

NFI & ES Sector Monthly Update # 03

North Sudan

March 2011

Executive Summary

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- The current WFP S.O. 103422 under which WFP-LCU leads the NFI & ES sector and manages the NFI Common Pipeline is set to end on 31 December with operation close-out scheduled to start on 30 September. A transition partner for the NFI&ES Sector and the NFI Common Pipeline is yet to be identified. The UN High Commissioner for Refugees advised UN-OCHA on 28 March that a rapid evaluation would be conducted by a high level delegation comprising UNHCR, OCHA and WFP. A definite decision as to the UNHCR response would be advised by the end of April.
- The NFI CP is responding successfully to large scale displacements in the Zamzam camp, El Fasher and the 'catchment areas'. Pipeline Partners submitted an application for CERF funding for US\$ 1,159,613 to support 20,000 newly displaced households in North Darfur with NFI & ES items. To date, partners have served 5,526 households with NFI & ES items.

Sector Overview

Transition of WFP S.O. 103422

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OCHA Workshop on the Common Humanitarian Fund

WFP-LCU as NFI & ES Sector Lead participated in the task team for the 'CHF Guidance on Allocations Process' to strengthen and update guidance on the CHF allocation process to increase consistency and effectiveness of application of procedures.

2010 CHF Reporting

WFP-JLC, as Sector Lead, notified all CHF grantee organizations in the NFI&ES Sector that had received CHF funds in 2010, of the new Monitoring and Reporting system for the Sudan CHF and distributed the relevant form for completion. The new system put in place by OCHA's Humanitarian Financing Section aims to capture information on project outputs, beneficiaries reached, and CHF-funds passed-through in each CHF-funded project. Completed forms have been received from most partners.

Current NFI & ES Sector Funding Status Update

The table to the right lists all current projects in the 2011 UN & Partners Work Plan for the NFI & ES Sector in North Sudan and shows the allocations from the CHF 1st round. Details on further funding received will be added as information becomes available via OCHA's Financial Tracking System.

Organization Name	Project Code	Total Request US\$	CHF 1st round allocation US\$
AHA	SDN-11/S-NF/37494	45,000	
AODK	SDN-11/S-NF/37422	85,000	
CRS	SDN-11/S-NF/37427	2,461,302	200,000
CONCERN	SDN-11/S-NF/37425	163,716	
GAA	SDN-11/S-NF/37440	153,000	
El Ruhama	SDN-11/S-NF/37435	116,442	89,000
RSE	SDN-11/S-NF/38001	113,750	
GOAL	SDN-11/S-NF/37432	143,560	
GRO	SDN-11/S-NF/37436	200,250	
HELPAE	SDN-11/S-NF/37442	744,991	
IAH	SDN-11/S-NF/37444	150,000	
IR	SDN-11/S-NF/37445	15,600	
IPDO	SDN-11/S-NF/37489	36,500	
INTEROS	SDN-11/S-NF/37300	361,906	200,000
IOM	SDN-11/S-NF/37446	3,976,492	400,000
IRW	SDN-11/S-NF/37475	305,804	
MA	SDN-11/S-NF/37447	25,031	
NCA	SDN-11/S-NF/37448	806,792	200,000
Oxfam America	SDN-11/S-NF/37449	56,132	56,000
PCPM	SDN-11/S-NF/37450	579,772	
PPO	SDN-11/S-NF/37472	30,500	
PDND	SDN-11/S-NF/37451	22,600	
PODR	SDN-11/S-NF/37473	235,000	
Plan Sudan	SDN-11/S-NF/37458	65,000	65,000
RDN	SDN-11/S-NF/37459	79,903	68,000
SSO	SDN-11/S-NF/37466	325,000	
SRC	SDN-11/S-NF/37471	559,300	200,000
TEARFUND	SDN-11/S-NF/37461	748,648	
TDH	SDN-11/S-NF/37465	809,000	
TRIANGLE	SDN-11/S-NF/38004	222,456	
UNICEF	SDN-11/S-NF/38089	16,783,700	3,000,000
WFP	SDN-11/S-NF/37460	2,777,216	
World Relief		55,218	22,000
Total		33,256,583	4,500,000

WFP-LCU requests that all partners provide information on secured funding, in order to maintain an accurate overall sector perspective and allow for effective advocating for additional funding as opportunities arise. Please send updates to aditya.tiwathia@wfp.org

Contingency Planning & Rest of Sudan Activities

Khartoum

The Returns Task Force that GoS is organizing transport for returnees stranded in Khartoum and Kosti. The Ministry of Transport is supporting the transportation of a limited number of people (6,000). WFP-LCU as sector lead is participating in sector coordination plans for emergency NFI&ES assistance for stranded children and families in Khartoum camps.

North Kordofan

The NFI CP, in coordination with WFP and HAC, provided partial basket NFI & ES assistance to 500 fire affected households in Barah, El Rahad, Jabrat ash shaykh, Sheikan, Umm Rawaba and Wad bandah, North Kordofan.

