



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

- Following a recent fighting in Korma, 741 households have reportedly been displaced to Umleyona while another 59 households have moved to Rwanda camp. The remaining population has reportedly taken refuge in the mountains south of Korma. A humanitarian needs assessment mission planned to Korma has been cancelled due to the prevailing insecurity.
- WFP's third round of the Darfur Food Security Monitoring System (FSMS) found the food security situation has improved in North and South Darfur and deteriorated in West Darfur except for IDPs in West Darfur. Findings highlighted an improvement in the physical security in North, West and South Darfur compared to the last monitoring round, with no significant security incidents and no population displacement.
- WHO coordinated with all NGOs in Darfur region to hold health cluster/sector meetings and finalized priority gap areas and prepared projects in all the three states for second round CHF Allocation. WHO Weekly Morbidity and Mortality Bulletin found the health situation remains stable and morbidities are within normal range and mortalities below emergency threshold.
- In all Darfur states the PHC teams are working to finalize the updating of the Health Resources Availability mapping system HeRAMS with active involvement of all partners,
- In Sudan out of 21 suspected cases, four confirmed Influenza A (H1N1) cases were reported by FMOH with no deaths. All cases were travel related. The first two cases were reported on 17 July, while the last case was reported on 4 August, 2009.

**Needs and response by sector**

**Education**

North Darfur

**Short-term response**

- WFP continues discussions with various partners on food for work projects, with focus on environmental projects and school rehabilitation activities. German Agro Action (GAA) indicated that school construction in Dar-e-Zaghawa region will commence upon confirmation of awaited funds to purchase construction materials.

**Regular activities**

- With UNICEF assistance, the Autash Association for Peace and Development completed construction of 24 permanent classrooms in El Serif, Saraf Omra and Kebkabiya localities benefiting 1,200 students. A similar partnership with Population Action International (PAI) saw completion of 38 classrooms in El Fasher and Dar El Salam localities benefiting 2,000 children.

South Darfur

**Short-term response**

- UNICEF has provided toys, books for adult education, cards, and sports equipment to six new centres in East. Jebel Marra and to five women's centres based in pre-schools in South Sharia.
- With UNICEF support, United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) repaired four classrooms in Um Al Monineen girl's school in Al Daein town, benefiting 260 students, and constructed two new classrooms in Deriga primary school, benefiting 80 children.

**Regular activities**

- World vision's construction of Saad School reached up to 90 percent and 70 percent at Juruf School for two classrooms and one office.

**Food Security and Livelihoods**

North Darfur

**Short-term response**

- September food distributions are still ongoing as planned in North Darfur. Food distributions were completed in El Fasher rural area and Kutum during the week, while it is still ongoing in Kuma and Zam Zam areas. Distributions in Korma have been postponed due to insecurity in the area.

South Darfur

**Regular activities**

- World Vision implemented the following activities during the past three weeks:
  - Distributed 13,351 forestry and fruit seedlings at Mershing, Edd al Fursan and Manawashi communities and planted 3,000 seedlings during a transplanting campaign at Edd al Fursan.

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<sup>1</sup> Owing to the Eid Al Fitr holiday season two issues of the Bulletin were not compiled for lack of adequate inputs.

- Trained 145 women on poultry management at Rehed Alberdi, while 50 farmers were trained on crop production techniques at Biera and Rahad Alhassien villages in Rehed Alberidi locality, meanwhile nine volunteer farmer leaders were trained on banana multiplication at Mershing community.
- Vaccinated 5,550 camels, cattle and donkeys and 1,369 goats and sheep in Galdi and Umgadeti communities.
- Follow up of chickens distributed to the beneficiaries in Rehed Alberdi locality and agricultural extensions are ongoing.
- World Vision conducted a General Food Distribution (GFD) where a total of 115,768 beneficiaries received 1,325.634 metric tons at Dereige, Sakali, old Duma, Adwa, Manawashi and Kalma IDP camps.

#### West Darfur

- Pre-positioning activities are underway to harmonize three-month food requirements in all the warehouses in West Darfur. Food has been shunted around to ensure that each location has a complete basket for the next two months. However, despatches to Um Dukhun still lag behind due to the seasonal streams which are still flowing. During the week, WFP reached over 100,000 beneficiaries with 1,400 metric tons of food.

### **Health and Nutrition**

#### North Darfur

- Weekly WHO monitoring visits were conducted to ensure free access of IDPs to health services
- As a follow up a discussion was held with the directorate of curative medicine in MOH on health service delivery in secondary health care and it was agreed that:
  - Regular weekly monitoring missions will be conducted to ensure proper case management and using of management protocols especially in outpatients.
  - The doctors and medical assistants will provide the data collectors with a proper classification of diseases in the reported cases.

