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Key overall developments

- Food distributions are continuing to over three million beneficiaries in Darfur. This figure is expected to increase as the peak of the hunger gap approaches and WFP anticipates that some 3.8 million people will require food assistance during this period. Efforts are still ongoing to find replacement NGOs to cover gaps left during the March 2009 NGO expulsions. WFP continues to do direct food distributions with local Food Relief Committees to 65 percent of beneficiaries in areas formerly covered by the expelled NGOs, while new and existing partners are expanding to cover the balance. While WFP has ensured continued food distribution to beneficiaries in gap areas, there is an urgent need to re-establish a comprehensive and accountable programme through resumed assessments, targeting and monitoring in these areas. WFP urgently requires cash resources to implement a Special Operation launched in June 2009 to support a re-established and reinforced WFP and NGO presence in the gap areas.
- UNJLC has disseminated the NFI Common Pipeline Common Appeal for Funding to donors. The Appeal advocates for funding for NFI Common Pipeline operations in the second half of 2009, emphasizing the urgent funding requirements of the Pipeline warehousing and transportation partners. Donors are equally encouraged to fund needs assessment and distribution partners to ensure NFIs can be delivered to beneficiaries in need in a timely manner and the Pipeline can continue to function effectively.

Needs and response by sector

Education

South Darfur

Regular activities

- Four new temporary classrooms in El Serif School have been completed and renovation of existing classrooms is ongoing under the management of the NGO Humedica, supported by UNICEF. Approximately 225 children will benefit from the project. Meanwhile, Humedica and UNICEF have also renovated five classrooms in Umsaijala School, along with constructing six latrines - 350 children will benefit from this initiative.
- UNICEF has provided a range of educational materials including text books, floor mats and other supplies to schools in Kubum, Albardana and Almaamoura, as well as to the Almassar Charity working with nomadic children. More than 11,000 children are benefiting from this support.

West Darfur

Regular activities

- UNICEF provides support to the State Ministry of Education to construct a new classroom for 45 girls from nomadic communities in Forbranga.

Food Security and Livelihoods

North Darfur

Regular activities

- General Food Distribution (GFD) and Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP) for June 2009 are almost completed in North Darfur. During the week GFD & BSFP distributions were conducted in Kutum town, Abassi IDP camp (Mellit) and Sayah.
- Food deliveries to schools participating in the Food for Education (FFE) were completed in all locations, except for Saraf Omra where it is ongoing. The FFE programme supports nearly 180,000 children in 415 schools in the seven localities of North Darfur.
- Under the Supplementary Feeding programme, 816 beneficiaries, mainly children, in Kutum, Refia, Dallol and Fata Borno received food assistance during the reporting week.

South Darfur

Regular activities

- WFP and its partner, the Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS), are verifying reports of new arrivals to Abu Jabra town. The IDPs were displaced during recent inter-ethnic clashes. A further 158 IDPs to Ed Daein from Muhajariya are also being verified.
- WFP partner, World Vision, completed the verification and registration of children under-five in seven sectors of Kalma and Otash sector four camps. This will be followed by food distributions to registered beneficiaries.
- World Vision implemented the following key programme activities in South Darfur during the past week:
 - Distributed 863.53 metric tons of monthly food rations to 71,961 beneficiaries at Otash and Mosey Internally Displaced Person (IDP) camps.

- Distributed Corn Soya Blend to children under five years at Otash and Kalma IDP camps under the blanket feeding programme.
- Conducted seeds fairs that benefited 1,993 farmers in Edd al Fursan North, Edd al Fursan South, Morley and Alghaba villages. Established seed banks that benefited 304 beneficiaries at Boba and Abu Almaki villages.
- Supported various nurseries that yielded 33,500 seedlings.
- Launched the distribution of seeds and tools to 5,000 households.

