

DARFUR NFI and Emergency Shelter Sector Monthly Update #4 April 2007

HIGHLIGHTS:

- The Common NFI Pipeline for Darfur, one of the main tools of the NFI and ES Sector, continues to support the return and reintegration of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). Between months of Feb, March and April 2007, NFI kits were issued to 8,726 organized IDP returnees from South Darfur to Northern Bahr Ghazal to assist in their early reintegration.
- Following reconciliation, the Rotana tribesmen ventured return to Marla, their place of origin which they were displaced from for over 2 – 3 years. An Inter-Agency Assessment mission to this area revealed approximately 1,500 IDPs returned spontaneously. Targeted distributions of NFIs to women and children were carried-out. The following items were distributed by our local partner, ALHAM: 200 p/sheeting, 840 sanitary materials, 800 sleeping mats, 800x j/cans, 800 women's toaps, which covered 200 households.
- In West Darfur, the NFI and Emergency Shelter sector assessed through its partner, HelpAge, SISI camp which, previously was not possible to undertake due to varying factors, with the view to distribute NFIs. The findings of this assessment are currently being studied, a step forward considering the obstacles which ought to be overcome.
- In North Darfur, 1,500 IDP households in Rowanda camp, Tawila whose shelters got destroyed by fire received NFIs kits. The Sudanese Red Crescent undertook these distributions, ensuring the beneficiary receive the NFI kits in a timely fashion.
- Significant decline overall number of distributions as effect of reduced NNGO activity in South Darfur is felt.

FUNDING UPDATE: UN WORKPLAN—NFI and ES SECTOR for DARFUR

2007 UN Work Plan Project Name	Total Request	Funding Secured & 2006 Carry-Over	1st round allocation	2nd round allocation	Reported Shortfalls
WFP (UNJLC) - SUD-07/NS21 - UNJLC - Coordination and Management of the NFI and Emergency Shelter Sector (HA) [Darfur only]	\$2,000,000		\$425,000	\$100,000	\$1,475,000
CARE - SUD-07/NS15 - Greater Darfur Logistics Operations for Non-Food Items	\$6,600,000	\$5,940,000	\$660,000		\$0
UNICEF - SUD-07/NS19* - Procurement of Non-Food Items for the Darfur Non-Food Item Common Pipeline and for Inter-Agency NFI and Emergency Shelter Response and Organised Returns in non-Darfur North Sudan [Darfur only]	\$9,662,846	\$9,263,000	\$280,000		\$119,846
IOM - SUD-07/NS14 - Return Assistance and Provision Contingencies	\$1,000,000		\$230,000		\$770,000
HelpAge - SUD-07/NS18 - NFI and Shelter Response for Older Individuals and their Dependents in Conflict Affected Areas in West Darfur	\$64,600		\$30,000	\$34,600	\$0
CHF - SUD-07/NS16 - Environmentally Friendly Shelter Provision for up to 20,000 IDP Families in North and South Darfur States	\$950,000		\$230,000	\$110,400	\$609,600
Concern - SUD-07/NS27 - NFI Distribution in West Darfur.	\$1,027,000		\$70,000	\$130,000	\$827,000
CRS - SUD-07/NS28 - Shelter and NFI Distribution and Coordination in West Darfur.	\$1,000,000		\$75,000	\$125,000	\$800,000
Total	\$22,896,177	\$15,203,000	\$2,000,000	\$ 500,000	\$4,601,446

The above table may not be inclusive of all bi-lateral funding sources. Partners in the 2007 UN and Partner Work Plan participating in the Darfur NFI and ES Sector are requested to provide updates. Procurement requirements for the Darfur Common NFI pipeline under the **UNICEF project*** will be reviewed as part of the upcoming mid-year review and will take into dry-season pre-positioning and supply-chain lead-times, hence requirement and shortfall will likely change. UNJLC as sector lead has continued to provide support to sector members to access funds from the Common Humanitarian Fund. During April all sector meetings at both state capital and Khartoum level were held according to schedule.



NFI & EMERGENCY SHELTER SECTOR COORDINATION:

UNJLC as sector lead has continued to provide support to sector members to access funds from the common pipeline. During April all sector meetings at both state capital and Khartoum level were held according to schedule. NGOs that have projects or independent supply chains outside the UN Work Plan are encouraged to report on their NFI activities and participate in NFI and ES coordination meetings. Contact: alister.shields@wfp.org, or hassan.abdalla@wfp.org for meetings times and schedules.