Abyei

The NFI CP is coordinating with the South Sudan Cluster Lead, IOM, and WFP south Sudan to preposition NFI & ES items to respond to emergencies in Abyei. On being informed that there are no WFP warehouses available in Agok for storage of NFI, the issue has been directed to WFP Head of Logistics in South Sudan.

Contingency Plan Funding Status

The funding status of the NFI Common Pipeline core partners is as shown in the table below. WFP-LCU and IOM are fully funded for the operation.

Funding Requirements for the NFI CP (Core Partners) Worst Case Scenario (147,500 HH)			
Description	Cost (USD)	Funds Secured (USD)	Funding Required (USD)
Procurement (UNICEF)	\$11,662,911	\$3,100,000 ¹	\$8,562,911
Transportation (IOM)	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$0
Coordination & Warehousing (WFP-LCU)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$12,263,911	\$3,700,000	\$8,562,911

Contingency Plan Stock Status

Based on scenarios and figures endorsed by the Humanitarian Country Team, the Sector Referendum Contingency Planning figure for North Sudan remains 147,500 households for RoS and 5,000 households for flood response. In March, the El-Obeid warehouse received 11,197 plastic sheets. The table below shows the current stock available in the El Obeid warehouse and under procurement. This will cover the NFI needs of about 50% of the planned 147,500 households (except cooking sets). Cooking sets will be procured locally by the NFI CP when funds are available.

Referendum Related Contingency Stocks		
Items	Balance Available	Under Procurement
Blankets	49,998	97,500
Jerrycans	100,088	0
Plastic Sheets	32,086	44,175
Sleeping Mats	50,000	97,500

WFP-LCU requests all sector partners in the Rest of Sudan region to share stock and contingency planning information with the Rest of Sudan (RoS) coordinator (mdshah.alam@wfp.org) and Sector Lead (aditya.tiwathia@wfp.org). Copies of the sector response plan for the referendum can also be obtained from the RoS coordinator.

¹ \$1.3 million from ECHO, \$1 million from OFDA and \$800,000 from the CHF Emergency Reserve Fund

Darfur NFI Common Pipeline

NFI Common Pipeline Management Update

The NFI Common Pipeline (CP) Advisory Panel met on 31 March. Issues discussed included an overview of the Strategic Review exercise, options for rationalizing replenishments for the rainy season, and the funding shortfall for transport. It was decided given stock/funding constraints to prioritise rainy season distributions to rural and small town camps (C category) by borrowing against Darfur and Referendum contingency stock, whilst delaying distributions to urban and small town (A & B category) camps until arrival of incoming stock in late July-early August. The panel also advised that the issue of the transport funding shortfall be taken up to the Humanitarian Coordinator.

Funding Update

IOM received funding (US\$ 400,000) from CHF and re-commenced transportation from 10 March, enabling the NFI CP to pre-position items for emergency response to newly displaced population in the three Darfur hubs.

UNICEF reported savings of US\$ 500,000 due to lower than anticipated procurement and associated costs in 2010. The NFI Common Pipeline is utilizing these funds to procure 22,325 shelter items and 4,000 cooking sets to serve newly displaced and disaster-affected households.

Pipeline Partners submitted an application for CERF funding for US\$ 1,159,613 to support 20,000 newly displaced households in North Darfur with NFI & ES items. The IOM funding request (US\$ 207,000) was removed from CERF and moved to CHF Emergency Reserve.

March Activities

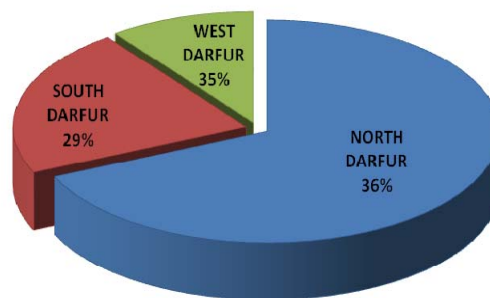
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Large numbers of displacements in North Darfur caused by continued fighting in Jebel Mara and areas east of Dar Al Salam has driven more people into the Zamzam Camp. WFP-LCU continues to monitor the situation. The NFI CP is responding successfully to large scale displacements in the Zamzam camp, El Fasher and the 'catchment areas'. To date, partners have served 5,526 households with NFI & ES items.

To ensure rapid emergency response in Um Dhukum, WFP-LCU West Darfur donated two rubhalls to Triangle and prepositioned NFI & ES items for 500 people.

The NFI CP provided 300 plastic sheets to CARE Switzerland to strengthen the roofing of community built houses in a CIS project for the construction of durable shelter for the most vulnerable households in Al Salam camp.

