



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

- As of 9 August, 90 percent of planned rainy season replenishments have been affected. Specifically, 58,526 households in North Darfur have been served (94 percent of plans for the state), 81,678 households in South Darfur (82 percent), and 85,586 in West Darfur (97 percent). The remaining households, estimated at 24,694, are expected to be served within the next couple of weeks.

**Needs and response by sector**

**Education**

**North Darfur**

**Regular activities**

- With UNICEF assistance, the El Fasher Rural Development Network completed construction of six permanent classrooms in Mali and Armadiat schools.

**South Darfur**

**Regular activities**

- World Vision distributed 183 pieces of plastic sheets to Saad, Otash Boys, Otash Girls, Bin Masuod, Zat Elnitagien, Alnajah and Sakali schools.
- In Kass 41 teachers attended training on child-friendly schools, HIV and AIDS prevention, and peace building, in an initiative supported by UNICEF.

**Food Security and Livelihoods**

**North Darfur**

**Regular activities**

- General Food and Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP) distributions for August have started and distributions are ongoing in Abu Shouk IDP camp, Mellit, Malha, Sayah, Kutum locality, Saraf Omra and Kebkabiya.
- The third round of the Food Security Monitoring System (FSMS) data collection has been conducted in Saraf Omra, Kebkabiya town, Um Marahiek, Torandi and Kassab. The FSMS is a food security monitoring tool that tracks the food security status of vulnerable households in specific geographic areas. Data is collected and analysed on a quarterly basis to guide WFP programme interventions.

**South Darfur**

**Regular activities**

- World Vision implemented the following key program activities in South Darfur during the past week:
  - Completed replacement of old ration cards in Otash IDP camp.
  - Distributed 6,000 tree seedlings in Mershing, 16 kilo grams of tree seedling seeds to four villages in Edd al Fursan locality.
  - Distributed 60 goats to 15 beneficiaries in Fondog village and trained them on importance of animal vaccination, animal feeding and animal diseases control.
  - Trained 10 Volunteer Leader Farmers (VLF) on weed, pest control and crop management at Mershing community and 60 students from different schools in Mershing on importance of trees and tree management.
- WFP is verifying a list of more than 5,100 new IDP arrivals to Muhagiriya (2,090 people) and Shaeria (3,067 people). The IDPs will be incorporated into the beneficiary caseload in these locations once their status has been confirmed.
- In Otash and Kalma camps, WFP and World Vision have completed food distribution to over 39,000 children under-five participating in BSFP.

**West Darfur**

**Regular activities**

- UNHCR began a special joint assessment mission to Um Dukhun on 8 August, in collaboration with Commissioner for Refugees (COR), and WFP. The aim was to conduct a quick assessment of the situation and identify possible areas of intervention in the form of community-based projects in Um Dukhun. One-time food distribution for 252 of the most recent newcomers to Um Dukhun was approved by WFP.
- Heavy rains continue to hamper monitoring activities in Mukjar as many roads became impassable. However, WFP has pre-positioned food ahead of the rainy season in support of households that are cut off from access.
- Data collection for the third round of the Food Security Monitoring System is on track and has been completed at 19 out of 23 sentinel sites.
- 25 metric tons of food was dispatched to Aro Sharow, Hijlija, Manjora and Selea to support 4,733 children under five under BSFP.

## **Health and Nutrition**

### **North Darfur**

#### **Short-term response**

- UNICEF has provided the State Ministry of Health with 250 cartons of nutritional paste, primary health centre kits and nutritional equipment to support the outpatient treatment programme in Tawila.

#### **Regular activities**

- UNICEF delivered a programme of training in screening for basic management of malnourished children, health and hygiene education, breastfeeding, nutrition assessment and vitamin A supplementation for 31 State Ministry of Health staff.
- The Kafod Women Development Association began a programme of HIV/AIDS awareness amongst women in El Fasher, as part of a two month programme supported by UNICEF. Meanwhile, in Tawila UNICEF provided a range of information materials on HIV prevention and provided similar educational materials to the El Fasher Military Hospital.

### **South Darfur**

#### **Short-term response**

- UNICEF and WHO have provided medical supplies to the NGO Merlin, to enable the continuation of health services in Kalma camp.

