

Safe Access to Fuel and Energy (SAFE) in Sudan

Information Leaflet 2015



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WFP's SAFE approach in Darfur, Sudan

Background

In the Darfur region of Sudan, more than two million people have been displaced by conflict. Access to energy is a critical humanitarian need for them. SAFE (Safe Access to Fuel and Energy) is a comprehensive response implemented by WFP and its partners to meet the energy needs of displaced and other vulnerable people. This is done through the production and distribution of fuel-efficient cookstoves and sustainable energy-related activities, protecting both people and the environment.

The challenge

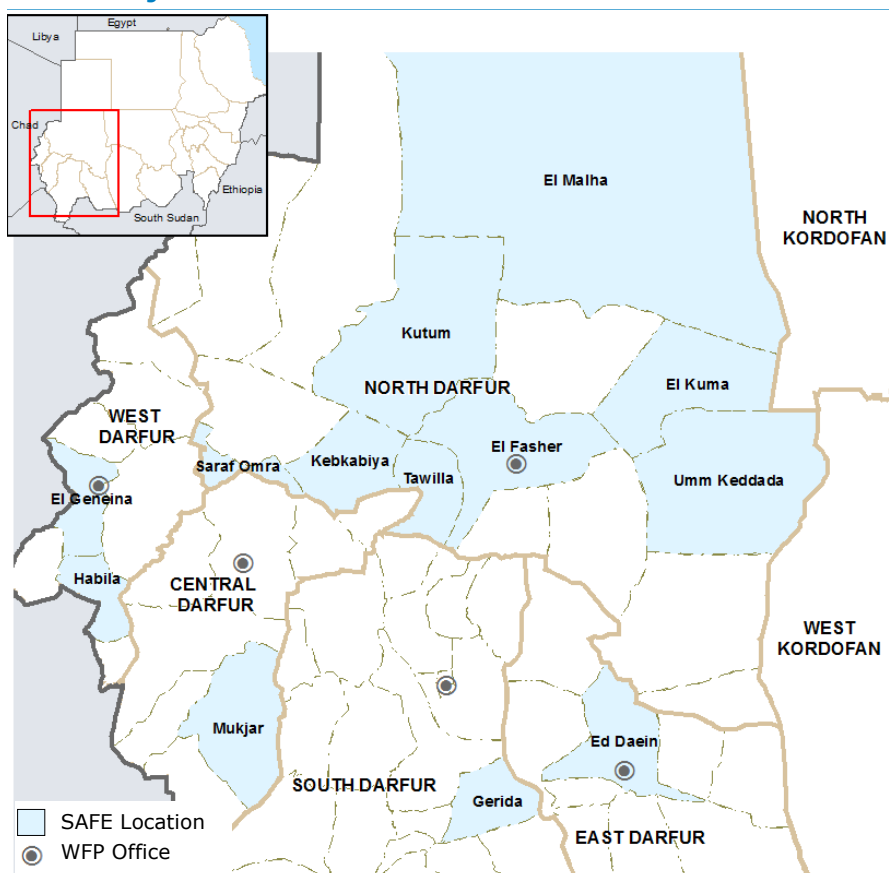
Due to environmental degradation and conflict in Darfur, the supply of firewood for cooking and selling is limited and difficult to access. Women and girls must venture into unsafe areas, risking harassment and other gender-based violence. As environmental degradation continues, they are forced to travel longer distances, resulting in greater risk of attack. These same women and children spend the majority of time cooking their families meals facing heightened risks of respiratory diseases due to black smoke from open fires. SAFE promotes sustainable energy-related activities that minimize risks linked to the lack of access to fuel and energy.

SAFE in Darfur

WFP implements a comprehensive SAFE approach in Darfur which centres on protection, livelihoods and the environment through a series of targeted activities. SAFE focuses on three core issues:

- ◇ Reducing the vulnerability and frequency of exposure to gender-based violence and health risks through the large scale production and distribution of fuel-efficient stoves and briquettes;
- ◇ Promoting the creation of people's livelihoods and protecting their fragile environments by building tree nurseries, community forests and training centres;
- ◇ Ensuring that the need to collect firewood is not an obstacle to school attendance by providing fuel-efficient stoves and briquettes to schools.

