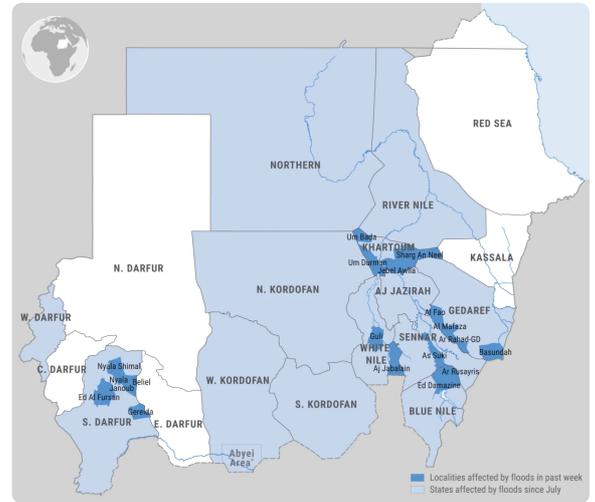


FLASH UPDATE (16 Sep 2021)

SUDAN: Floods Flash Update No. 13 (16 September 2021)

Highlights

- Heavy rains and flooding have affected over 288,000 people in 13 states across the country since the start of the rainy season in July.
- Close to 13,400 homes were damaged and over 43,700 homes destroyed.
- Moderate rainfall—between 50 and 100 mm—is expected in southern Sudan and western parts of Ethiopia between 15 and 22 September, according to the IGAD Climate Prediction and Application Centre (ICPAC).
- The Government, led by HAC, and humanitarian partners are providing life-saving assistance to people affected.
- Prepositioned relief items are being depleted and with the increase in the number of people affected, stocks need urgent replenishment.



SITUATION OVERVIEW

Heavy rains and flash flooding have so far been reported in 13 out of 18 states across the country. The affected states include Aj Jazirah, Blue Nile, Gedaref, Khartoum, North Kordofan, Northern, River Nile, Sennar, South Darfur, South Kordofan, West Darfur, West Kordofan and White Nile. As of 16 September, over 288,000 people have been affected (up from 61,000 at the end of August) with over 13,000 homes destroyed and 43,700 homes damaged. An unconfirmed number of public infrastructure and farmlands have also been affected. Further assessments will take place in Blue Nile and White Nile states to verify the needs and number of people affected.

Water levels of the Nile River have risen above flooding risk levels in Khartoum, Atbara, Shendi and Ed Diem stations, according to the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources. At the Khartoum station, water levels have reached 17 meters, which is 50 centimeters above the flooding risk level of 16.5 meters. The risk of riverine flooding along the Nile River remains high. Local authorities and partners are taking appropriate measures to avoid potential flooding impact on the lives and livelihoods of people in these areas. The rainfall season in Sudan typically ends at the end of September. According to ICPAC 15-22 September forecast, light rainfall is expected over southern Sudan and western parts of Ethiopia (part of the Blue Nile's catchment).

RESPONSE

People affected by heavy rains and floods in West Darfur, South Darfur, Gedaref, Khartoum, and River Nile states received food and non-food item (NFI) assistance. Over 52,600 people have received food assistance. About 6,300 people received one-month food rations, while 35,000 people received 3-15 days food rations. Food assistance was distributed in Aj Jazirah, Gedaref, North Kordofan, and River Nile states. Over 65,000 people received shelter and NFIs (S/NFIs) in Aj Jazirah, Gedaref, Khartoum, North Kordofan, South Darfur, West Darfur, and Northern states, while about 3,200 people received water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) assistance. The Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) received 4,000 NFI kit to support people affected by floods and other priority groups in the country. There are limited stocks of relief supplies in shelter, education, child protection and gender-based violence sectors. If flooding continues, available stocks will need to be replenished to be able to respond to other ongoing humanitarian response activities. In Northern State, 390 families received NFIs and over 1,800 families need urgent S/NFI assistance.



Despite ongoing activities, there are some challenges in some affected communities that are impacting the timely delivery of assistance. The challenges range from having limited humanitarian partners (River Nile and Northern State) to difficulties in accessing affected communities due to floodwaters and security challenges in West Kordofan.

