

Flash Update #1 Al Geneina West Darfur

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Situation overview

The security situation in El Geneina, capital of West Darfur state worsened since the 15th of January 2021 after the fighting erupted among the Arab and Massalit Tribes. Initial reports indicate that many houses are totally burnt and thousands of IDPs fled the Krinding camps while the main road from Krinding to El Geneina town remains blocked¹.

The inter-tribal clashes subsided since then with security reinforcement in Krinding and El Geneina town and some reports shows that the clashes between the two groups is expanded to Abuzar camps and Jabal areas². As of 17th of January 2021, more than 140 (100 Masalit and 40 Arab tribesmen)³ were killed and over 150 injured, however these figures remain to be cross-checked. A significant number of people are reportedly missing and casualty figures are expected to be higher. Reports from the field shows that health facilities are overwhelmed with large number of seriously injured people while the facilities have limited medical supplies and health workers to attend the victims.



According to the Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) in west Darfur, up to 50,000 people living in camps and surrounding villages were affected and displaced to El Geneina town. This includes 32,000 people from the three in Krinding camps (Krinding1, Krinding2 and Sultan House), about 8000 people from areas neighboring the Krinding camps (Dareelselam, Darelnaem, Bab Aljinan) and about 10,000 people from surrounding villages. The displaced families are sheltering in

¹ Updates from Protection working group in West Darfur

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schools and ministry buildings (Alimam Alkasim School, Alzahraa School, Salah Aldin School and Algadima School).⁴ The displaced persons are expected to be in urgent need of life-saving assistance, including Health, Protection, NFI, food and other assistance.

As an immediate measure, the Wali (Governor) issued two decrees on 16 January, a curfew across all West Darfur and authorization for the police to use force to restore law and order. According to UNDSS, additional security forces have been deployed to El Geneina Town, Krinding and Jabal areas. A high-level delegation from Khartoum, led by the Prime Minister joined by all Walies of Darfur states, is expected to arrive in El-Geneina during this week.

This incident comes a year after violence in December 2019-January 2020 in El Geneina that led to the displacement of about 32,000 IDPs to El Geneina from IDPs camps and surrounding villages. July 2020 saw another wave of inter-communal violence in Masterei that forced 40,000 people to flee and seek shelter in El Geneina. Evidence from the previous conflict show that heightened risks of GBV including sexual violence for women and girls are expected especially against women and girls collecting firewood and grass while armed militias are present around the villages.

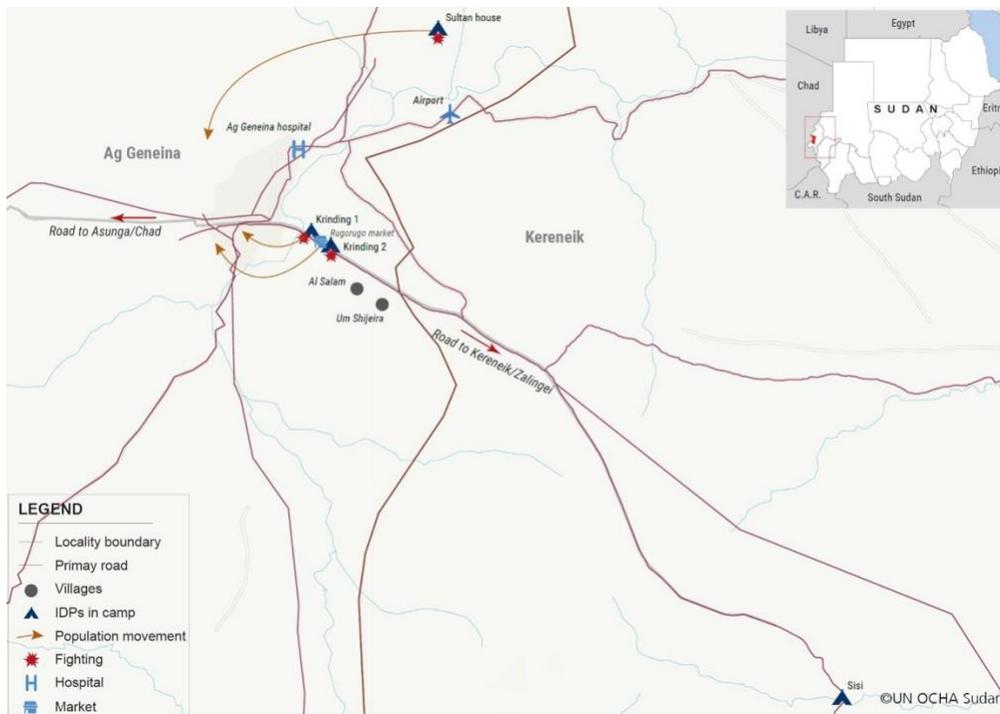
Key Figures:

- UNFPA estimates that amongst the newly displaced people, there are +12,000 Women of Reproductive Age,
- Around 1100 are pregnant women with +130 live births expected in the coming month.
- An estimated +80 women may experience complications over the coming month which require hospitalization and includes C-section, miscarriage or stillbirth and around +240 survivors may seek care.