DARFUR NFI COMMON PIPELINE (UNJLC, UNICEF and CARE in partnership with NGOs in Darfur):

The overall estimated requirement for Darfur NFI pipeline is based on the planning assumption that 330,000 IDP and other vulnerable households will require NFI assistance. Carry-over stocks from 2006 in addition to funds received for procurement in late 2006 ensured that stocks were available for first quarter of 2007. The NFI common pipeline is reasonably well-stocked with major stock movements from the El Obeid hub to the state capitals in order to ensure full stock are available prior to the rains.

Darfur Common NFI Pipeline Status as April 30th:

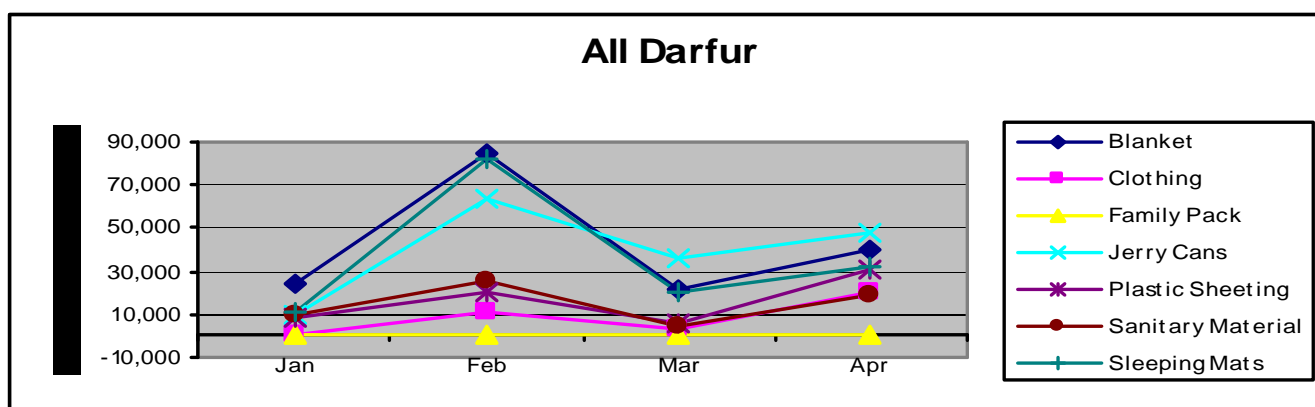
Projected Requirements		Resourced						Status		
NFI Basket	Total Units Required	2006 Carry over Stocks	Received 2007 to date	Total Stocks & Receipts	In Pipeline	Total Resourced		Distributed Year to Date	Stock As at 30th April	Shortfall
Items	(Pieces)	(Pieces)	(Pieces)	(Pieces)	(Pieces)	(Pieces)	% of requirement	(Pieces)	(Pieces)	(Pieces)
Blanket	990,000	218,727	246,400	465,127	524,873	990,000	100%	192,425	273,230	0
Clothing	660,000	23,076	267,281	290,357	99,044	389,401	59%	41,201	249,157	270,599
Jerry Can	660,000	250,915	172,161	423,076	95,658	518,734	79%	166,470	256,981	141,266
Plastic Sheeting	330,000	78,144	180,401	258,545	75,856	334,401	101%	71,836	186,777	0
Sleeping Mats	990,000	168,148	335,417	503,565	439,000	942,565	95%	163,264	340,760	47,435
Soap	47,000	-	0	0	0	0	0%	0	0	47,000
Mosquito nets	6,600	-	0	0	6,600	6,600	100%	0	0	0

Darfur Common NFI Pipeline In-Country Stock Position by Location as April 30th:

Items	El Obeid			El Geneina			Nyala			El Fasher		
	In Stock	ARF	Balance Available	In Stock	ARF	Balance Available	In Stock	ARF	Balance Available	In Stock	ARF	Balance Available
Blankets	217,600		217,600	26,120	8,280	17,840	26,548	6,480	20,068	21,011		21,011
Clothing	40,986		40,986	18,541	11,000	7,541	48,200	11,800	36,400	14,101		14,101
Jerry can			-	37,124	10,890	26,234	214,740	12,450	202,290	24,597		24,597
Plastic Sheeting	91,406		91,406	19,463	5,500	13,963	59,158	6,213	52,945	23,033		23,033
Sleeping Mats	234,994		234,994	49,294	19,728	29,566	52,275	6,500	45,775	21,847		21,847
Sanitary Material	35,023		35,023	31,930		31,930	37,590	12,810	24,780	60,443		60,443

ARF denotes stocks that have been earmarked for planned/upcoming distributions by Common NFI pipeline partners.