#### South Darfur

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

- The State Ministry of Health, with UNICEF assistance, provided Lipid-based Nutrient Supplement (LNS) to approximately 12,000 children under the age of five in Al Salaam camp for internally displaced persons.

##### **Regular activities**

- Weekly monitoring visits were conducted to Nyala Teaching Hospital (NTH); to monitor and ensure free access of IDPs to different services in the hospital and a meeting was held with the medical director and a discussion was conducted on the 16 cases of neonatal sepsis: four delivered in NTH, one in the Police Hospital and 11 at home, two of whom died.
- WHO visited the labour room and it was noted that:
  - the autoclave cover is broken,
  - the hospital suffers from a shortage in artery forceps,
  - the delivery tables used are outdated and difficult to clean,
  - there is a shortage in overshoes, clothes and masks and deliveries are attended by the doctor, midwife, nurse and assistant staff all with their own clothes.
- The medical director promised to do minor rehabilitations and reflect the issue of the tables to the hospital Director General and the State Ministry of Health (SMoH). Meanwhile, WHO will provide available equipment and push to apply infection prevention methods.
- Tulus medical director reported that in Sergella village about 102 persons got food poisoning before the beginning of the Eid holiday, they had had expired sweets and he sent his medical assistant to the village and all cases were treated at the Primary Health Care (PHC) unit.
- World Vision implemented the following activities during the past three weeks:
  - Handled consultations for 2,377 patients at clinics in Galdi, Geneina, Galdi, Manawashi, Mershing, Duma and Otash; vaccinated 716 children and provided ante-natal care to 609 pregnant women.
  - Treated 403 malnourished children in Manawashi and Mershing and gave them high energy food and 18 other children were admitted to Supplementary Feeding Centres (SFCs), while 621 people were treated for diarrhoea with Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS) and zinc.
  - Supervised 21 delivery cases.
  - Conducted health education for 290 people through community mobilization at Mershing and Manawashi communities.
  - Referred seven severe cases to Nyala teaching Hospital for further medications.

#### West Darfur

- WHO is coordinating with ICRC to train hospital cadre on how to deal with emergency cases the first 24 hours. This training will be conducted in October
- Discussion was done with medical director of Morni rural hospital in the drugs stock and how to improve storage management

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

#### South Darfur

- In South Darfur, Rehed El Furan Rural Development distributed jerry cans and plastic sheeting from the NFI Common Pipeline to IDPs requiring replenishment, supporting 155 households in Otash Camp, NCA distributed Jerry cans and Plastic Sheets to 3,638 households in Mershing Camp, 1578 households in Manawashi Camp Altogether, a total of 5371 households were replenished with 16,113 items.

#### West Darfur

- UNFPA distributed Sanitary Material as a community project in For Baranga, Riyadh Camp, Morni Camp, Kulbus and Cringing II Camp. The number of sanitary material distributed was 3624.

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

### North Darfur

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

- Fifteen assistant health visitors received training on supportive supervision, with the assistance of UNICEF. The volunteers will now provide support and supervision for some 150 village midwives for the current year.
- UNICEF has supported the training of 30 immunization officers on cold chain maintenance and repair as part of efforts to strengthen the cold chain system for routine immunization.

#### **Regular activities**

- 25 staff from the police Family and Child Protection Units in El Fasher, Kebkabiya, Kutum, Umkadada and Melliet relieved training, supported by UNICEF, on the application of child friendly procedures and provision of psychosocial support to children and women in contact with the law.

### South Darfur

- World Vision implemented the following activities during the past week:
  - Sensitized 435 women, 13 men and 71 children on children's issues and rights and gender issues at Manawashi and Mershing Child Friendly Spaces
  - Provided care and psychosocial support to 543 children at Child Friendly Spaces (CFS) in Alsalam, Manawashi and Mershing camps
  - Conducted adult literacy classes for 840 women in Manawashi, Mershing and Alsalam camps, as well as 938 adolescents in Otash camp.
  - Trained 79 women on Fuel Efficient Stoves (FES), while training of 15 youth on masonry is ongoing at Mershing.
- The NGO Muslim Aid, with UNICEF support and in collaboration with Al-Ruwad organization, started ten day training on behaviour change for 50 street children including 11 girls. The training will cover psychosocial support, health education and hygiene promotion, the influence of drug and good behaviours.
- The UNICEF-supported Child Friendly Community Initiative conducted a five day training programme on the development of rural women, planning, execution and monitoring of projects, identifying local leaders and financial management for 40 participants from Dereib Elreih, Elbeheir Labid, Elnaseem, Baba, Kouma and Kouma West communities.
- Radio Nyala started a five day training programme for 15 radio producers on community radio development, assisted by UNICEF.