In White Nile State, preliminary reports indicate that over 94,000 people have been affected by flooding in Guli and Aj Jabalain localities. Reportedly, there are between 12,000 and 16,000 people stranded by floodwaters who need urgent evacuation to higher ground. HAC and SRCS have allocated seven boats for this evacuation but due to the limited carrying capacity, the process is slow and urgent support is needed.

RESPONSE BY STATE

Blue Nile State

Heavy rains and flooding have affected over 1,834 people in Blue Nile State according to an inter-agency assessment carried out in August. The heavy rains and flooding affected an unconfirmed number of people in areas north of Ar Rusayris town and north Ed Damazine town and an inter-agency assessment is planned to identify the priority needs of people affected in Ar Rusayris locality.

In Ed Damazine town, 1,834 people were reached with one-month food assistance. WASH partners, in collaboration with the State Ministry of Health (SMoH) carried out hygiene promotion campaigns in affected neighbourhoods in Ed Damazine and Ar Rusayris towns. About 364 families were reached with WASH NFI kits including hygiene NFIs (soap, chlorine and hygiene kits) and 344 families were reached with plastic sheets and slabs to support the construction of latrines in Ed Damazine and Ar Rusayris towns. In addition, vector control, water quality monitoring and chlorination activities are ongoing.

Heavy rains and flooding damaged two bridges along the Singa – Ed Damazine road. Local authorities have started the rehabilitation of the two bridges. The road has been cut off twice, in July and August, affecting the delivery of humanitarian supplies from Khartoum to Blue Nile State.

Gedaref State

Over 47,000 people have been affected by heavy rains and flooding in Al Fao, Al Mafaza, Ar Rahad and Basundah localities of Gedaref State. Local authorities and humanitarian partners are providing food, S/NFIs as well as WASH and health assistance.

In Village 6, Major 4, and As Shanat villages in Al Fao locality, 510 families received S/NFI kits containing a chlorine pack, one plastic sheet, two blankets, two sleeping mats, two mosquito nets and one jerrycan.

In Hai Althawra village of Al Fao locality, 400 families received food baskets. Each food basket includes 25 kg of flour, 5 kg sugar, 4 liters of oil, and 8 sacks of pasta.

In Al Hawata village of Ar Rahad locality, 500 families received food aid as well as plastic sheets, mosquito nets, and water containers. Roads to Al Hawata have been impacted by the floodwaters affecting the movement of partners and delivery of relief supplies. Over 100 families in Al-Hawata still need S/NFI assistance.

Khartoum State

Heavy rains and flooding affected over 4,180 people in Jebel Awlia, Sharg An Neel, Um Bada and Um Durman localities of Khartoum State.

In the Ghaba Al Sonot, Manara and Mayo areas of Khartoum State, 915 South Sudanese refugee families received NFI kits. Partners drained, cleaned and maintained drainage systems in Angola, Mandila, and Yarmook areas of Khartoum locality.



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Sennar State

According to preliminary reports, over 19,700 people (3,947 families) have been affected by heavy rains and flooding in seven localities in Sennar State. About 415 latrines, 2 schools and 3 classrooms have been damaged.

S/NFIs were distributed to 172 families in As Suki locality. The lack of humanitarian partners in the state is affecting response.

South Darfur State

Over 9,400 people have been affected by heavy rains and flooding in Beliel, Ed Al Fursan, Gereida, Nyala Janoub and Nyala Shimal localities of South Darfur State. Over 94 per cent of affected families are IDPs in Kalma, Otash, Dereige, El Serif, Sakeley and Mosey IDP camps. In Kalma IDP camp, 766 IDP families received S/NFIs.

White Nile State

According to preliminary reports of an inter-agency assessment carried out between 8-9 September, over 94,000 have been affected by flooding in Guli and Aj Jabalain localities in White Nile State.

In Aj Jabalain, over 20,000 people were reportedly evacuated to higher ground according to local authorities. HAC and the SRCS have allocated seven boats for evacuation. 500 families received shelter NFIs in Al Ganaa and an additional 1,500 families were reached with plastic sheets in Kilo 4. Families affected by floods are taking shelter in eight schools in Jouda, Killo 4 and Killo 8 areas. Verification and registration are ongoing in Guli and Aj Jabalain localities.

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