West Darfur

Regular activities

- Food pre-positioning is ongoing in some locations that become inaccessible during the rainy season. This activity is expected to be completed by the first week of July. Pre-positioned food will cover beneficiary needs from July till September.
- With the start of the new academic year, food dispatch is ongoing to 72 schools in West Darfur in support of school feeding for 59,000 children. WFP provides a cooked meal at school to alleviate short-term hunger, as well as encourage enrolment and regular attendance in school.
- Triangle Génération Humanitaire (TGH) distributed 90 tons of millet/sorghum/groundnut/sesame/luba beans benefitting 8500 beneficiaries. Along with distribution, TGH organised technical trainings on soil preparation.

Health and Nutrition

North Darfur

Short-term response to NGO expulsions

- A three day Meningitis immunisation campaign targeting 100,000 people was undertaken in El Fasher town and Mellit, led by the State Ministry of Health with support from UNICEF. Initial results reported from El Fasher show that more than 56,000 people were reached. UNICEF supported the training of nearly 280 vaccinators to undertake the campaign.
- UNICEF has provided 14 metric tons of emergency health supplies to the State Ministry of Health in addition to 24 primary health centre kits containing essential drugs and medicines - these supplies will help ensure continued health care provision for 24,000 people in Um Sayalla and North-East Jebel Marra for the next month. UNICEF also provided financial support and plastic sheeting to the State Ministry of Health to repair three health clinics formerly run by expelled NGOs in Abu Shouk and Al Salam camps.

Regular activities

- Reports from the recent polio immunisation campaign held in North Darfur with support from UNICEF and WHO indicate that coverage levels in both government and non-government controlled areas was over 100 percent. In the last week Jebel Si and North-East Jebel Marra - were reached by vaccinators.
- In North Darfur, WHO/ State Minister of Health (SMOH) conducted a training workshop for 25 laboratory technicians on standard operating procedures (SOPs) of safety precaution and laboratory confirmation of AWD Acute Watery Diarrhoea and Meningitis.
- WHO provided on the job training on good storage practice for Kutum rural hospital warehouse and pharmacy staff.

South Darfur

Short-term response to NGO expulsions

- WHO, UNICEF and OCHA conducted two missions to Kalma Camp to assess the quality of services delivered by local health staff at two Primary Health Care Centre (PHCC) in the camp and the availability of drugs and supplies.
- WHO South Darfur donated essential drugs and laboratory supplies to State Ministry of Health and National Health Corporation to cover the gaps in delivery of health services.
- A total of 3071 patients benefited from health services across all the seven health facilities supported by Merlin in Adilla Locality.
- Merlin started reconstruction of Dar El Salaam static clinic on 25th June 2009.
- Rehabilitation work has been completed with Merlin support at Babanusa static clinic.
- Immunisation is ongoing for children with Merlin immunising 151 children.
- Merlin held a meeting with 23 Community Health Promoters to prepare for potential Acute Watery Diarrhoea outbreaks. A major challenge is the lack of access to secondary health care in Gereida. There is currently only one medical MoH doctor serving a population of 150,000.
- Merlin completed the third of five monthly Blanket Supplementary Food distributions to all children under five in Seleah and Yassin, in partnership with WFP. 8,085 children benefited from this initiative designed to prevent malnutrition during the hunger gap season.
- In addition to the distribution, Mid Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) screening and Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM) was carried out by Merlin and is ongoing for selected children and mothers/caretakers. This focuses on awareness of the BSFP, food preparation, food consumption and storage conditions. Children identified as malnourished are referred to the Supplementary Feeding Programme (SFP) or OTP for further management.

Regular activities

- While concerns remain over provision of health and nutrition services in Kalma camp, UNICEF provided 100 cartons of nutritional paste, 26 cartons of therapeutic milk boxes and other nutrition supplies to the camp, and has provided cash support to former NGO staff who have agreed to maintain nutrition services for the time being.
- A polio immunisation campaign was undertaken in Kalma camp last week, supported by UNICEF and WHO and implemented by a local organization. Nearly 40,000 children were targeted in this campaign - the first to be undertaken in the camp for four months. Initial results from the recent polio immunisation campaign in eastern Jebel Marra show that nearly 23,000 children were reached around the Dirbat area, more than originally expected.
- In South Darfur, WHO in collaboration with SMoH conducted a training session for 20 health cadres from Shariea locality in Nyala on AWD Case Detection and Case Management.

