



MULTI SECTOR INITIAL RAPID NEEDS ASSESSMENT TO DAMASAK AND DIKWA

Assessment locations:

- Dikwa: Dikwa town
- Damasak: Mobbar

- Dates: 19th April 2017
- Methodology: Rapid Multisectoral Needs Assessment

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- **Methodology**: based on key informant interviews (KII), focus group discussions (FGDs) and structured direct observation (DO). The tools used are designed to triangulate information collected. Methodology design tries to capture maximum extend of information from multiple sources and taking into account views and needs of various groups in the population in shortest possible timeframe.
- Total of 2 KII and 5 (2 IDP, 1 host, 3 F/2M) FGDs were conducted

Key Findings

Population: Estimated as of 19th April

Location	Population group	Total HHs	Total HHs in Need
Dikwa	IDP	14,000	95%
	Host		
	Returns	7,000	90%
	Total	21,000	20,000
Damasak	IDP	-	
	Host	-	
	Returns	30,000	95%
	Total	30,000	28,000

Food Security Situation - Damasak

Access:

- Majority of residents rely on food distribution- much of it shared among residents.
- Markets practically not functioning currently nor population is having resources to buy food items/

Supplies:

- Food stocks are minimal and comprise food rations provided by ICRC
- Stability of supply depends entirely on distributions by aid agencies.

Food utilization :

- Cooking equipment is available, but limited and often shared.
- Firewood is the only source of energy and is being collected in immediate vicinity of the town
- Coping: People consume food usually once or maximum twice a day.

Livelihoods

- Majority of population has no resources to restart agricultural activities (90% engaged before the crisis)
- Prior to the crisis population engaged in farming (rain fed and irrigated vegetable gardens), some fishing and livestock

Food Security Situation: Dikwa

- Food is reported as serious challenge.
- **Coping**
- New arrivals with nothing rely on sharing
- Collection of firewood for sale (as trading access to MMC is possible).
- Others had sold all HH assets or resorted to begging.
- People eat 1 time a day..
- **Supplies:** Food stocks are minimal.
- **Food utilization:** Cooking equipment is available, but limited and often shared. Firewood is the only source of energy and is being collected however with long walking distance and security fears.
- **LIVELIHOODS**
- Majority of population has no resources to restart agricultural activities (in which more than 90% found occupation before the crisis were engaged in) – such as seeds, tools, other inputs or livestock.
- Prior to the crisis population engaged in farming (rain fed and irrigated vegetable gardens), and some livestock

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