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**Key overall developments**

- In order to continue feeding all beneficiaries previously under the expelled NGOs' care beyond June, the World Food Programme (WFP) is preparing to launch a special operation (SO) in Darfur. The SO is designed to compensate for capacity gaps left by the expelled NGOs. The aim is to provide operational support to partner NGOs expanding into gap areas on programme design, implementation and monitoring, some logistical management, and to act as an operational contingency should some areas remain without NGO coverage. The SO will also establish office and accommodation facilities for WFP and partners in remote locations with limited or no NGO coverage.
- On 22 April, the NFI Common Pipeline warehouse in El Obeid was handed over to UNJLC; discussions with HAC are ongoing about the warehouse in El Fasher which has yet to be returned. UNJLC is currently working with Sector partners to consolidate rainy season needs-assessment and distribution plans.
- On 29 April, UNJLC published findings from its recent assessment of the commercial availability of fuel in Darfur and subsequent contingency plans and mitigating actions related to fluctuations in availability. A total of 41 different fuel outlets were assessed in El Fasher, Nyala, Geneina and Zalingei. Based on analysis of received data, all organizations are advised to maintain an emergency fuel stock equivalent to at least three weeks of normal operational activities. When prices in any Darfur state rise by 20 percent, UNJLC will issue a flash alert to the humanitarian community via the normal logistics mailing list.

**Needs and response by sector**

***Education***

**North Darfur**

- In coordination with UNICEF, the State Ministry of Education started releasing 780 sets of benches and desks, 60 blackboards, 36 teachers' tables, and 36 teachers' chairs. These were all manufactured locally in El Fasher for the newly constructed classrooms using UNICEF funds. A total of 2,400 school age children (60 percent girls) will benefit.

**South Darfur**

**Short-term response to NGO expulsions**

- In As Salam IDP camp where the Cooperative Housing Foundation (CHF) supported child centre is now closed; UNICEF provided extra supplies (recreational kits, pre-schools, art kits) to CDF to support the 200 children who used to be in the care of CHF in As Salam.
- 43 benches and chairs to Jurouf Basic School were provided by World Vision

**Other activities**

- Ten permanent class rooms in two schools were completed in Um Saida (Asalaya locality) and Um Ballout (Alsalam locality); where five classrooms and one office were made available in each location to provide better learning spaces for about 600 pupils.
- UNICEF has provided recreation materials to the State Council for Child Welfare in support of a programme for 150 street children in Nyala.
- Computer training for 15 youth groups continued with the support of World Vision.
- Psychosocial support, care and informal education to 1,327 children at community centres and child friendly spaces at Al Salam camp, Galdi, Manawashi and Mershing settlements were provided.
- World Vision supported adult literacy classes and income generation activities for 768 women at Al Salam camp, Galdi, Manawashi and Mershing settlements.

***Food Security and Livelihoods***

**North Darfur**

- Food distributions under general food distribution (GFD), blanket supplementary feeding programme (BSFP) and the seasonal food support programme were completed in Hamrats, South Dar Zaghawa, Kassab, Fata Borno and Saraf Omra. Distributions are ongoing in 21 rural councils in Dar Al Salam.
- A WFP mission to Malha to verify reports of new IDPs found that 962 individuals have recently arrived, fleeing ethnic conflict in the eastern part of the state. The mission noted that some households have low food stock levels and recommended that they be included in the seasonal food support caseload.
- In preparation for the upcoming verification exercise in Zam Zam camp, WFP, IOM and SRC carried out an information campaign with the camp leadership. The head count is expected to take place shortly.

- Blanket supplementary feeding programme (BSFP) distributions for 15,426 children under-five were completed last week in Saraf Omra. With plans to further expand the outreach of the programme, 12,730 children have been screened and registered in Zam Zam camp. BSFP screenings are ongoing in Abu Shouk and Al Salam, and the results of the screening exercise completed during the week in Kebkabiya will be shared next week.
- In Kassab and Fata Borno, 36 community representatives were trained in preparation for BSFP implementation. Similar trainings were also carried out in Shangil Tobay and Shadad.
- Data from the verification of BSFP beneficiaries conducted in Kebkabiya town indicate a 2009 BSFP caseload of 17,757 children.
- The screening exercise for BSFP in Aboushouk camp is ongoing, while Al Salam is on hold pending discussions with community leaders. Screening and sensitization activities for BSFP are being carried out in rural Kutum North.
- ICRC is training 15 veterinary community workers in Dar el Salam.
- Last week, Practical Action distributed 300 cylinder gas and stoves to beneficiaries from El Fasher town and rural areas.
- FAO, in collaboration with the Women Development and Peacebuilding Society and the Azagarfa Farmer's Society, provided 265 goats to 53 households. A total of 158 households are targeted for goat restocking. In addition, FAO, through the El Fasher Women's Development Network distributed 100 goats to 20 households.

