

# U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BUREAU FOR DEMOCRACY, CONFLICT, AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE (DCHA) OFFICE OF U.S. FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (OFDA)

## DARFUR - Humanitarian Emergency

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## DARFUR EMERGENCY – NUMBERS AT A GLANCE SOURCE

Conflict-Affected Persons in	2.2 million people	U.S. Government, European Union, and
Darfur and Eastern Chad		United Nations
Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)	1.45 million people	U.N. Office for the Coordination of
in <b>Darfur</b>		Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
Sudanese Refugees in Eastern	200,000 people	U.N. High Commissioner for
Chad		Refugees (UNHCR)
Conflict-Affected Persons in	940,000 people during August	U.N. World Food Program (WFP)
<b>Darfur</b> Receiving Food Assistance		
Crude Mortality Rates (CMR) <sup>1</sup> and	North Darfur – 1.5 CMR; 2.5 U5MR	Preliminary data from the U.N. World
Under-five Mortality Rates	West Darfur – 2.9 CMR; 3.1 U5MR	Health Organization (WHO)
$(U5MR)^2$ for <b>Darfur</b>	Kalma Camp (South Darfur) – 3.8	
	CMR; 11.7 U5MR	

## **CURRENT HUMANITARIAN SITUATION**

Security, Humanitarian Access, and Response Capacity

- On September 18 in Nyala, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) handed over to the Government of Sudan (GOS) Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) eight people who had been detained by the Sudan Liberation Movement/Army (SLM/A). ICRC acted as an intermediary for the release of the detainees, which included HAC employees and Sudanese journalists, who had been held since August 18.
- On September 18, Congressmen Jim Kolbe and Jesse Jackson, Jr. joined USAID Administrator Andrew S. Natsios and other USAID officials on a site visit to SLM/A-held areas in North Darfur. According to the USAID/DART, Administrator Natsios reiterated with SLM/A leaders the importance of U.N.-established ground rules for humanitarian operations in the SLM/A areas. In addition, the Administrator pointed out that armed attacks on U.N. or non-governmental organization (NGO) convoys constitute attacks on the U.S. and other donors, since the donors are funding the operational humanitarian organizations.
- The U.N. reported on September 19 that the number of humanitarian organizations responding in Darfur continues to increase. According to the U.N., there are approximately 60 international NGOs registered to operate in the Darfur region. Approximately 40 of these NGOs already have substantial operations and 20 have started to set up operations. The U.N. reports that increased access to SLM/A areas, particularly in the Jebel Marra region, has enabled NGOs to expand programs to these areas recently. However, the number of people affected by conflict has also increased in recent months due to a combination of increased humanitarian access to opposition-held territory and new displacement from villages in Darfur.

<sup>1</sup> According to WHO, the emergency threshold for crude mortality is 1 death per 10,000 people per day.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> According to WHO, the emergency threshold for under-five mortality is 2 deaths per 10,000 children under five per day.

#### Armed Conflict and Violence against Civilians Continue

- According a September 21 OCHA estimate, 100,000 IDPs in Darfur could not be reached by humanitarian workers in August due to clashes between armed groups and general insecurity. The spokesperson stated that of the unreachable population, 70,000 were located in South Darfur, 25,000 in North Darfur, and 5,000 in West Darfur.
- In North Darfur, international media sources report that clashes between the GOS army and opposition forces continue to hinder humanitarian agencies' ability to reach concentrations of IDPs and assess their humanitarian situation. Reports indicated that the U.N. was not able to send an assessment mission on September 18 to villages outside Tawilah, located 70 km west of El Fasher, due to armed clashes in the area. The U.N. stated that it received similar reports on September 16 of fighting in Ailliet, approximately 250 km southeast of El Fasher.
- According to the U.N., while the number of attacks on villages in Darfur has decreased somewhat, there are increased reports of violence against individuals. According to ICRC, sporadic armed clashes and an increase in banditry in Darfur continued to create an atmosphere of insecurity. In September, approximately 1,000 new families, mainly women and children, arrived on the outskirts of El Fasher, North Darfur, according to ICRC.