- WHO South Darfur donated essential drugs and laboratory supplies to State Ministry of Health and National Health Corporation to cover the gaps in delivery of health services.
- World Vision implemented the following key programme activities in South Darfur during the past week:
 - Consultations for 2,335 patients at clinics in Galdi, Geneina, Manawashi, Mershing and Otash; vaccinated 642 children and 71 mothers; provided ante-natal care to 652 women; provided Expanded Programme on Immunisation (EPI) services to 673 people.
 - Treated 437 malnourished children in Manawashi, Mershing and camps around Nyala and gave them high energy food.
 - Conducted health education visits to 1,406 households, and reached out to people through community mobilisation.

West Darfur

Short-term response to NGO expulsions

- UNICEF continues to provide essential assistance to the State Ministry of Health to maintain services in eleven therapeutic and six supplementary feeding centres across West Darfur that were formerly managed by expelled NGOs. Community-based nutrition outreach services are also being maintained through financial and technical support from UNICEF. Negotiations continue between the state government, NGOs and leaders of the Hassahissa camp to get the feeding centre in the camp re-opened.
- Last week, UNICEF provided on-the-job training the feeding centre staff in Nertiti hospital, to strengthen capacity in the nutrition sector.
- WHO and Geneina eye hospital conducted a consultation and operation campaign in which 250 patients were treated last week. Another campaign is planned for the coming weeks.
- WHO provided essential drugs to Geneina teaching hospital and for Baranga hospital, while the Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) and China Aid supported Geneina hospital with surgical equipment.

Regular activities

- In West Darfur, WHO with the collaboration of SMOH conducted one day training on rapid response team on AWD/flood related health response. In addition, WHO with IMC at Alryad IDP camp conducted an awareness session on AWD for 20 Community Health Workers.
- In West Darfur, 25 community volunteers from Mukjar locality were trained on Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses (IMCI) community component with technical support of WHO.

Non-Food Items (NFIs)

North Darfur

Regular activities

- Plan Sudan replenished 9,818 households in Zam Zam camp with plastic sheeting and jerry cans for the rainy season.
- GOAL supported 39 households of newly displaced in Fata Borno camp with plastic sheeting, jerry cans, sleeping mats, blankets and women's clothing.

South Darfur

Regular activities

- Humedica supported community projects in Al Salam camp with 80 pieces of plastic sheeting from the Common Pipeline.
- Popular Organisation for Development and Relief (PODR) supported 5,761 households in various camps in Kass with plastic sheeting.
- Kuwaiti Patients Helping Fund supported community projects in Dereig camp and Otash camp with plastic sheeting and sleeping mats from the common pipeline.
- SRCS replenished rainy season items to 3,400 households in Dereig camp.
- Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) replenished 1,415 households in Sakali camp with plastic sheeting and jerry cans.

West Darfur

Regular activities

- 37 refugee families from CAR and 35 families from Chad have arrived in Um Dukhun. UNHCR has provided NFIs to Triangle for distribution to the new arrivals.
- On 24 June UNHCR conducted the targeted NFIs distribution before the rainy season to 1,941 vulnerable families in Um Shalaya refugee camp.
- 11 IDP families arrived from a locality in South Darfur to Um Dukhun in Mukjar due to inter-tribal conflict. Following discussions with the Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) and Triangle it was agreed that NFIs assistance will be distributed only after a proper assessment on the ground.
- Catholic Relief Services (CRS) replenished 1,010 households in Habilla camp with plastic sheeting and jerry cans.
- INTERSOS replenished 3,275 households in two camps in Habila; 8,552 households in Umm Kher camp and 11,736 households in Garsila with rainy season items.