#### South Darfur

- An inter-agency assessment mission to Al Firdous to determine the humanitarian needs of new arrivals found that the IDPs are willing to stay in Al Firdous and cultivate crops. The local community has agreed to provide land for this purpose. The team also found an urgent need for water and sanitation facilities, as well as health and school infrastructure, and are looking into ways to address these needs. WFP will be implementing Food for Seed Protection in support of food insecure rural households who are not General Food Distribution (GFD) beneficiaries.
- WFP carried out Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM) trainings for temporary staff in Muhajariya and Shaeria, who are supporting food distributions in areas formerly covered by the expelled NGOs. The trainings will facilitate effective PDMs, improving upon programme quality and accountability.
- Sudanese Popular Committee for Relief and Rehabilitation indicated that 4,400 new arrivals from Muhajariya were included in their caseload and are receiving food assistance regularly. An additional 6,916 individuals are still being verified.
- General food distributions (GFD) for the month of April at Dereig, Kalma and Otash displacement camps were completed by World Vision. A total of 102,235 beneficiaries received 1,257.383 metric tons of mixed food commodities. In Al Salam camp GFD for 63,152 beneficiaries were completed. The beneficiaries received 758.184 metric tons of food.
- 50 women at Mershing were trained on poultry farming and management by World Vision and 45 households at Manawashi were trained on poultry management.
- 76 women at Manawashi and Mershing settlements were trained on the construction of fuel efficient stoves.
- Ten volunteer leader farmers (VLFs) in Khorabashi were trained on vegetable production and 25 VLFs at Manawashi and Mershing on making compost from available local materials such as organic fertilisers. The Khorabashi farmers have started harvesting vegetables such as onions, cucumber and radish for sale.
- World Vision provided refresher training on animal health care to 20 community animal health workers (CAHWs) at Nitega.
- It also selected 21 villages that will receive high-quality seeds in Galdi corridor during seed fairs slated for May, targeting 1,000 households.
- A drip irrigation system to support agriculture in Shadida was installed and the NGO constructed a cattle trough in the area.

#### West Darfur

- WFP and CRS completed food distributions to beneficiaries in Kango-Hazara, Arara, Mukjar and in the northern corridor during the week. Distributions are ongoing in Geneina and Zalingei distribution points.
- Emergency food rations were provided to 131 individuals affected by a fire incident at Mornie camp two weeks ago.
- Supplementary feeding and blanket supplementary feeding distributions for children under-five, pregnant and lactating mothers and caregivers are progressing. WFP partner, Tearfund, registered 3,200 children under-five in the south-western corridor for BSFP.
- Plans are underway to re-establish a supplementary feeding centre in Mornie and Habila with the re-opening of HelpAge International's offices in the area. HelpAge International had closed its offices in December 2008 for security reasons.
- Identification and registration of under-five children for BSFP has been done in all targeted locations, and Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) screening is ongoing. As of 25 April, a total of 5100 children had been measured from which 38 cases were referred to nutrition programmes.

### **Health and Nutrition**

#### North Darfur

##### **Short-term response to NGO expulsions**

- UNICEF Health team conducted a supervisory-monitoring visit to the ex-IRC clinics in Abu Shouk and Al Salam IDPs camps which are actually run by SMOH. The basic findings were that all health units are functioning adequately using the same framework established by IRC, all staff got full salary and incentives but with a delay of ten days, malaria treatment and lab equipments for Malaria diagnosis and microscopes provided by UNICEF were received by both clinics, and some extra medical supplies (drugs, medical appliances and equipments) are needed. UNFPA, WHO and UNICEF are taking proper action.

- Training of trainers for blanket supplementary feeding programme (BSFP) is going on in the state. BSFP has already started in Saraf Umra which was given priority due to the nutrition gap that has been created by the suspension of activities by MSF-B.

#### **Other activities**

- A training workshop on meningitis management and response for 26 doctors was held in El Fashir by the SMoH with support from WHO. 42 nurses were trained during the week on universal precautions in El Fashir teaching hospital.
- UNICEF delivered more medical supplies to its partner Relief International to support the extra number of 42,000 new arrivals IDPs in Zam Zam camp, in addition treatment and diagnosis appliances and Microscopes for Malaria disease were delivered to SMoH malaria department.
- The UNICEF supported nutrition programmes in the state are reporting a steady increase in admission as the hunger gap period (May-August) draws near.

