



**Food Security and Livelihoods Sector Meeting
Khartoum, Sudan.**

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Place: Online
Timing: 12:00 – 13:30

No. of Participants: 37
Participant Organizations: 27
Male and female: 26:11

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Points	Deliberations	Action Points/Decisions
<p>Humanitarian Situational update</p>	<p><u>Clashes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fighting continues ▪ Intensified fighting between SAF and RSF in North and South Kordofan has seen SAF gaining control of the Wad Ashana area between Tandelti and Um Ruwaba, leading to the disappearance of RSF checkpoints in Wad Ashana. Recent reports also suggest SAF operations in Al Ghabsha, between Wad Ashana and Um Ruwaba, resulting in casualties among RSF personnel. In response, RSF seems to have regained control of Wad Ashana, sparking social media discussions. ▪ Sudan has declared a cholera outbreak in Gedaref State, where 264 suspected cases, 4 confirmed cases and 16 deaths have been reported by September 25, 2023. <p><u>Floods</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Since July, about 72,000 people in seven states have been affected by heavy rains and flooding, according to the 2023 Sudan floods Dashboard in Northern, River Nile, North Darfur, Gedaref, White Nile, North Kordofan and South Kordofan states. On 13 and 14 September, heavy rains and flooding affected 1,700 people in North Darfur’s Al Fasher and Al Lait localities. <p><u>Displacements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The total number of displaced people within and outside Sudan has reached 5.4M since 15 April. ▪ Sudan now has the highest number of internally displaced people globally. ▪ Since April, 1 M displaced per month ▪ 1.1 M refugees <p><u>Humanitarian Assistance & Compounding Factors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Massive aid funding shortfalls, combined with reduced domestic food production and severe water shortages have left displaced families in a dire situation. ▪ Looting, delays in approvals of movements, outbreaks warehouses, poor network, phone connectivity problems, lack of cash, have further hampered relief interventions and affected assistance to impossible 	<p>FSL Sector will update with situational developments regularly.</p>

	<p>for displaced families in some places.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ However, delivery of humanitarian assistances continues even if challenging and unpredictable. ▪ Fuel shortages are also hampering the movement of humanitarian staff and supplies besides affecting to maintain the cold chain storages. <p>Access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Due to ongoing conflict crises, other impediments and obstacles faced by humanitarian partners, continue to make access to people in need extremely challenging and unpredictable. ▪ Lack of commitment from parties to the conflict to provide safe passage affects movements across the country. For the third consecutive week, the movement of humanitarian supplies to Kordofan and Darfur is on hold. ▪ Shortage of fuel is another operational impediment, particularly in hard-to-reach areas. ▪ It includes requirements to share beneficiary lists, denial of and restrictions on travel permits and movement of supplies, requirements of various payments such as incentives, suspension of activities and gatherings since mid-August. 	
<p>FSL State-Level Situation Updates</p>	<p><u>West Kordofan State</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The security situation is stable, the cropping season under harvesting stage. ▪ 345 ton of sorghum seeds distributed to 34,500 HHs smallholders. ▪ Most targeted smallholder are in needs for post-harvesting services. <p><u>Gadaref</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is a gradual increase in food needs as more IDPs come to the state. The security situation remains calm but unpredictable. ▪ General Food Assistance in 4 Tigray camps covering about 46,000 beneficiaries in addition to 20,000 New IDPs. Plan to reach out to Host communities with General Food Assistance in all localities" ▪ Discrepancies in the numbers from different actors is affecting planning. <p><u>River Nile</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Flood, conflict and food unavailability are impacting the situation in the state. ▪ Many organization are responding to state needs, however there is a gap due to the continuous incoming displacements (65K IDPs) ▪ Unavailability of internet connectivity as well as vehicles <p><u>Northern State</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Price shocks lead to reduction of the purchasing power. Lack of fuel, fertilizers, agricultural credit. Massive displacements to the state (16% of the state population). Weakness of the rainy season, lack of agricultural inputs, and climate change are affecting the FSL situation. ▪ 200 MT of sorghum and food packages has been distributed for most vulnerable farming HHs and IDPs. ▪ Poor working environment lack of vehicles, furniture, internet connectivity. <p><u>Kassala</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The security situation remains calm but unpredictable. IDPs are in need for FSL interventions. Banking services 	