March Distributions: By State



PARTNERS CARRYING OUT DISTRIBUTIONS IN MARCH

State	Organization
North Darfur	Plan Sudan, MSF-Spain
South Darfur	CI Switzerland, Muslim Aid, NCA, PDNO, Rehad El-Fursan Rural Development
West Darfur	TDH, SRCS, Triangle

STOCK BALANCES AS OF 31 MARCH

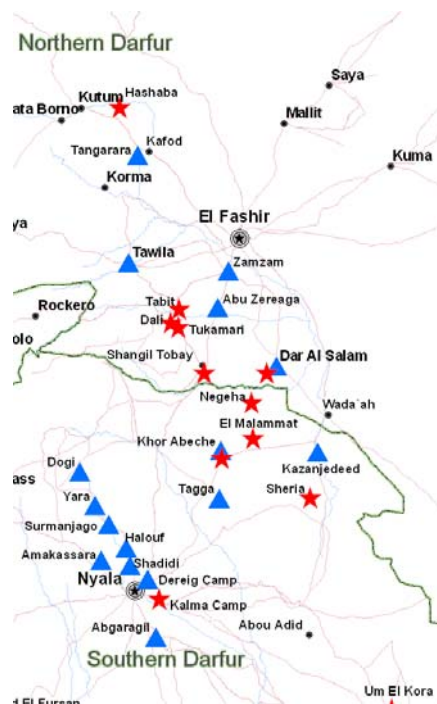
Items	El Fasher	Nyala	El Geneina
	Balance Available	Balance Available	Balance Available
Blankets	47,290	29,176	48,037
Women's Topes	13,009	0	6,109
Cooking Sets	12,171	10,273	8,302
Jerrycans	18,543	24,668	50,197
Plastic Sheeting	21,283	16,169	19,510
Sleeping Mats	37,303	29,972	38,065

Providing life-saving assistance to newly displaced households in Zamzam Camp

Zamzam camp, already one of the largest camps in the Darfurs, has in recent months played host to a large influx of IDPs seeking safe haven from the fighting in North Darfur and South Darfur (see map). Estimates from OCHA put the figure of new arrivals in region at 50,000 individuals, mostly women and children.

In their flight to safety, these people were forced to leave behind all or most of their household possessions, leaving them vulnerable to the elements. As Sector Lead for non-food and emergency shelter items (NFI & ES), WFP-LCU is mandated to ensure that life saving intervention reaches the vulnerable and the needy in a timely fashion. WFP-LCU has been working with sector partner, Plan Sudan, to distribute plastic sheeting, blankets, sleeping mats, women's clothing, jerry cans and cooking sets in Zamzam camp, where many of the vulnerable are female headed households with more than five children. They have suffered great hardship and travelled long distances on foot, stopping at various locations, seeking security.

The provision of NFI & ES items have been critical in restoring a sense of normalcy to lives uprooted due to the continuing conflict.



Umdefan (left) is one of the two hundred and ninety nine heads of households who received NFI & ES items distributed by Plan Sudan at the Zamzam IDP camp on 13 March 2011. Umdefan with her 20 month old baby and seven other children was displaced from Abu Doimat village south of Kazanjedeed, South Darfur in December following armed clashes in the Sheria locality. Their livestock was looted with other household possessions, and they fled with the little that was left, first to Kazanjedeed, then to Abu Zereaga, finally arriving to the Zamzam IDP camp in February. Umdefan gratefully accepts the items provided. "Thank you for giving us these items. We shall use them to start our new home in the camp" she says, "I am not going back until our village is secure".

Umdefan's story is echoed by many of the other new IDPs in the camp. Zahara (right), was widowed when her husband was killed during an attack on their village in Sheria. She fled with her seven children and many other villagers to the UNAMID team site for protection. They were provided with some NFI & ES items from WFP-LCU, and remained at the campsite for a month. They then moved to Kazanjedeed, but finding no assistance there, continued further north, arriving in Zamzam on 27 February. She intends to stay in Zamzam until the security situation in her village improves, when she can take her family back to resume their normal life.



Forty-five year old Safa (left) has five children. Her husband left the family in 2009 to seek work in Aweil, South Sudan. She and her children fled their home in Um Hatab village, 15 Kms east of Shangil Tobay, following civil unrest in November 2010. The long and arduous journey to Zamzam via Abu Zereaga took its toll and her elder son became very sick. She left him with relatives in El Fasher town for medical treatment and finally arrived in Zamzam with the rest of her children. She makes five SDG a day as a labourer on a farm in Zamzam village, with which she buys basic food items for her family. She plans to stay in Zamzam, until she can join her husband in South Sudan.

Until locations in North and South Darfur become secure, Zamzam camp will remain a place of safe haven for vulnerable populations requiring life-saving intervention by the humanitarian community.

Other Pipeline Activities

WFP-LCU encourages all partners to share information about their other pipeline and/or supplementary NFI activities. In addition to including the information in the monthly updates, it helps WFP-LCU maintain an accurate overall picture of the entire sector.

Meetings Calendar

Location	Meeting	Date & Time	Venue
<i>El Fasher</i>	NFI & ES Sector Coordination Meeting	29 March 1500hrs; 26 April – 1500hrs;	OCHA
<i>Nyala</i>	NFI & ES Sector Coordination Meeting	29 March -0900 hrs; 5 April – 0900hrs; 12 April – 0900hrs; 19 April – 0900hrs; 26 April – 0900hrs;	OCHA
<i>Geneina</i>	NFI & ES Sector Coordination Meeting	29 March –1030hrs 12 April – 1030hrs; 19 April – 1030hrs; 26 April – 1030hrs;	OCHA

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