Protection and Human Rights

North Darfur

Regular activities

- The UNICEF-supported Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV centre in El Fasher started group counselling sessions for 138 pregnant women during the last week. The programme is designed to help women have confidence in voluntary and confidential testing for HIV, and learn more about the facts surrounding HIV and pregnancy. UNFPA supported HIV/AIDS activities in Abushok camp.
- UNFPA will support the State Ministry of Health to deliver reproductive health services through 12 health facilities in (Baseem, Kherban, Gabarelganam, Tawila, Abuzreiga, Umagaga, Kulkul, Hashaba, Saraf Omra, Kabkkabiya, Sertoni)

- UNFPA will support Dar salaam hospital with equipment, instruments and drugs for all referral level of reproductive health services including caesarean sections.
- UNFPA distributed 7400 pieces of clean delivery kits to Malteser, GOAI, PAI, Mercy, RI, KPHF and state ministry of health.

South Darfur

Short-term response to NGO expulsions

- Basic psychosocial activities supported by UNICEF are ongoing in 13 locations in east Jebel Marra, reaching more than 15,000 children as well as in camps around Nyala and Gereida for some 22,000 children.

Regular activities

- The Day of the African Child was commemorated in Nyala by the State Ministry of Social Welfare, supported by UNICEF. A series of events were held involving internally displaced children, street children, preschool children, children with disabilities and children from local clubs and associations. The children delivered a memorandum to the representative of the State Governor, requesting commitments to free basic education, strengthen capacity of teachers, efforts to reduce child and maternal mortality including free medical treatment and provision of clean water, special care for street children through housing and reintegration programmes, as well as special care for abandoned babies and children without parental support. The children also requested that more efforts were made to enable children to participate in decision making processes.
- World Vision launched income generation activities and sporting activities to promote peace in Almalam, Juruf, Khor Abeche, Krekir, Krumji, Mershing, Mirer and Nitega.
- A three days' training course for 20 social workers on domestic violence and sexual assault was undertaken with the support of UNICEF. This specialist training was designed specifically for social workers seconded to the South Darfur Police Family and Child Protection Unit, and covered definitions of domestic violence and sexual assault from a sharia, criminal law, sociological, psychological and social work perspectives. The workshop also covered the effects of violence and sexual assault on individuals, families and communities.
- The fifth round of teacher training workshops on the new HIV/AIDS life skills curriculum, supported by UNICEF, started at the Nyala teacher training institute targeting 30 teachers.
- UNFPA SD distributed reproductive health kits in Jebel Marra and Adilla. Humedica in Nyala and Kass camps. Cordaid in Eldeain. Merlin in Kalma camp and in Tulus and Buram. Kits were also distributed to Gereida hospital, Eldeain hospital, Adilla hospital and Nyala teaching hospital.
- UNFPA SD conducted a workshop on gender based violence targeting 22 service providers.
- World Vision implemented the following key programme activities in South Darfur during the past week:
 - Conducted adult literacy classes for 632 women and trained 40 on how to manage their income generation activities; continued to provide psychosocial support to women attending WV community centres in South Darfur.
 - Provided psychosocial support to children at Child Friendly Spaces in Asalam, Galdi, Manawashi and Mershing camps and sensitised them on children's rights and gender issues.

West Darfur

Regular activities

- UNICEF supported a training programme for 50 community leaders on interpersonal communication skills and techniques, as part of the HIV/AIDS awareness programme in West Darfur. At the same time, an international NGO supported by UNICEF undertook awareness sessions for community leaders in Armankoul, Madinat Alhujaj, Abuzar and Tenjeki camps.
- UNFPA in collaboration with State Ministry of Health conducted a three day training workshop in Zalingei on clinical management guidelines for rape survivors, targeting 24 service providers (Medical doctors, midwives and nurses) working for governmental and nongovernmental organizations in different localities in eastern part of west Darfur.
- UNFPA WD will support 15 health facilities of the State Ministry of Health by 30 midwives, maternity wards and labour rooms. Facilities cover the areas of Garcella, Forbaranga, Krinik, Kulubus, Habila, Hajar, Bagar, Amar Jidad and Nertiti.