#### South Darfur

##### **Short-term response to NGO expulsions**

- UNICEF Nutrition section is in the process on renting the ex-ACF warehouse for three months under SMoH custody to accommodate the 9,000 cartons of plumpy nut.
- UNICEF has transported meningitis vaccine to the eastern Jebel Marra area to support an immunization campaign that will be implemented by an international NGO.
- Over 1,000 children are now benefiting from psychosocial activities in Ottash, Kalma, Dereigh, Al Salaam and Beilel IDP camps through the work of an international NGO, which is supporting work previously implemented by two expelled NGOs.

#### **Other activities**

- UNICEF facilitated the transportation of 6,500 meningitis vaccines from Nyala to West Darfur (Zalingei) to meet additional needs in Gildo; ICRC, UNICEF, SMoH and WHO will conduct the vaccination campaign.
- WHO reports 182 suspected cases of meningitis as of 19 April, of which 21 are confirmed from the 100 samples sent for testing. The vaccination campaigns in camps such as Al Salam, El Serif, Bilel/Kalma and Al Jeer were completed during the reporting period. The total vaccinated population is registered at 120,768.
- Consultations and primary health care to 2,626 patients were provided at clinics in Galdi, Genena, Manawashi, Mershing and Otash by World Vision, who also supervised the safe delivery of 14 children; vaccinated 703 children and 124 mothers; provided vitamin supplementation to 23 people; provided ante-natal care to 430 women.
- Corn Soya Blend (CSB) was provided to 559 malnourished children at Manawashi and Mershing and 34 severely malnourished children were admitted for treatment.
- World Vision conducted health education visits to 462 households in Manawashi and Mershing, and reached out to 1,649 people through community mobilisation.
- UNFPA advocated for two medical doctors, one obstetrician consultant and one social worker as focal points for the clinical management of rape within Nyala teaching hospital. Contact information of the focal points has been shared with all partners.
- Muslim Aid UK, Sudan family planning association and Rufaida organization was supported by UNFPA to conduct workshops on HIV/AIDS.
- UNFPA also supported the local media network and some artists and writers to organize a conference discussing the challenges of HIV/AIDS in a humanitarian setting.
- Reproductive Health commodities to WV, Cordaid, Mubaderron organization and the Italian hospital of Nyala were distributed by UNFPA.

#### West Darfur

##### **Short-term response to NGO expulsions**

- The four Outpatient Therapeutic Programme (OTP)-centres in Foro Burunga were successfully reopened with the support of UNICEF employing former SC-US staff. Additionally UNICEF provided 50 cartons of plumpy nut to the MoH for Foro Burunga to benefit 71 OTP beneficiaries for five weeks.
- After the expulsion of MSF-F and evacuation of MSF-Swiss from Jebel Marra most of areas are inaccessible for the provision of health services for State Ministry of Health (SMOH) but accessible for the UN and INGOs. Same situation for Jebel Marra in Northern corridor of West Darfur.
- The State Ministry of Health has taken on waste management in Krinding 1 camp, and has committed to managing programmes in Habila, Foroboranga, Mukjar, Um Dukhum and Krenek camps for one month.
- Following the expulsion of an international NGO providing psychosocial care to children in Habila and Foroboranga, a new international NGO partner has started provision of these services for two months, benefiting an estimated 1,400 children.

#### **Other activities**

- The meningitis vaccination campaign in Jebel Marra for the 1st round covered 31,323 people between the ages of two and 30 years reports WHO.
- All of the required supplies for the planned meningitis vaccination in Guildo arrived in Zalingei on 15 April and were received by ICRC through EPI/Zalingi. The vaccination campaign will be implemented by ICRC targeting a total of 6,600 people aged between two and 30. The campaign will start in Guildo on the 18th of April for a total of three-four days.
- UNICEF provided 166 cartons of plumpy nut for the 15 sites operated by CONCERN.
- A second round of accelerated immunization activities was undertaken in 14 low coverage areas of West Darfur, led by the State Ministry of Health with UNICEF support. Meanwhile, a third round of meningitis vaccination is scheduled to start in the Golo area next week, to be implemented by an international organization. The first two rounds of the campaign have already reached over 31,000 people in the Jebel Marra region.

- A ten day training programme on infant and young child feeding practices was undertaken for 46 midwives, nutritionists and other health workers, led by the State Ministry of Health and supported by UNICEF.

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

#### South Darfur

- Following fires, NCA, World Vision Sudan and SRCS distributed non-food items and emergency shelter to 260 affected households in Sakali, Dereig and Galdi in the Nyala locality and PODR carried out distributions to 94 households in Kass.
- In addition, NCA replenished 258 households in Sakali in Nyala with non-food items and emergency shelter.

### ***Protection and Human Rights***

#### South Darfur

- Eight focus group discussions in Manawashi and Mershing in which 939 children - 485 girls and 454 boys – were conducted by World Vision. The children were sensitised on issues related to children and their rights. 13 focus group discussions also took place in which 773 women, 701 girls and 70 men were sensitised on children's and gender issues.
- 25 women were selected to take part in income generation activities were trained on market assessment training.