#### Child Abductions

• According to the U.N., two children aged 10 and 12 who had been previously abducted by the *Jingaweit* in Tawilah, North Darfur, returned to Abu Shouk settlement in North Darfur on September 19. The children reportedly explained that they escaped, but that the *Jingaweit* were detaining other children and using them to tend cattle. Save the Children/U.K. (SCF/UK) has initiated the process to reunify the children with their families.

#### Protection

- Save the Children (SCF), in coordination with the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the ICRC, has begun registering children separated from their families and facilitating protection activities in 10 settlements in West Darfur. SCF has created children's activity centers in each settlement to provide structured activities in safe spaces for IDP children. To date, SCF reports 43,395 participants have attended these activities, supported by 87 IDP volunteers.
- During September, Oxfam/UK will launch a one-month pilot project to distribute firewood to 9,000 IDP families in Kabkabiyah. NGOs and U.N. agencies continue to examine the feasibility of addressing the link between firewood collection and rape by shifting the IDP population to alternative fuels such as charcoal, introducing fuel-efficient stoves to reduce the demand for firewood, and improving security patrols in firewood collection areas.

#### Food Assistance

- Through September 20, WFP completed food distributions to 62 percent of targeted beneficiaries for the month. At this rate, WFP may exceed 90 percent of the planned distribution levels for September. With the September arrival of the last shipment of all-terrain trucks for overland transport of food assistance, WFP expects to reach all beneficiaries with full rations in October, except for those whose access is impeded by security reasons. Preliminary estimates indicate that 1.7 million beneficiaries out of the estimated 2 million will be accessible, with the remaining 300,000 residing in insecure areas.
- WFP and partner organizations have completed field assessments to determine the state of food security and nutrition in Darfur. Results of the assessment will confirm the numbers of beneficiaries to be targeted for food distribution and form the basis for WFP's resource and program planning for 2005.

## Sudanese Refugees in Eastern Chad

• The Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Refugees, and Migration is currently visiting Chad and Sudan as part of an international delegation headed by UNHCR. In Chad, the delegation will meet with Chadian government officials and NGO representatives to discuss the needs of the approximately 200,000 Sudanese refugees in Chad.

