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Key overall developments

- WFP's one-off emergency food distribution for March and April has been completed for beneficiaries in areas formerly covered by the expelled NGOs. Operational planning is being worked out to cover May and June food distributions.
- During the last two weeks IOM has deployed 83 surveyors throughout rural North Darfur to conduct its population baselines, tracking and village assessments. The ongoing assessment includes an overview of the food and livelihoods, education, health, water and sanitation, shelter, assistance provision, access, population movement and environment sectors. To date, more than 944 villages across North Darfur have been completed, which amounts to approximately a third of the estimated existing rural settlements in North Darfur.
- Discussions are ongoing between UNJLC and GoS/HAC at a Khartoum and state level to agree on the handover to UNJLC of the NFI Common Pipeline warehouses in El Obeid and El Fasher. In South Darfur, where UNJLC has taken over management of the NFI Common Pipeline warehouses, distributions are ongoing to support newly-displaced and disaster-affected households. NGO partners will be transporting all items from the warehouse to the distribution point themselves as an interim measure until an NFI Common Pipeline transportation partner is established. The keys to the warehouse in El Genina was handed over 16 April.

Needs and response by sector

Education

North Darfur

Regular activities

- With financial assistance from UNICEF, an international NGO completed construction of four new permanent classrooms for students in Dar El Salaam, benefiting an estimated 200 children. A second international NGO began construction work on two new classrooms and four latrines for schools in Kassab camp, in collaboration with UNICEF and the State Ministry of Education.
- 20 community volunteers from rural El Fasher areas were trained in stabilized soil block construction technology by Save the Children Sweden in collaboration with UNHABITAT.
- The INGO also conducted an assessment of 14 schools and is supporting the rehabilitation and reconstruction of ten schools in Kutum.

South Darfur

- UNICEF has provided classroom materials and recreational kits to a school for children with disabilities in Nyala, while 250 children in Khalwa school will benefit from a contribution of floor mats.
- Construction of floors at the World Vision-run Alsalam community centre was completed.
- Training on teaching methodologies, classroom management, preparations for lessons and children's rights for 36 teachers from various villages was organised in Edd al Fursan by World Vision.
- 400 chairs and kits to four child friendly spaces in Manawashi and Mershing were distributed by World Vision.

West Darfur

- 18 classrooms in rural and nomadic areas of West Darfur have now been constructed through a partnership between UNICEF and the State Ministry of Education – 1,200 children will benefit from this partnership when the school year starts in July. Meanwhile the Islamic Development Bank has supported the renovation of three schools in El Geneina and Sirba.

Food Security and Livelihoods

North Darfur

- WFP's seasonal food support to vulnerable residents has started in Hamrats and South Dar Zaghawa.
- Arrival of displaced population from Muhajariya, Shaeria, Abu Dangal and Labado continued during the week. However, the inflow of new arrivals, especially to Zam Zam camp, has considerably slowed down. WFP, IOM and SRC are planning a joint verification exercise for Zam Zam camp. This will be preceded by an information campaign targeting the camp population.
- Food distribution for the Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP) is ongoing for some 15,000 children under-five in Saraf Omra. In preparation for BSFP implementation in rural Dar El Salam, 84 community representatives were trained on BSFP implementation.

South Darfur

- Verification is ongoing for some 1,400 new arrivals from Muhajariya and Labado to Beliel camp.

- Reports of population movement from Hijaar and Um Kunya into Sania Afandu are being looked into.
- Food distributions are ongoing for some 81,000 IDPs in Kalma after a three-week deadlock with the camp leadership who refused all humanitarian assistance.
- A group of women in Galdi received four days training on vegetable cultivation and farm management.
- World Vision continued to support a group of women running a farm in Shadida. The women planted 830 *Acacia Senegal* seeds and transplanted tomatoes on 21 plots.
- Three cattle troughs were constructed in Kenin and Umsubak villages.
- 150 empty seed bags were distributed at Elhoda village and 50 bags at Boba village in Edd al Fursan in support of seed banks.
- Follow-up extension visits to five women groups cultivating vegetable gardens in Rehed Al Birdi were conducted by World Vision.
- 50 women in Mershing were trained on simple poultry production.
- Beneficiaries sowed 4,050 forestry seedlings at a nursery in Mershing.

