

HIGHLIGHTS

- More than 16,000 people have been displaced by fighting between the SAF and SPLM-N forces in the El Moreib area in South Kordofan in recent weeks, according to HAC.
- In North Darfur, 95 per cent of the 25,000 people who fled from Kassab IDP camp in Kutum have returned.
- In Kadugli, South Kordofan, food distribution for 32,000 displaced people has begun.



A woman on her way back home in Kassab camp (UNAMID/Albert González)

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Civil defense says floods affect 240,000 people

According to the Government of Sudan's High Council of Civil Defense (HCCD), since June 2012 more than 48,000 families (an estimated 240,000 people) have been affected by floods in Sudan. HCCD reports that Kassala is the worst hit state, with some 72,500 people affected, followed by South Darfur (28,000 affected), Gedaref (27,000 affected) and Sennar (22,000 affected). Throughout Sudan, more than 12,000 houses have been destroyed and some 32,500 houses damaged.

The Climate Prediction Center's Africa Hazards Outlook for 30 August – 5 September 2012 reports that heavy rains and flash floods have killed five people and caused significant damage in South Darfur over the past week. As heavy rains in Kassala and Darfur are forecast for the next week further flooding is likely. Meanwhile, heavy rain over the Ethiopian highlands has caused the Atbara River to overflow, resulting in floods that have affected thousands of people in Nile River State.

UAE sends 100 MT of relief supplies for flood-affected people

According to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) news agency (WAM), a plane loaded with 100 metric tonnes (MT) of relief supplies provided by the Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Humanitarian and Charity Foundation arrived in Khartoum on 2 September to assist flood-affected people throughout Sudan.

Aid agencies scale up response in flood-affected areas in Darfur

Humanitarian organizations continue to deliver assistance to flood-affected people in the Darfur region. The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) Emergency Shelter/Non-Food Items (ES/NFI) project reports that 24 trucks are transporting non-food relief supplies from El Obeid in North Kordofan to Darfur to replenish stocks. According to humanitarian actors on the ground, some 1,000 people in Al Salaam and Abu Shouk camps for internally displaced people (IDPs) in North Darfur have received non-food relief items. In El Fasher town, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) continues to register extremely vulnerable people, with some 2,100 people already identified. In West Darfur, aid agencies have distributed non-food relief supplies to some 3,000 flood-affected people. In Central Darfur, assistance is being provided to flood-affected people in the Bindisi, Wadi Salih, and Nertiti localities.

Aid reaching some of the 12,000 flood-affected people in S. Kordofan

In South Kordofan State, the Government's Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) reports that recent floods have affected an estimated 3,500 people in Babanussa and some 600 people in the Hegairat area, on the outskirts of the state capital, Kadugli. The national NGO, SoS Sahel Sudan, distributed non-food relief supplies to the flood-affected people in the Hegairat area and reported that some 8,400 people were also affected by flooding in Debab town. HAC reported that an estimated 840 people were affected by flash floods in Muglad. An inter-agency team will visit the affected areas to assess humanitarian needs in the coming week. In the meantime, the Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS), with support from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), has started the distribution of relief items for flood-affected people in Muglad.

FIGURES

# of IDPs registered in camps in Darfur	1.7 m
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# of refugees in Sudan	139,000
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# of Sudanese refugees from Blue Nile in Ethiopia (UNHCR)	38,470
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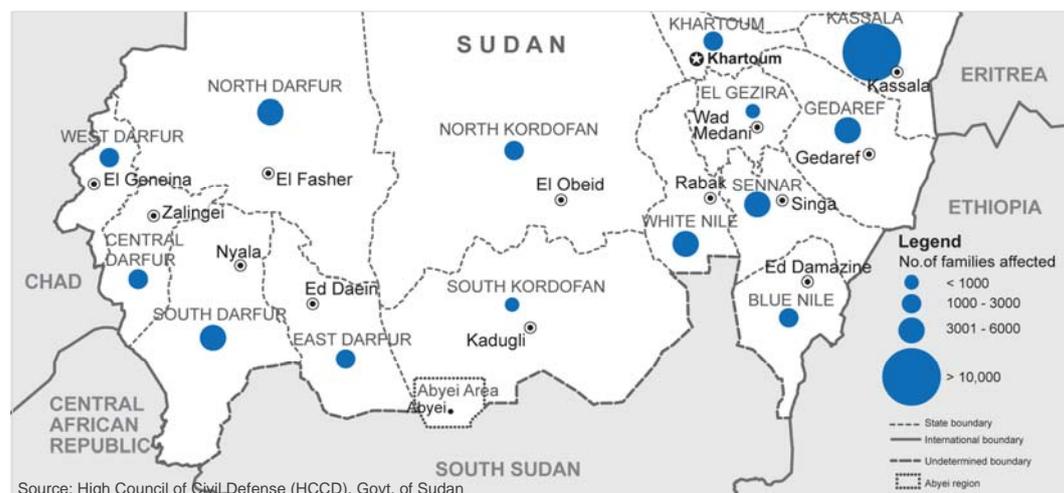
# of Sudanese refugees from Blue Nile and South Kordofan in South Sudan (UNHCR)	169,463
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FUNDING

1.1 billion
requested (US\$)

48% funded

Impact of flash floods by State



Recent displacement in South Kordofan

HAC reports that in recent weeks some 16,800 people have been displaced by fighting between SAF and SPLM-N forces near El Moreib in Al Abbasiya locality, South Kordofan State.

