Operational Context

Inter-communal clashes escalated in West Darfur on mid-January, resulting in deaths and injuries and causing the displacement of around 109,000 people (IOM, as of 1 April 2021) across Geneina town and its surrounding villages.

The conflict in the Tigray region of Ethiopia that escalated early November has led people to flee across the border into eastern Sudan to seek safety. According to UNHCR, over 62,000 people had arrived in Kassala and Gedaref states (as of 30 March 2021).

According to the Humanitarian Needs Overview 2021, 13.4 million people - about 29 percent of the population - are in need of humanitarian assistance (across all sectors). There are around 2.5 million internally displaced people (IDPs) in Sudan and 1.1 million refugees and asylum seekers.

High inflation and increase in food prices are eroding families’ purchasing power. The average cost of a local food basket in March 2021 was 182.4 percent higher than one year ago.

WFP is conducting the nationwide Comprehensive Food Security Vulnerability Assessment (CFSVA), the results of which will inform the next update on the number of people who are food insecure.

WFP Sudan’s Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2019-2023 focuses on five interlinked strategic objectives guided by the SDGs:

1) Responding to new and protracted emergencies, ensuring that humanitarian programmes are strategically linked to development and peacebuilding; 2) Reducing malnutrition and its root causes; 3) Strengthening the resilience of food-insecure households and food systems; 4) Supports national systems, humanitarian and development actors through the provision of services and expertise; and 5) Strengthen capacity to implement the sustainable development goals.

Operational Updates

- WFP Sudan celebrated the International Day of School Meals on 11 March at El Abrar Primary School in Um Badda Locality in Khartoum. This day stressed the crucial role that school feeding programmes play in developing future generations, facilitating access to education and reducing disparities.

- WFP also announced the expansion of its school feeding programme across 15 states. In March, 1.36 million primary school boys and girls received on-site school meals or take-home rations (where schools are still closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak).

- More than 100,000 people were displaced to 90 different gathering points in Geneina town following violence that erupted in January. WFP responded by providing emergency food assistance to people displaced or affected by intercommunal clashes in West Darfur. As of March, WFP had provided emergency food rations to nearly 90,000 people, mainly in Geneina town, as well as nutrition support in 15 targeted supplementary feeding centres in Geneina.

- WFP regularly provides food assistance for refugees who fled Ethiopia’s Tigray Region. In March, nearly 57,000 refugees in Tunaydbah settlement, Um Rakuba refugee camp, Hamdayet reception centre, and Village 8 transit centre received monthly emergency food rations (cereals, pulses, vegetable oil and salt). Additionally, around 1,700 children aged 6-59 months, pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLWG) have been enrolled in treatment for moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) activities in these four locations and received specialized nutritious food during the first quarter of 2021.

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* Estimated figures, data under validation.
- WFP also continued to provide life-saving food assistance (in-kind food and cash-based transfers (CBT)) and nutrition support across 14 states for the month of March. Close to 2.9 million food insecure girls, boys, women and men received support.

Men are more likely to be severely food insecure than women. WFP’s life-saving interventions in emergencies as well as development building activities contribute towards food security and nutrition for all. On 8 September, the International Women’s Day, WFP launched the social media campaign 

Strategic Result 4:

Everyone has access to food

- People affected by shocks in targeted areas have access to food, nutrition, and livelihoods during/after crises.

Strategic Result 5:

Strengthen capacity to implement

- The social protection system in Sudan ensures that chronically vulnerable populations across the country are able to meet their basic needs all year round.

Strategic Result 8:

Enhance Global Partnership

- WFP Sudan reached close to 8.5 million internally displaced people (IDPs), 3.8 million refugees and food-insecure residents through the provision of food and CBT to crisis-affected people, partners, governmental organizations and the development community and national entities/systems.

Strategic Result 2:

Ending Malnutrition

- Food insecure residents in targeted areas have sustainably improved nutrition by 2024.

Strategic Result 3:

Food Systems are Sustainable

- Food insecure people in targeted areas and food systems have increased resilience to shocks by 2024.

Strategic Result 1:

Everyone has access to food

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Assessments and publications

- WFP Sudan’s Annual Country Report 2020 has been published. In 2020, WFP Sudan reached close to 8.5 million internally displaced people (IDPs), 3.8 million refugees and food-insecure residents through the provision of food and CBT to crisis-affected people, partners, governmental organizations and the development community and national entities/systems.

Global Partnership

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