and harmful traditional practices. The workshop aims to help strengthen the capacity of the women so they play an active role in conflict resolution, negotiation and decision-making.

#### West Darfur

- A three-day training workshop on child protection issues was undertaken with social workers and staff from the Ministry of Social Welfare, the State Council for Child Welfare, the local police, UNAMID and NGOs, supported by UNICEF.

### **Water and Sanitation**

#### South Darfur

- One broken hand-pump in Gereida was fixed by World Vision; and two water points in Boba and Beteikha were checked
- Superstructures of 15 family latrines at Khorabashi were completed by World Vision.
- A clean-up campaign conducted by World Vision was attended by 335 people in Manawashi and Duma, while 286 were mobilized for another campaign at Altaror village.
- 28 people- 20 women and 8 men received World Vision training on causes and transmission of diseases at Al mudkhal camp in Manawashi.
- 131 household at Khorabashi were visited and sensitized by World Vision on water and food storage.
- 10,000 bricks were produced by World Vision and distributed to 40 households for latrine component at Altaror village.
- 40 pits for household latrine construction were dug within the Altaror community in Ed el Fursan locality. Also, 68 household latrines were dug in Fondog, Alsaisaban, Almatar, Alsika hadeed and Duma all supported by World Vision.
- Sensitisation sessions were conducted for beneficiaries in communities on the construction of household latrines. The sessions focused on the importance and benefits of household latrines, responsibilities of the beneficiaries which includes digging of the pits among others, selection of the beneficiary households by the community members. Clean-up campaigns in the communities were also discussed.

#### West Darfur

- The State Water Corporation, supported by UNICEF, undertook maintenance of seven hand pumps in Durti, Ryad and Zalingei, ensuring sustained clean water supplies to some 3,500 local residents.
- Meanwhile, the Corporation - again with UNICEF assistance - repaired 310 household latrines serving some 1,860 internally displaced persons in Ardamata camp and undertook hygiene promotion activities with 574 households in El Ryad, Ardamata and Durti camps
- The two partners also provided training on hygiene promotion to 32 representatives of the State Water Corporation and non-governmental organizations, resulting in an action plan for each State Water Corporation sub-office to target one village in each locality with hygiene education activities.
- Eight hand dug wells located along Wadi Kaja in Geneina were tested for contamination and free chlorine residual (FCR). Five were found to be contaminated and no FCR. Corrective measures were taken to have the wells chlorinated.

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