Situation update:

- Due to unusual heavy rainfall, flooding has created a significant humanitarian crisis in various part of Sudan leading the Government on 4th of September 2020 to declare a three-month State of Emergency in the country.
- According to the Humanitarian Aid Commission, 17 out of the country’s 18 states have been impacted with more than 100,000 homes destroyed. UNOCHA reports over 506,000 people affected which is causing significant internal displacement.
- According to satellite images over 500km² of land appears to be flooded in Khartoum, Al Gezira and White Nile states alone. Nearly 100 casualties and 46 injuries have also been reported.
- The Humanitarian Aid Commission is leading a national Flood Task Force to coordinate the response. Needs identified through assessments include emergency shelter and household supplies, clean water, sanitation and hygiene assistance, food and agricultural assistance, health, and vector control.

UNOCHA 7 September 2020 https://reports.unocha.org/en/country/sudan/#cf:57tGyspWD9%3BNYZ5tZd4Yb
• A quick response was possible after the government, UN and partners pre-positioned supplies to respond to the needs of 250,000 people, but needs are increasing and the situation developing.

• The impact of the flooding is exacerbated by a pre-existing weak health system, and limited capacity for effective response due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the health system is not able to meet the new influx of needs. Currently, only 31 percent of health facilities offer emergency obstetric care services and it is estimated that a total of 2,671 health facilities have been damaged.

• Heavy rains have been forecasted in Ethiopia and several parts of Sudan which means the situation could be expected to deteriorate over the coming days, increasing water levels in Blue Nile and leading to more flooding.
Immediate Response  
Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

During emergencies, women and girls are subjected to higher risks of gender-based violence as displacement often causes them to shelter in shared spaces mixed between genders where tensions are heightened, and resources stretched. UNFPA Sudan estimates that around **10,364** women will need assistance on gender-based violence during the emergency.

- **20,216** dignity kits are being distributed to most vulnerable women in reproductive health age in flood affected areas, including 10,216 kits in Khartoum, 3,000 in North Darfur, 5,000 in Kassala and 2,000 in North Kordofan.
- As part of the ongoing interventions, **20,300** brochures on personal hygiene were distributed and GBV referral pathways and community protection networks were activated in North Darfur, South Darfur, West Darfur, Blue Nile, Khartoum and Kassala. This means that these states already have a minimum level of services in place which can be accessible to flood-affected women and girls.
Immediate Response  Reproductive Health (RH)

UNFPA Sudan estimates, that based on the MISP² calculator there are around **121,440** Women of Reproductive Age. Around **12,000** women are currently pregnant, and **+1,300** births are expected in the coming month where women will need access to essential services. Approximately **600** women will experience complications in birth.

- As part of contingency plan to respond to ongoing crisis UNFPA prepositioned reproductive health kits to cater for the needs of approximately **100,000** population.
- As a preparation for flood response, UNFPA facilitated and supported the rehabilitation of 16 emergency obstetric and newborn care facilities in seven states. States covered included White Nile, Blue Nile, Kassala, Gadarif, five Darfur states, Gazira, Red Sea, Khartoum.
- Since August, **4,500** people have received health services which includes referral, awareness raising and SRH services and out of this **4,000** have received consultations through the mobile clinics teams operating in affected areas.

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² Minimum Initial Service Package
• The referral services for women in need for emergency obstetrics services is functioning in 12 states (Khartoum, Gazira, North Darfur, South Darfur, West Darfur, Central Darfur, East Darfur, Blue Nile, Gadarif, North Kordofan, White Nile and Kassala).

Other UN agencies are providing further assistance including food, health, non-food items (NFIs), nutrition, as well as water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), while protection services continue to remain overlooked. For a comprehensive cross-sectoral humanitarian response overview, please review UNOCHA 7 September 2020 situation report UNOCHA SitRep available [here](#).

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Programmatic Challenges

- Access to affected populations and areas have been challenged and have thus delayed and hindered effective response and assessments.
- Despite a pre-positioning of dignity kits and RH medicines and supplies to cater for the need of 100,000 there is still a gap to cover the remaining population as the population increase from 250,000 planned figure to over 500,000 as of 7th Sept.
- The ongoing economic crisis and inflation in Sudan has caused further challenges operation costs are increasing.
- Interagency in-depth assessments are ongoing, and data is being collected on needs. It is paramount the lifesaving reproductive health services and GBV assistance is reflected.
UNFPA Funding Gap

For immediate response to priority needs of affected populations

Reproductive Health Interventions

- Deployment of 50 mobile teams: $600,000
- Procurement of RH medicines and supplies: $1,000,000
- Operational support: $400,000
- Total UNFPA funding need: $2,000,000

GBV Interventions

- Procurement of 40,000 dignity kits: $800,000
- Operational support: $200,000
- Total UNFPA funding need: $1,000,000

Total UNFPA funding gap All figures are USD = $. 3,000,000 USD

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