#### **Regular activities**

- World Vision implemented the following activities in South Darfur during the past week:
  - Handled consultations for 1,956 patients at clinics in Galdi, Geneina, Manawashi, Mershing and Otash; vaccinated 426 children, 266 women and provided ante-natal care to 465 pregnant women.
  - Treated 826 malnourished children in Manawashi, Mershing and Otash and gave them high energy food and 39 other children were admitted to Supplementary Feeding Centres (SFCs).
  - Trained 209 caretakers on health education at Otash camp and Galdi.
  - Referred five cases to Nyala Teaching Hospital and supervised 12 delivery cases.
  - Conducted health education for 741 people through community mobilization.
- As part of efforts to prevent malnutrition amongst children, UNICEF-supported BSFP were started in Al Salaam and Otash camps, targeting some 27,000 children. UNICEF is also working with World Vision in Kalma camp to support a BSFP to reach 20,000 children.

### **West Darfur**

#### **Regular activities**

- A polio immunization campaign supported by the State Ministry of Health, UNICEF and WHO reached nearly 350,000 children over three days across West Darfur; 60 villages were reported to have been left uncovered mainly due to rains making them inaccessible, or due to security concerns. Renewed efforts will be made in October to reach these communities.
- With the support of UNICEF, 34 health workers from the State Ministry of Health and NGOs undertook a five day training programme on promotion of exclusive breastfeeding.

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

### **North Darfur**

#### **Regular activities**

- This week in North Darfur, NFI Common Pipeline cooperating partners distributed essential non-food and emergency shelter items to newly displaced populations. Specifically:
  - AHA supported 657 households in Kafod and 117 households in Dar El Salam.
  - German Agro Action (GAA) supported 376 households in Kutum.
  - SRCS supported 335 households in Tawila.
  - Additionally, SRCS supported replenishment distributions of jerry cans and plastic sheeting from the NFI Common Pipeline to 154 households in El Salam Camp.

### **South Darfur**

#### **Regular activities**

- In South Darfur, replenishment of rainy season items continues by NFI Common Pipeline cooperating partners:
  - NCA supported 317 households in Sakali.
  - World Vision supported 12,500 households in Kalma Camp.
- Also in South Darfur, the NFI Common Pipeline provided plastic sheeting, jerry cans and plastic sleeping mats to National Organisation for Care and Development (NOCD) for use in a women's centre in Erli.

### **West Darfur**

#### **Regular activities**

- UNHCR NFI distribution commenced in the Zalingei camps with a final target distribution of 9,607 households.
- Concern (NGO), in cooperation with UNHCR, distributed plastic sheets and jerry cans to 540 households with special needs in Mornei IDP camp, and will provide NFIs to some 4,220 households in the coming weeks.
- UNJLC Replenishment of rainy season items also continued in West Darfur:
  - Concern supported 600 households in Rong Ataz.
  - CRS supported 350 households in Abu Soroug Camp.
  - SRCS supported 41 households in Riyadh Camp.

## **Protection and Human Rights**

### **South Darfur**

#### **Regular activities**

- World Vision implemented the following activities in South Darfur during the past week:
  - Sensitised 610 women, 40 men and 325 children on children's issues and rights and gender issues at Manawashi and Mershing Child Friendly Spaces.
  - Conducted two children events at Mershing and Manawashi, the events included songs and games.
  - Provided care and psychosocial support to 1,036 children at Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in Alsalam, Galdi, Manawashi and Mershing.
  - Trained eight women on construction of fuel efficient stoves at Manawashi, while 35 other women participated in Income Generating Activities (IGA) at Galdi.
  - Conducted adult literacy classes for 2,912 women in Manawashi, Mershing and Otash and 1,112 adolescents in Otash camp.

#### West Darfur

##### **Regular activities**

- UNHCR carried out protection monitoring in the returnee area of Meree. According to information provided by the Omda, there are currently 295 households from Um Shalaya, Mornei, Rongatas and Abduway in the area, the majority of whom arrived around 12 July. The area lacks a school, latrines and a working hand pump. HAC provided tents and food to the returnees.
- On 6 August, following a request from HAC, UNHCR distributed NFIs to eight police posts in Ardamata, Dorti, Riyadh, Abuzar, and Kringing I and II, with the aim of supporting the police in Geneina camps and enhancing the overall security of IDPs.
- UNHCR hosted a workshop on Gender Based Violence (GBV) in Zalengei's Taiba camp and a workshop on HIV/AIDS at Al Amel Basic School in Um Shalaya Camp. They were run by Concern and attended by 80 students.

#### Water and Sanitation

##### North Darfur

##### **Short-term response**

- The State Water Corporation, assisted by UNICEF, reached more than 3,100 households in Al Salaam camp for internally displaced persons with hygiene promotion activities, in addition to decontaminating more than 21,000 jerry cans to reduce the risk of water-borne disease outbreaks.