### West Darfur

- The launching of the new HIV/AIDS curriculum in West Darfur was held in El Shaty Secondary School for Girls, in an event involving 500 students and school teachers. The curriculum, designed to raise awareness and understanding of HIV amongst school children, is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Education and UNICEF.
- UNICEF has supported a number of training programmes on the issue of support to survivors of sexual and gender-based violence for medical and health personnel from Kulbus and surrounding villages, and on key case management skills for social workers from the Ministry of Social Welfare, Women's and Children's Affairs.

## ***Water and Sanitation***

### North Darfur

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

- Supported by the State Water Corporation and UNICEF, community based hand pump mechanics repaired eight hand pumps in Kebkabiya, while in Kassab more than 1,840 communal latrines were disinfected with insecticides as part of efforts to ensure provision of clean water and sanitation.

#### **Regular activities**

- The team of water quality control supported by WHO and UNICEF, paid visits to 43 water points, 14 samples were taken from Abu Shook and 17 samples from Alsalam camp and the Free Residual Chlorine (FRC) tests show the standard rate 0.2 mg/l to 0.6 mg/l.
- In El Fasher town the team visited 26 water points Hand dug wells and the result showed, 19 samples are within the standard rate, 3 samples less than the standard rate and four samples showed nil for the free chlorine residuals. As and action chlorine has been distributed for those didn't have chlorine during the monitoring.
- The State Water Corporation, with UNICEF support, installed five new hand pumps in Hai El Thoura South, Hai El Riyadh, Kango Haraz, Hai Abu Shouk and Hay El Nasur. Three hand pumps were also repaired in Ketllu village. The two partners also supported local hygiene committees in Zamzam camp to more than 1,400 communal latrines, while hygiene promotion teams reached more than 3,700 households in the camp and disinfected more than 5,800 jerry cans. Meanwhile, in Shangil Tobay and Dar el Salaam, Oxfam America 36,000 bars of soap bars provided by UNICEF.

### South Darfur

- World Vision implemented the following activities during the past three weeks:
  - Completed super contracture of 55 latrines at Barcol Alfugara, Barcol Alardiba and Manawashi communities, while 27 slabs fabricated in Khore Abechi and 23 latrines lined in Khore Abechi and Manawashi.
  - Conducted a clean-up campaign attended by 80 people in Duma west, Duma East and Manawashi camps. While, jerry cans clean up campaign conducted in Duma and 16 jerry cans were cleaned.
  - Distributed 150 cartons of soap to 1,687 households in Karary camp as part of hygiene promotion.

- Conducted Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Techniques PHAST training attended by 100 people at Barcol Alfugara and Mershing.
- Carried out Free Residual Chlorine (FRC) and water quality surveillance at households and water sources levels in Mershing and Manawashi communities.
- Four water containers were installed in Dereige IDP camp schools, with the assistance of UNICEF. Meanwhile, the State Water Corporation with UNICEF support constructed 83 household latrines in Sakali IDP camp, repaired 100 household latrines in Kass, and reached more than 21,000 people with hygiene education messages in Ottash, Al Salaam, Dereige, Mossei and Kass IDP camps. 3,000 jerry cans were disinfected in Al Salaam camp.
- The State Water Corporation and UNI CEC in Kass constructed four new temporary latrines, distributed washing soap and provided water storage facilities for the camp school, benefitting 3,560 children.

#### West Darfur

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

- The State Water Corporation, assisted by UNICEF, repaired 25 household latrines in Krinding I camp, benefiting 150 people.

##### **Regular activities**

- Water chlorination is on process in Zalingei town by MoH, 20 public wells and distribution piped system, result of FRC is recorded between 0.3-0.5ml/l in all sites.
- Three public wells were disinfected by chlorine; four hand-pumps were maintained by Ministry of Health (MoH) in coordination with Norwegian Church Aid (NCA).
- Eight electronic data loggers were installed in Krinding I, Ardamata, Haskanita, Dissa (in Geneina), Hamidiya, Khmsa Degaig, Ehisaura, and Tayba by the Ground Water and Wadis department of the State Water Corporation, supported by UNICEF. The loggers will monitor ground water fluctuation as part of an integrated water resource management initiative. Meanwhile, 2,500 people will benefit from the construction of a mini water yard in Nertiti, through a partnership between UNICEF and the State Water Corporation.
- Four environmental cleaning campaigns were undertaken by community members in Ardamata, Dorti and Krinding I camps, supported by the State Water Corporation and UNICEF. Hygiene promoters also reached nearly 660 households in Riyadh, Ardamata, Krinding I and Dorti IDP camps, while more than 700 households in Tayba camp were provided with soap by the State Water Corporation and UNICEF.

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

##### South Darfur

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

- WP office in Nyala held an internal consultation session to discuss principles and guidelines to support returnees in South Darfur. This session comes in preparation for the meeting with cooperating partners that will take place on 5 October to discuss WFP's future collaboration in this specific area.

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