Key activities:

- An ad Hoc national GBV Sub Sector meeting was conducted on the 18th of January to complement the ongoing efforts by the West Darfur sub national GBV working group. The aim of the meeting was to assess the available resources and capacities of GBV partners to respond to the recent displacement in El Geneina.
- Coordination is ongoing between members of the SRH working groups and a virtual meeting is planned on the 21st of January 2021.
- A Plan of action will be prepared for an integrated and multi-sectorial response when humanitarian access is possible.
- The GBV Sub Sector at the national and state levels will support the implementation of the interagency assessment and revising the relevant tools to include GBV related questions.
- GBV & SRH personnel from UNFPA Khartoum will be deployed to support the response in WD.

⁴ OCHA Situation report 17th of Jan 2021



Immediate GBV and SRH response

Due to the security situation and declaration of curfew, UNFPA and its partners are not able to assess the immediate needs of the displaced people in El Geneina town. However, the preparation for emergency response is ongoing with the following proposed activities.

- 2,445 Dignity kits are available in El-Geneina and ready to be distributed to vulnerable women and girls as part of emergency distribution in coordination with the SMOHSD, NGOs and the Y-Peer network.
- 100 clean delivery kits are also available in El-Geneina to be distributed for pregnant women.
- 1 temporary clinic is planned to operate in IDP areas. The equipment for the temporary clinic is already prepositioned in El-Geneina, and planned services include essential SRH (ANC, normal delivery, FP, PNC, CMR and referral to EMONC).
- 10 tents to support the functionality of SRH temporary clinics will be transported to El-Geneina.
- Supplies for 500 normal deliveries, PPE, infection prevention materials, and midwifery equipment are prepositioned in El-Geneina.
- 28 trained social workers (19 F and 9 M) on GBV case management are available in El-Geneina to provide basis psychosocial and case management services including Psychological first aid.
- GBV referral pathways for 8 localities are established, updated and functional with medical response, PSS, safety/ security and legal services included. The GBV hotline for WD state is also functional.
- The GBV confidential corner is active in El Geneina Teaching hospital and ready to receive GBV survivors upon the improvement of security situation.

- Post rape treatment kits and trained personnel are available in all localities - for El-Geneina, there is prepositioned treatment available for +45 expected survivors.
- 10 active community-based protection networks exist for GBV prevention and risk mitigation interventions.

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Needs and Gaps

- Basic essentials supply for clean normal deliveries is required for + 1500 pregnancy with consideration to the vulnerable host community.
- Medicines and lifesaving supplies including safe blood transfusion to perform normal deliveries and manage complicated pregnancies and performing caesarian sections, for an estimated +1800 deliveries and pregnant women are needed over the coming three months.
- Provision of Family planning supplies, treatment and supplies for clinical management of rape, treatment of STIs is required for total of +3000 over the coming three months.
- Medical equipment, including labor beds, normal delivery and caesarian section equipment is needed to support the referral facilities in El-Geneina.
- Activation of four temporary clinics including referral services is necessary. The temporary clinics should provide essential SRHs including demand creation for SRH services, ANC, normal delivery, FP, PNC, CMR, referral to EMONC, counseling and PFA. Temporary clinic consists of midwives, medical doctor, laboratory assistant, pharmacists, and social workers and referral to comprehensive EMONC facilities.

- In order to strengthen midwives and medical assistants who serve the IDPs and the vulnerable host community on *standard obstetric care*, 100 care providers are required to be trained.
- Material support including dignity kits for approximately 10,000 women and girls of reproductive health age within the gathering sites, other affected villages outside El Geneina town and vulnerable host population sheltering the displaced.
- Provision of psychosocial support services to women and girls suffering from trauma including survivors of gender-based violence in need of/wish to receive PSS services
- Strengthening of the capacity of service providers in provision of life saving GBV response services including, clinical management of rape, referrals, caring for child survivors of sexual violence, psychosocial support, basic case management and referral, child safeguarding
- Awareness creation on GBV within the community especially on available response services as well as community responsibility on GBV response to reduce stigma.
- Support to have the GBV confidential corner in El Geneina hospital functional 24 Hrs and in addition, temporary confidential spaces outside of the gathering sites for provision of PSS
- Support to women protection networks at the gathering sites and other affected areas.

Needs and Gaps for the next 3 months

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