Health and Nutrition

North Darfur

Short-term response to NGO expulsions

- To date blanket emergency dry rations have been distributed to more than 7,000 children amongst new arrivals in Zam Zam camp thanks to a combined operation supported by UNICEF and an international NGO that is also screening children for malnutrition. The two partners also implemented polio and measles immunization for nearly 10,000 children along with vitamin A supplementation.
- UNICEF continues to support the State Ministry of Health with supplies and financial support to ensure continued operations of feeding programmes formerly managed by suspended NGOs in Abu Shouk and Al Salam IDPs camps.

South Darfur

Short-term response to NGO expulsions

- Health supplies to the State Ministry of Health Nyala teaching hospital has been provided to increase its capacity, as more cases are referred from health centres formerly managed by suspended NGOs.
- UNICEF undertook an assessment of health and nutrition programmes in Feina to review service delivery following the suspension of an international NGO formerly working in the area. The assessment found that while former NGO staff remain committed to providing health and nutrition services, there is a shortage of necessary medical supplies, and there is no longer any professional medical staff available to supervise treatment.
- UNICEF and the State Ministry of Health have provided 200 cartons of therapeutic food to Kubum to support feeding programmes in the area, formerly managed by an international NGO.
- Routine immunization activities formerly managed by suspended NGOs in Khirwi, Singita and Abrum have stopped as former NGO staff have not been paid. The State Ministry of Health has committed to covering salaries for the affected staff, but coverage rates for March are likely to be far short of targets as a result of the interruption in service provision.

Regular activities

- The ongoing meningitis vaccination campaign supported by UNICEF, WHO and other partners has now reached 72,000 people in Beliel, Aljeer and Al Salaam camp.
- UNICEF has provided obstetric surgical equipment to Nyala hospital, and pledged additional equipment to Kass and Adilla hospitals, as part of the ongoing Accelerated Child Survival and Development Initiative.
- World Vision conducted consultations and provided primary health care for approximately 2,000 patients at clinics in Galdi, Genena, Manawashi, Mershing and Otash. 680 children were vaccinated and ante-natal care was provided to approximately 400 women.
- 80 treated mosquito nets were distributed to vulnerable village midwives at Edd Al Fursan Midwifery School.
- 22 severely malnourished children were admitted in Mershing for rehabilitation.

West Darfur

Short-term response to NGO expulsions

- Latest data indicates that less than half of the primary health care centres formerly managed by suspended NGOs are now being operated by the State Ministry of Health, and less than 40 per cent of the former population is being accessed by these centres.
- Meanwhile, following advocacy by UNICEF, an international NGO is taking over management of health services in Zallingei and Nertiti in collaboration with the State Ministry of Health and the Humanitarian Aid Commission.
- UNICEF continues to provide support to 11 supplementary and therapeutic feeding centres formerly run by suspended NGOs. Staffing for the centres is being provided by 61 former NGO personnel, with UNICEF providing cash and technical assistance.

Regular activities

- UNICEF provided ten cartons of nutritional paste to help restart outpatient nutrition treatment programmes in Forbaranga. UNICEF is also providing technical advisors to help restart the programme.

Non-Food Items (NFIs)

South Darfur

- NCA supported 629 newly-displaced households in Billel/Beliel camp with women's clothing, cooking sets and jerry cans from the NFI Common Pipeline.
- Samaritan's Purse distributed non-food items and emergency shelter to 534 newly-displaced households in Dito in the Buram locality, and in Yassin, Nyala.

- Humedica carried out NFI distributions to 91 households of newly displaced in Al Salam camp.
- Following fires, Humedica supported 41 households in Kass and Al Salam camp with essential household items and emergency shelter.