#### West Darfur

#### **Other activities**

- UNICEF facilitated two sessions on the affects of armed conflict on children in Darfur and the response to child protection issues/concerns. The sessions were attended by 45 participants from IDP communities in Kreding 2 camp (community leaders, women group, male and female youth group). These sessions were a part of a five day training organized by UNMAID training unit in El Geneina.
- UNFPA supported the Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) to organize a two days workshop on the interagency standing committee guidelines on GBV to roll out the guidelines and build the capacity of partners in planning and coordination in that respect.
- UNFPA also participated in a joint mission to Sisi area to assess availability and utilization of Reproductive Health services and information specifically comprehensive emergency obstetric care ( CEmOC).

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

#### North Darfur

- In El Salam WES distributed 285 soap boxes, in Kebkabiya 432 boxes of soap were distributed, and in Zam Zam 1,066 persons received hygiene messages on hand washing with soap, use of latrines and safe storage of water through focus group sessions.

#### South Darfur

#### **Short-term response to NGO expulsions**

- In Kass IDP camp, the State Water Corporation has been supported by UNICEF to implement environmental cleaning campaigns, while an international NGO and the State Water Corporation have repaired four latrines that had become silted, and 100 latrines have been brought back into use by the State Water Corporation with UNICEF assistance.
- UNICEF is working with the State Water Corporation to identify and finalise agreements with new partners to provide sanitation and hygiene education activities in Kass, Mosei and Al Salaam camps, where there are considerable gaps in provision following the expulsion of NGOs previously working in the sector.

#### **Other activities**

- Water continued to be provided to 6,050 people in Duma settlement by World Vision.
- A focus group discussion on food and water safety was conducted for 39 people at Kereri camp.
- World Vision also mobilised 108 community members in Duma to take part in a clean-up campaign and conducted hygiene promotion visits to 96 households in Duma and Kereri.
- 40 people in Yara were trained on hand pump management.
- 42 pits of new latrines were lined at Manawashi, the INGO also fabricated three slabs, delivered 750 mats for building latrine walls and constructed six latrine superstructures at Mershing.
- Nine water hand pumps in Nitega area were repaired and a water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) committee (comprising ten members) to be trained on hand pump management and equipped with the necessary tools was identified.
- 24,000 bricks, sand and gravel for construction of a water tank base at Manawashi were provided.
- World Vision rehabilitated generator houses at Manawashi and Mershing and provided fuel for the operation of motorised water schemes at Mershing.
- It also dug 50 pits for replacement latrines and distributed 3,000 bricks to the beneficiaries of the new latrines.
- Seven hand pumps in the Nitega area were repaired and World Vision trained 50 members of water and sanitation (Watsan) committees in the area.
- Four water stations (tap stands) in Duma and six in Karari were fenced. The INGO team also changed two valves for the water system in Duma.
- Water disinfection and chlorine monitoring at the motorised scheme in Karari and Duma, where seven latrines were constructed continued.
- A hand pump caretakers training for 40 people in Yara corridor was conducted and World Vision handed out 13 tool boxes to each management committee.

#### West Darfur

#### **Short-term response to NGO expulsions**

- Hygiene promotion and sanitation activities have been started in Hassa Hissa and Hamidiya camps in Zalingei by NCA. Although WES has recruited sanitation and hygiene supervisors formerly employed by Solidarities the activity implementation has not yet started. UNICEF will release funds for this activity to the government WES. An agreement was also reached with CRS for the same type of activities in Mukhjar and Habilla. Medair will use its own funding to implement sanitation and hygiene promotion activities in Foro Burunga.

#### **Other activities**

- World Water Day (WWD) was celebrated on 15 April at state level. Celebrations were also conducted in three IDP camps with visitors going to the field to participate in the celebrations that involved drama shows by communities on activities conducted in the camps. Government was represented by the ministers of urban planning and public utilities and; minister of health beside legislative assembly representative and other government institutions. INGOs and UN agencies also attended the celebrations.
- WES with UNICEF support maintained 34 hand pumps in Habila, Foro Burunga, Ardamata, Krinding and Dorti camp by WES team ensuring continued provision of safe water. Also in Dorti and Ardamata WES with UNICEF support reached 548 household with hygiene promotion messages and conducted three cleaning campaigns.
- The State Water Corporation, supported by UNICEF, undertook maintenance of two hand pumps in Zalingei, ensuring clean water supply for some 1,000 people. Meanwhile, the local sanitation committee in Teraij undertook household hygiene campaigns reaching 32 households, while a similar exercise led by the State Water Corporation reached 370 households in Dorti and Ryad camps.

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