## U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR EMERGENCY IN FY 2004

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Implementing Partner	Activity	Location	Amount	
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ARC	Health, Water/Sanitation	South and West Darfur	\$1,647,414	
	Food Security/Agriculture, Nutrition,			
ACF	Water/Sanitation	South Darfur	\$1,500,000	
CRS	Food Security/Agriculture, Health,	South and West Darfur	\$3,034,357	
	Shelter, Water/Sanitation Health, Water/Sanitation; Logistics	South Darfur; Darfur-Wide		
CARE Center for	Health, water/Sanitation; Logistics	South Dariur; Dariur-wide	\$2,667,895	
Humanitarian Dialogue	Monitoring	Darfur-wide	\$267,709	
Concern	Nutrition, Water/Sanitation	West Darfur	\$1,500,000	
GOAL	Food Security/Agriculture, Health, Nutrition, Water/Sanitation	West Darfur	\$2,000,000	
IRC	Coordination, Health, Shelter, Water/Sanitation	North, South, and West Darfur	\$4,173,318	
Medair	Emergency Relief Supplies	West Darfur	\$500,000	
SC-UK	Health, Nutrition, Water/Sanitation	North Darfur	\$770,370	
SC-US	Health, Nutrition, Shelter	West Darfur	\$1,794,794	
Tufts University	Research Studies	Darfur-wide	\$105,120	
UNDP	Capacity Building	Darfur-wide	\$300,000	
UN FAO	Food Security/Agriculture	Darfur-wide	\$1,215,000	
UNICEF	Coordination, Health, Nutrition, Water/Sanitation	Darfur-wide	\$4,574,830	
UNJLC	Coordination, Logistics	Darfur-wide	\$650,000	
UN OCHA	Coordination, Information Management	Darfur-wide	\$750,000	
UNSECOORD	Security Officers	Darfur-wide	\$900,000	
WFP	Flight Operations, Communications, Coordination, Logistics	Darfur-wide	\$14,835,000	
WHO	Health	Darfur-wide	\$500,000	
World Vision	Health, Emergency Relief Supplies, Shelter, Water/Sanitation,	South Darfur	\$2,270,812	
Various	Emergency Relief Supplies	Darfur-wide	\$4,427,438	
Various	Airlift of Emergency Relief Supplies	Darfur-wide	\$4,276,389	
	Administrative/Logistics	Darfur-wide	\$2,400,149	
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$57,060,595	
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WFP	118,400 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Darfur-wide	\$112,912,800	
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$112,912,800	
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IRC	IDP Assistance	North Darfur	\$96,205	
Halo Partnership	Justice and accountability to Darfuri Diaspora groups		\$24,800	
Physicians for Human Rights	Research on Sexual Violence		\$14,000	
American Bar Association	Documentation of violence through interviews with refugees	Eastern Chad	\$858,322	
TOTAL USAID/OTI				
TOTAL FY 2004 USAID ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR \$170,966,722				
STATE/PRM ASSIST				
ICRC	Emergency Humanitarian Operations	Darfur-wide <sup>1</sup>	\$6,891,000	
UNHCR	Emergency Appeal – IDP Protection	Darfur-wide	\$1,350,000	

TOTAL STATE/PRN	M HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO D	ARFUR	\$8,241,000	
TOTAL FY 2004 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR\$179,207				
EASTERN CHAD				
STATE/PRM ASSIST				
AirServ	Flight Operations	Eastern Chad	\$2,224,090	
CARE	Community Services, Psychosocial	Eastern Chad	\$763,742	
	Interventions, Capacity Building	Eastern Chad	\$703,742	
CRS	Capacity Building, Camp Management	Eastern Chad	\$434,026	
IFRC	Camp Management, Transportation	Eastern Chad	\$2,400,000	
IMC	Primary Health	Eastern Chad	\$1,877,934	
IRC	Protection, Health, Food/Relief Supply		\$2,224,811	
	Distributions, Children's Programs	Eastern Chad		
UNHCR	Refugee Assistance and Protection	Eastern Chad	\$30,348,249	
WFP	Emergency Food Assistance, Flight	Francisco Charle	\$4,000,000	
	Operations	Eastern Chad		
TOTAL FY 2004 STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD\$44,272,852				
USAID/OFDA ASSIS	TANCE			
U.S. Embassy Chad	Water Purification and Soap to UNICEF	Eastern Chad	\$114,000	
TOTAL USAID/OFD	A		\$114,000	
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WFP	16,780 MT of P.L. 480 Title II	E CL 1	Φ1.4.577.700	
	Emergency Food Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$14,577,700	
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$14,577,700	
TOTAL FY 2004 USA	AID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO	EASTERN CHAD	\$14,691,700	
TOTAL FY 2004 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD\$58,964,552				
TOTAL FY 2004 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR AND EASTERN CHAD\$238,172,274				
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State/PRM's contribution to ICRC will also fund increased humanitarian operations in eastern Chad.

#### PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for their humanitarian emergency response efforts in Darfur, Sudan can be found at <a href="https://www.interaction.org">www.interaction.org</a>.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they: allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information on making donations and volunteering can be found at:
  - O U.S. Agency for International Development: www.usaid.gov keyword: donations
  - o The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or 703-276-1914
  - o InterAction: <a href="www.interaction.org">www.interaction.org</a> -> "How You Can Help"
- Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at <a href="https://www.reliefweb.org">www.reliefweb.org</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>State/PRM figures do not include un-earmarked Africa-wide contributions to ICRC and UNHCR.