HAC reports that the fighting in recent weeks between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N) forces near El Moreib village in the Al Abbasiya locality has led to the displacement of some 16,800 people. Many of these people have fled to locations in the Rashad locality, including an estimated 5,500 people to Um Baraka village, 3,700 people to Mabsut village, 3,800 people to Habayel village, 1,500 people to Derag village and 900 people to Kershoom village. People from the El Moreib area have also fled to Kaling village in the Rashad locality as well as TotisTayba and Riba villages in the Al Abbasiya locality.

Citing the SAF, the official Sudanese news agency (SUNA) reported on 31 August that several people were injured after a civilian vehicle hit an anti-vehicle mine approximately 4km outside of Rashad town in South Kordofan.

Aid agencies provide assistance to recently displaced people

The World Health Organization (WHO), in collaboration with the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the State Ministry of Health (SMoH), reports that medical supplies were pre-positioned in Rashad and Al Abbasiya towns in July. WHO and UNICEF have supplied the SMoH with medical kits for people displaced from El Moreib. WHO and UNICEF will preposition additional medical supplies in the Rashad and Al Abbasiya localities shortly.

WFP distributing food to 32,000 displaced people in Kadugli

WFP and SRCS started distributing 1,140 MT of food for 32,000 people displaced by earlier fighting in South Kordofan State.

In Kadugli town on 1 September, SRCS with support from the World Food Programme (WFP), started distributing 1,140 MT of food (for September and October), targeting some 32,000 people displaced by earlier fighting. On 30 September, SRCS sent non-food relief supplies provided by UNHCR from the Rashad warehouse to 2,000 displaced families in Abu Kershola.

Save the Children continued its community-based management of malnutrition program (CMAM) in 15 nutrition centers throughout South Kordofan. Between 23 and 29 August, 608 children between 6-59 months old were screened, of whom 145 were identified as severely malnourished and 85 were identified as moderately malnourished. During the same period, 85 children with severe malnutrition (SAM) were admitted to the Outpatient Therapeutic Feeding Programme (OTP). Since January 2012, Save the Children-trained community outreach volunteers have screened more than 53,000 children under the age of five in Government-controlled areas of South Kordofan.

Food commodity prices sharply increase

Since July 2011, wheat prices in Sudan have increased by 52 per cent – the largest increase worldwide – according to the World Bank.

The latest Food Price Watch (FPW) report from the World Bank indicates that global wheat prices have risen to near-record levels. In Sudan, sorghum prices have increased by 29 per cent between April and July 2012, while the price of wheat has increased by 15 per cent. Since July 2011, wheat prices in Sudan have increased by 52 per cent – the largest increase worldwide – according to the World Bank. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Global Information and Early Warning System (GIEWS), sorghum prices in Sudan have increased by 145 per cent over the past 12 months. WFP's July 2012 Food Security Update report indicates that the highest increase in sorghum prices since July 2011 was recorded in Blue Nile State – 160 per cent.

According to the USAID-funded Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET), sorghum is the staple food for many poor households in central and eastern Sudan. Wheat is most often used as a substitute all over northern Sudan, but it is a staple food for northern states. According to Sudan's Central Statistics Office (CSO), annual inflation in Sudan increased to 41.6 per cent in July 2012 from 37.2 per cent in June, mainly due to increasing food prices. There are concerns about the impact of rising food prices on food insecurity, particularly in areas already suffering from the effects of armed conflict.

People on the move in North Darfur

According to humanitarian organizations on the ground, 95 per cent of the 25,000 displaced people who fled Kassab IDP camp to Kutum town following inter-tribal fighting in early August have returned to the camp. Humanitarian agencies and NGO partners have resumed their activities in the Kassab IDP camp. The African Union – United Nations Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) reported on 30 August that food distribution in the camp has begun and that a mobile clinic is operating. A needs assessment of non-food relief supplies in the camp is ongoing. Following the incident in early August, UNAMID has been providing continuous patrols and monitoring movement in and out of the camp.

Armed clashes cause new displacement in Tawila

According to reports received by the UN, recent clashes between armed movements and Government forces in Tawila locality, North Darfur, have led to the displacement of an unidentified number of people to Dali IDP camp. The most recent fighting took place on 24-25 August in the villages of Kushina Kunjara, Leshkaya and Khartoum Jadid. An inter-agency team went to Tawila on 2 September to verify the reported displacement from the three villages and received information that the situation is returning back to normal, with the majority of displaced people having returned to their villages.



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