Water and Sanitation

North Darfur

Short-term response to NGO expulsions

- In Abu Shouk, Al Salaam and Kassab camps for internally displaced persons, UNICEF supported the State Water Corporation and local technicians to repair a total of 16 hand pumps during the last week, while chlorination of water sources also continued in all camps to reduce the risk of disease outbreak. UNICEF's support to water programmes in the three camps is helping ensure that over 128,000 people have regular access to clean drinking water.
- UNICEF and the State Water Corporation have also repaired four communal latrines in Abu Shouk camp, as well as begun work on the repair of 100 pit latrines to improve access to sanitation. In Kassab camp, the State Water Corporation and local residents undertook a clean-up campaign as well as cleaning more than 630 communal latrines, while in Abu Shouk camp and Kassab camps more than 2,300 households were visited in the last week by hygiene educators.

Regular activities

- The State Water Corporation, supported by UNICEF, worked with community mechanics to repair four hand pumps in Zam Zam camp, while the State Water Corporation also constructed a mini-water yard in Nemera. The State Water Corporation was assisted by UNICEF to construct 74 communal latrines and repair 26 others in Zam Zam, as well as cleaning 912 communal latrines to keep them functional.

- Also in Zam Zam camp, UNICEF assisted the State Water Corporation to undertake 623 household visits to disseminate hygiene promotion messages, and distribute more than 61,000 bars of soap to support hygiene efforts. A similar programme in Kutum saw more than 2,000 households reached by hygiene promoters.

South Darfur

Short-term response to NGO expulsions

- The State Water Corporation, backed by UNICEF, repaired 53 latrines in Kass, raising the total number of functional latrines to 138, while dissemination of hygiene messages was undertaken with 376 households - reaching more than 1,500 people. Meanwhile, in El Serif 100 new latrines have been constructed by the two partners, and repairs were carried out on 150 household latrines.
- A major breakthrough has been reached in the provision of water in Kalma camp, following advocacy by UNICEF with the State government. An international NGO will now take over management of the water services in the camp, with UNICEF providing fuel and other immediate supplies. Forty staff from expelled NGOs have been recruited by the new partner and chlorination of all motorized pumps in the camp has already got underway.

Regular activities

- World Vision implemented the following key programme activities in South Darfur during the past week:
 - Rehabilitated two broken hand pumps in Manawashi and Mershing. Replaced 15 broken taps in the Karari water system.
 - Drilled one borehole at Altaror village in Edd al Fursan locality.
 - Carried out water quality tests in Duma, Karari, Manawashi and Mershing – samples from various water sources were taken and analysed.
 - Conducted clean-up campaigns attended by 363 people in Duma and Almasjid camp in Manawashi.
 - Trained 40 women in Duma on the preparation of Oral Rehydration Salts.
 - Provided hygiene promotion messages (e.g., how to ensure personal hygiene, how to clean jerry cans) to 355 households in Duma and Karari.

West Darfur

Short-term response to NGO expulsions

- The State Water Corporation, aided by UNICEF, undertook repairs to 162 household latrines in Taiba, Nertiti and Krinding 1 camps for internally displaced persons to ensure adequate sanitation for nearly 980 people. Meanwhile, the two partners along with local residents constructed nine household latrines in Garcila camp.

Regular activities

- The drilling of two new boreholes was completed in Ardamata camp, through the efforts of the State Water Corporation assisted by UNICEF. The two partners also repaired 169 household latrines in Dorti camp, benefiting over 1,000 people.
- More than 600 household visits were undertaken by hygiene promoters, with UNICEF support, in Treije, Ardamata, Dorti, and Riyadh camps while nine camp cleaning campaigns were undertaken in the same locations, benefiting an estimated 1,500 households.
- Connection of Riyadh School to Triangle's network was established in order to provide sufficient average water each day (2500 students in CRS School A)
- Begin construction of 103 new latrines and 54 rehabilitations in Riyadh camp (for 8000 IDPs)
- TGH conducted a test on the water table in Riyadh camp in order to measure its capacity and impact on the environment. The result is currently under analysis.
- With the arrival of 42 families from Birao (Vakaga-CAR) in Um Dukhun fleeing the conflict in their country, TGH worked for settlement of camps, construction of latrine, distribution of water, food and NFI.

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