	<p>are improved. Fuel price increased 3 times during September.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All localities in the state are accessible. 60,000 vulnerable small-scale farmers and households in 8 localities were reached with seeds distribution. An inter-sectoral assessment is planned and pending government approval. <p>Sennar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The security situation remains calm. Food assistance is provided to the IDPs. Plan to conduct a market and needs assessment targeting IDPs and host communities. Agriculture season is progressing well Cash, internet connectivity, weakness of the rainy season 	
Funding Status of Revised HRP 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirements: \$581.2M Funded: \$257.2M Unmet Requirements: \$324M Coverage: 44.3% 	For more information, please visit OCHA's Financial Tracking Service (FTS)
HPC 2024 Updates	<p><u>FSL PiN & Severity for HPC 2024</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FSL PiN: 20.3M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IDPs: 7.07M Refugees: 963K Host Community: 5.27M Non-Displaced Population: 6.98M Calculation Methodology – based on IPC analysis (IPC3+) JIAF 2.0 Methodology for inter-sectoral PiN is now with HCT HPC 2024 timeline is available in the FSL meeting presentation. 	FSL Cluster to reconsider rephrasing the term “Non-displaced Population”
FSL Objectives and Target	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SO1: Improve the food security status of assessed food insecure people through life-saving and life sustaining food assistance SO2: Support self-reliance of affected households by protecting and building productive assets and restoring or creating income generating opportunities to save and sustain lives Target: To be defined based on partners’ operational capacity, access, etc. Target in revised HRP 2023: 15 M (6 M with food assistance and 15 M with emergency livelihoods support) 	SO1 and SO2 phrasing to be reconsidered to allow for a broader range of activities.
FSL Activity Costing	Costing tables for activities under SO1 and SO2 are available in the FSL meeting presentation	
FSL Response Updates (FSL dashboard)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FSL Sector has managed to reach 7.43M beneficiaries with different food security and livelihoods activities since 15 Apr 2023. These individuals are geographically distributed among 18 states in Sudan 29 UN agencies, national and international organization has reported their FSL activities during the last period. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FSL partners need to share their 5Ws data bi-weekly.

)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As per the beneficiaries per activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agricultural Support– 5.24M - General Food Distribution (Half Ration) – 1.84M ▪ The most covered state is Aj Jazirah with 1M beneficiaries ▪ Gedaref State has the most FSL presence (15 partners) 	
Updates on Displacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This week witnessed a sharp increase in the number of IDPs, total No. of IDPs reached to 4.425M individuals, in addition to 1.2M Sudanese refugees who fled to neighboring countries. ▪ The highest proportions of IDPs have been observed in River Nile (11.60%), South Darfur (11.4%), East Darfur (11.3%), Aj Jazirah 8.3%), Northern (8.2%), and North Darfur (7.5%). ▪ The majority (3,007,833 IDPs, 68%) have been reportedly displaced from Khartoum state; followed by South Darfur (14.9%), North Darfur (8.2%), Central Darfur (4%), and West Darfur (3.7%). 	<p>For more information, please visit Sudan DTM Website.</p>
Partners Updates, Challenges, Way Forward	<p>ARCO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 100,000 IDPs registration has been completed last week HAC with the contribution of international and national NGOS. Funds have not been received yet to move forward with planned activities to respond to new IDPs caseload in East Darfur. ▪ FSL Cluster is requested to mobilize funds in order to respond to this considerable caseload in East Darfur. <p>IHH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IHH sent 28 containers of aid last week. 12 of them contain food (flour, noodles, pasta and oil). They will arrive on October 21st. ▪ IHH aims to start distribution in the first week of November. <p>WR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Distribution of 155 MT to 9,017 beneficiaries in Kurmuk and Bau localities of Blue Nile Region. ▪ WR plans to distribute 218 MT in Kurmuk town. ▪ SIPRA project: distribution of full sets of Agriculture tools & seeds to 286 farmers who cultivated 860 fedan in Bau locality. ▪ WR distributed 899 MT to 104,975 beneficiaries and plan to distribute 510 MT to 59,620 beneficiaries. ▪ WR is currently conducting registration/verification for 15,688 HHs in Kulbus for three months CBT/value voucher distribution through WFP funds. 	
GBV Risk Mitigation for FSL Cluster (GBV Sub-cluster)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mainstreaming GBV in FSL Cluster Session to be conducted on Thursday 12th October 2023 from 11:30-1300 Khartoum Time ▪ Please register in advance for the training using the link below. https://unfpa.zoom.us/j/84121421214?pwd=c3o0WVZiaVZkSFA5ckxoNmNmVUIlZz09 	
AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sudan Scenario Building: please refer to the Sudan Scenario Building Presentation ▪ MEB Updates: please refer to the MEB Updates Presentation ▪ CWG Updates: please refer to the FSL meeting presentation 	

Annex 1 – Participants List – 21 September 2023

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