SAFE Project Locations Darfur



SAFE IN DARFUR TO DATE 2009 - 2014

442,061 fuel-efficient stoves - 2,732 production trainings - 189 trainers of trainers - 43 tree nurseries - 476 institutional stoves for School Feeding programmes - 2.2 million beneficiaries



Cooking Up Change in Darfur

In 2013, WFP received funding from the Dutch Postcode Lottery for *Cooking Up Change in Darfur*, a SAFE project that will significantly expand WFP's SAFE programme. Cooking Up Change in Darfur will be implemented over a two-year period – **March 2014 to March 2016** – and reach up to 2.7 million people.

In Darfur, where the erosion of natural resources and safety risks are the highest in Sudan, SAFE will act as a catalyst for positive change and recovery. Cooking Up Change in Darfur addresses the serious challenges linked with the lack of firewood and cooking fuel through a multi-faceted approach including protection, environmental, gender, livelihood, resilience, health, nutrition and education objectives.

Communications campaign

The Cooking Up Change in Darfur project includes a dedicated awareness-raising campaign in the Netherlands, which starts in spring 2015 and runs for 12 months. The communications campaign will:

- Raise awareness about SAFE and the situation in Darfur;
- Demonstrate how the efforts of the Dutch Postcode Lottery and WFP can respond innovatively to challenges in complex settings;
- Inspire people to think about being part of a sustainable life-changing solution.

The primary audience of this campaign is 'social-minded' Dutch citizens who are looking for ways to become more involved with sustainable solutions to global problems. Secondary audiences include Dutch companies looking for corporate social responsibility initiatives, policy- and other decision-makers, and the Dutch media.

COOKING UP CHANGE IN DARFUR GOALS 2014 - 2016

30 training and production centres - 20 agro business centres - 20 tree nurseries - 20 community forests - 150,000 fuel-efficient briquettes - 2.7 million beneficiaries

ACTIVITIES COOKING UP CHANGE IN DARFUR 2014 - 2016

ACTIVITY 1

Distribute and provide training on fuel-efficient stoves and fire-fuel briquettes with a focus on women and communities

- Distribute fuel-efficient cookstoves and briquettes
- Train and build capacity of community-based organizations
- Establish training centres and provide material for construction of fuel-efficient stoves and production of fire-fuel briquettes
- Provide interactive and educational communication materials to support the training of women in fuel-efficient stove and briquette production
- Provide training and pilot biogas installments in selected communities

ACTIVITY 2

Income-generation and environmental activities through community nursery and forestry

- Deliver seeds and tools to establish community tree nurseries and plant trees
- Train to manage tree nurseries and community forests
- Promote multipurpose trees, including firewood and fruit trees
- Stimulate production of nutritious fruit and wild trees – to help improve diet diversity
- Support the production of income-generating trees to provide additional income at the community level

ACTIVITY 3

Income generation through agri-business centres

- Establish agri-business centres
- Develop seeds and tool banks to support sustainable agricultural growth through farmer cooperatives
- Provide training on good agricultural practices, integrated pest management and replantation of sorghum through testing fields

ACTIVITY 4

Other training and sensitization activities

- Promote different types of training to contribute to food security, nutrition and recovery in Darfur. These trainings include:
 - Non-farm activities, such as handicrafts and food processing
 - Nutrition, health and hygiene
 - Adult literacy for women
 - Child care practices

ACTIVITY 5

Fuel for education

- Provide institutional fuel-efficient stoves and biogas to schools that benefit from WFP's School Feeding programme

ACTIVITY 6

Implementation and monitoring support in Darfur

- Ensure dedicated staff to manage programme implementation and oversight

ACTIVITY 7

Support to research, development and learning

- Conduct assessment and programme design
- Develop strategic technical partnerships to establish a community of practitioners
- Evaluate the project and document experience in the field
- Share best practices and facilitate internal and external capacity building

ACTIVITY 8

Raise awareness in the Netherlands

- Launch a communications campaign in the Netherlands to raise awareness for WFP's SAFE activities
- Engage the Dutch population through several targeted communications activities
- Explain how the Dutch Postcode Lottery is helping to make a positive impact on people's lives in Darfur