##### **Regular activities**

- In Zam Zam camp, UNICEF and the State Water Corporation supported community based hygiene committees to clean more than 1,400 communal latrines, while in Kutum the two partners worked with local hygiene promoters to undertake decontamination of nearly 20,000 jerry cans. In Dar Al Salaam-Ja'oor, the NGO PAI, in collaboration with UNICEF and the State Water Corporation undertook training in hygiene promotion with 443 school children and established two new school health clubs to promote better hygiene practices amongst pupils.

##### South Darfur

##### **Short-term response**

- With UNICEF support, four new boreholes were drilled in Kalma camp to increase availability of safe water. The State Ministry of Health, the State Water Corporation and World Vision, supported by UNICEF, also provided soap supplies to 17 schools as part of efforts to reduce risks from water-borne diseases.
- In a joint initiative between the State Water Corporation, UNICEF and World Vision, intensive hygiene campaigns have been undertaken in Kass camps - more than 40 garbage dumping sites were cleared, while mosquito spraying was undertaken in pools and lagoons containing stagnant water.

##### **Regular activities**

- World Vision implemented the following activities in South Darfur during the past week:
  - Repaired one hand pump at Karary and two water pipes in Kass while maintenance of water motorized scheme is ongoing at Duma west and installed two boreholes in Barcol Alfugara and Barcol Alardaiba communities.
  - Completed super construction of 13 latrines and made 32 latrine frames at Khor Abeche community.
  - Trained 20 hand pump caretakers in Barcol Alfugara, two water system operators on how to operate and manage Jughma water system and 90 others on water storage and jerry cans cleaning at Mershing.
  - Conducted a clean-up campaign attended by 55 people in Duma, Duma East and Karary camps and distributed clean up campaign tools to five water and sanitation (WATSAN) committees, besides 150 cartons of soap to 1,687 households in Karary camps.
  - Cleaned 3775 jerry cans during cleaning campaign conducted in Kass, disinfected 10 hand pumps and replaced nine water taps at water sources.
  - Carried out geophysical survey to select new sites for drilling boreholes at Hay Albaggara in Bulbul area.
  - Carried out Free Residual Chlorine (FRC) and water quality surveillance at households and water sources levels in Karary and Duma camps.
- The State Water Corporation with UNICEF support undertook major chlorination activities covering more than 120 private wells and submersible water pumps in Nyala, to prevent risks of water-borne diseases. UNICEF also provided a range of chlorination materials to support ongoing efforts.
- 200 household latrines were constructed in Khore Omar camp for internally displaced persons, in an effort led by the State Water Corporation with UNICEF support. Meanwhile, more than 1,600 household visits by hygiene educators were undertaken in Mossei, Ottash, Al Salaam, Elneem, Khore Omar, Elfurdose and Kass camps, reaching more than 6,800 people.
- Concern, in cooperation with UNHCR, distributed sanitary materials to 451 female students in the Mornei IDP camp's Sheriki Basic School and a basic hygiene awareness session was held.

#### West Darfur

##### **Short-term response**

- With the support of UNICEF, the State Water Corporation repaired 16 hand pumps in Taiba camp, Nertiti North and South camps and Garsila, benefiting some 4,000 people.

#### **Regular activities**

- With UNICEF assistance, more than 1,200 household visits were undertaken by hygiene promoters in Krinding, Riyadh, Ardamata, Nertiti and Taiba camps, while nine environmental cleaning campaigns were undertaken by local community members in Ardamata, Nertiti and Taiba.

#### ***Population movements and returns***

##### South Darfur

#### **Regular activities**

- On 3 August a UN inter-agency mission travelled to Mogornei to follow up on reports of returns. The mission found around 150 people. Returnees originate from two satellite villages, Tajuna and Malam, in the vicinity of Mogornei, but are currently staying in tents in Mogornei itself and cultivating in the area. The return appears to be seasonal, as many are without family or possessions. Some returnees said they might stay depending on the harvest and the security situation in the area.

##### West Darfur

#### **Regular activities**

- UNHCR Mukjar received a WFP monitoring mission that consisted of the WFP Head of Field Mission in El Geneina and Field Security Advisor. UNHCR Mukjar also received a visit from leaders of Bindisi Locality which included the Locality Commissioner, HAC Commissioner, and Executive Assistant/Commissioner. Issues included the provision of water, health and education services in the locality, as well as the lack of NGOs in Bindisi Shamal.

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