Protection and Human Rights

North Darfur

- UNICEF has provided financial assistance to the police-run Family and Child Protection Unit in El Fasher, which will allow renovation of accommodation, ventilation and light systems as well as provide child-friendly equipment for the unit. UNICEF has also provided five motorbikes to the unit, to allow staff to undertake follow up work with cases.

South Darfur

Short-term response to NGO expulsions

- Following a review of their position on NGO access to Kalma camp, camp leaders allowed the start of psychosocial activities for children, now being implemented by an international NGO. More than 3,600 children will benefit from this work. A local NGO is also now providing drama and recreational activities for 200 pre-school children in the camp.

Regular activities

- UNFPA has reported that Nyala Teaching Hospital is now equipped with medication used for GBV victims, which previously was not available, such as HIV PEP kits and emergency contraception.
- UNICEF has provided a range of recording equipment for Radio Nyala, as part of efforts to strengthen media capacity in South Darfur.
- Psychosocial support and care to approximately 1,500 children were provided at Child Friendly Spaces in Alsalam, Galdi, Manawashi and Mershing camps/villages by World Vision.
- Two peace-building committees in Manawashi and Mershing were formed. World Vision also made preparations for a 'local capacities for peace' (LCP) training for five committees in Kerikir, Khorabashi, Kurumji, Mirer and Netiga.

Water and Sanitation

North Darfur

Short-term response to NGO expulsions

- In Zam Zam, the State Water Corporation undertook the construction of 50 communal latrines in the new arrivals area.
- In Abu Shouk camp, the State Water Corporation was assisted by UNICEF to undertake a sanitation needs assessment, which found that 432 new latrines need to be constructed, nearly 400 are in need of repair and more than 330 can be brought back into use with necessary renovations. The State Water Corporation also provided nearly 56,000 bars of soap to residents of the camp. Sanitation coverage has been a major concern in all IDP camps since the suspension of NGOs working in the sector.

Regular activities

- The State Water Corporation, with UNICEF support, completed the construction of a new latrine at Golow Health Centre in Hilat El Zain village. In Kassab, the two partners also undertook repair of seven handpumps and the rehabilitation of 11 pumps in the Tawilla area.

South Darfur

Short-term response to NGO expulsions

- In the absence of suspended NGOs who were active in the hygiene sector, two remaining international NGOs have taken on environmental clean-up campaigns in Dereige, Al Serif and Al Salaam camps, while UNICEF is supporting the State Water Corporation to undertake similar activities in other camps.

Regular activities

- More than 1,000 households were reached with hygiene education messages in Otash, Al Salaam, Mossei and Kass camps for internally displaced persons. Activities have been made possible by the intervention of an international NGO.
- World Vision constructed 15 new latrines at Hamda camp in Manawashi, nine in Manawashi settlement, ten in Duma West and Adwa, and sensitized households on such hygiene issues as proper storage of water, use of latrines and cleanness of jerry cans.
- Two hand pumps in Bulbul; three in Tembisco, Algamee and Taliela; and three in Alzaraf, Madinat Alquraan and Edd Alfursan West were rehabilitated.
- Four boreholes at Banjaddeed and Kosora communities in Nitega area were established.
- World Vision continued water disinfection and chlorine monitoring at a motorised scheme at Kereri camp.
- It also conducted clean-up campaigns in Altaror, Duma East, Manawashi, Mershing and Omo communities.

West Darfur

Short-term response to NGO expulsions

- An international NGO has taken over management of water supply in two IDP camps in West Darfur, formerly implemented by suspended NGOs, to support the State Water Corporation. The State Water Corporation, which initially hoped to take on all the activities led by suspended NGOs, is currently managing water supply in seven remaining camps where NGOs were stopped from working.

Regular activities

- Five hand pumps underwent routine maintenance in Dorti, Ardamata and Gamma Zalingei camps in a joint programme between the State Water Corporation and UNICEF. The State Water Corporation was also able to undertake hygiene education activities in Ardamata and Ryad camps, reaching over 400 households.

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