Distribution Trends since January by NFI items in all states combined:



Distributions by Beneficiary Type (number of HH assisted)

Northern Darfur	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
Disaster Affected Populations (served)	0	85	0	1,500	1,585
IDPs Requiring Replenishment	0	72,303	57,177	1,300	130,780
Newly Displaced	0	1,333	1,636	1,069	4,038
Subtotal	0	73,721	58,813	3,869	136,403

Southern Darfur	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
Populations not previously served	0	0	0	310	310
Disaster Affected Populations (served)	1,400	0	273	177	5,886
IDPs Requiring Replenishment	0	1,900	0	410	29,799
Newly Displaced	3,281	12,769	2,045	8,779	27,267
Organised Returnees	0	2,600	0	2,600	5,200
Spontaneous Returnees	0	0	0	400	400
Vulnerable Host Populations	581	0	0	0	581
Vulnerable Rural Populations	0	2,310	0	7,280	9,590
Subtotal	5,262	19,579	2,318	19,556	79,033

Western Darfur	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
Populations not previously served	0	0	0	4,717	4,717
IDPs Requiring Replenishment	1,080	5,000	4,750	10,361	28,474
Newly Displaced	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
Subtotal	1,080	5,000	4,750	16,078	34,191

Overall distributions declined compared to the month of March. Nonetheless pre-rainy season NFI distributions in West Darfur are well-underway with April having the greatest number of household reached since the beginning of the year. South Darfur distribution increased compared to March. North Darfur has dropped significantly but many households were reached in the months of February and March

The fluctuations in South Darfur can be attributed to reduced local NGO activity after the recent HAC NNGO evaluation process. Two thousand six hundred households taking part in IoM organized returns to South Sudan received NFI from the South Darfur office. In both the South and West distribution to the newly displaced increased significantly on last month but the overall trend remains erratic.

In West Darfur where a number of strong partners provide coverage to most of the population a state wide allocation exercise was completed for NFI's to be distributed prior to the rains. This will ensure that the needs identified will be met prior to the onset of the rains.



Distributing Partners: the following NGOs distributed NFI Common Pipeline Stocks in April

North Darfur
<i>Oxfam</i>
<i>Relief International</i>
<i>Spanish Red Cross</i>

South Darfur	
<i>CARE</i>	<i>IRC</i>
<i>DRC</i>	<i>RPDO</i>
<i>IOM</i>	<i>SDCO</i>
<i>SPCR</i>	<i>Solidarite</i>

West Darfur
<i>CRS</i>
<i>IRW</i>
<i>SC-US</i>

Assessments

Details of the IoM lead assessment to the " Dar Zagawa " area in North Darfur are still to be released but preliminary information suggest there are some returnees from Chad and small numbers of newly displaced IDP's.

Concentrations of new IDPs (variously 700-1,200 households) were identified at Al Sherarif (ND). ICRC is planning a medical intervention and NFI distribution will be timed to coincide with that as the area remains relatively difficult to access. An OCHA assessment to Wa 'adah (ND) identified no need for NFI's.

Joint assessment including UNJLC identified no NFI needs in the Marla locality (SD).

Consultative Exercise

During the month representative from UNJLC, CARE and UNICEF carried out a presentation and consultative exercise in each of the state capitals with NGOs engaged or wishing to be engaged in distributions with Darfur NFI Common Pipeline Stocks. The purpose was ensure that agencies understood well the mechanisms of the common pipeline, selection criteria and how to access the stocks.

In West Darfur, this was well attended and as a follow up the pre-rainy season allocation exercise was completed on the following day. In North and South Darfur the exercise was poorly attended by NGO partners indicating a key problem for the mechanism in the lack of active partners in these states.

UNJLC has, in an attempt to reverse this, invited NGO steering committee to the Monthly Common Pipeline Management meeting which prioritizes funding allocation, study NFI distribution/targeting policy and range of other issues. The aim is the members of this group to disseminate information on Common NFI Pipeline for Darfur, contents of the NFI basket, and how to access them.

OTHER NFI PIPELINES:

UNJLC is requesting NGOs and agencies to report on any other NFI distributions taking place outside the Darfur Common NFI pipeline to ensure to avoid duplication and optimize resources. Concern is the processed on pre-position additional NFI stocks for West Darfur.