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Sudan – Complex Emergency

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Note: The last fact sheet was dated April 14, 2009

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

- On April 15, U.S. Senator John F. Kerry (D-MA) arrived in Khartoum for a two-day visit to meet with Government of National Unity (GNU) officials regarding the current situation in Sudan, potential bilateral relations, and the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA). According to international news media, Senator Kerry conveyed hopes for achieving progress with regards to the humanitarian situation in Darfur, and plans to visit the western region before departing Sudan.
- On April 11, the U.N. Resident Coordinator’s Office (U.N. RCO) reported shelter concerns in Agok, Warab State, particularly in internally displaced person (IDP) sites, due to forecasts of heavy rains in the coming weeks. According to the U.N. RCO, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) have provided more than 400 tents to the population in Agok and have requested that the U.N. Joint Logistics Center (UNJLC) provide emergency relief supplies to an additional 7,000 households in preparation for the rains. However, UNJLC reported that the GNU Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) has taken control of the area’s warehouse and assumed responsibility for emergency relief supply distributions previously completed by expelled NGOs. According to the U.N. RCO, the situation in Agok is critical and could significantly deteriorate if the GNU HAC does not release emergency relief supplies in April. Following May 2008 violence in Abyei town, more than 50,000 individuals fled to the Agok area.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE	SOURCE	
Total Affected Population in Darfur	4.7 million	OCHA ¹ – March 2009
IDPs in Darfur	2.7 million	OCHA – March 2009
Population with Reduced Access to Health Care due to Expulsions	1.5 million	OCHA – March 2009
Population with Reduced Access to Adequate Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Services due to Expulsions	1.16 million	UNICEF ² – March 2009
Population with Reduced Access to Food Aid due to Expulsions	1.1 million	OCHA – March 2009

FY 2009 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA Assistance to Sudan and Eastern Chad.....	\$25,354,760
USAID/FFP³ Assistance to Sudan and Eastern Chad	\$373,896,500
State/PRM⁴ Assistance to Sudan and Eastern Chad	\$36,995,375
Total USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Sudan and Eastern Chad.....	\$436,246,635

CURRENT SITUATION

- According to international news media, two expelled NGOs have submitted appeals to the GNU Ministry of Humanitarian Affairs (MHA), asking the Sudanese government to review the early March expulsions and suspension of the two organizations’ humanitarian programs. GNU MHA officials noted that CARE and Oxfam had recently submitted appeals, but the Sudanese government considers the decision regarding the NGO expulsions final and has no plans to hear the appeals.
- On April 15, the U.N. reported continuing insecurity and violence in Darfur, including abductions of humanitarian staff, carjackings, assaults on humanitarian premises, and attacks targeting humanitarian staff and IDPs. According to the U.N., assailants hijacked 18 humanitarian vehicles, abducted 10 humanitarian staff, and broke into 20 humanitarian premises between March 1 and April 15. Due to insecurity, five international NGOs temporarily relocated staff from the three Darfur states and four NGOs closed or suspended operations in Darfur between April 1 and 15, limiting the organizations’ ability to provide assistance to affected populations.

¹ U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

² U.N. Children’s Fund (UNICEF)

³ USAID’s Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP)

⁴ U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (State/PRM)

- According to the U.N., an interagency U.N. team met with leaders in Kalma IDP camp in South Darfur on April 13. The IDP leaders invited international NGOs to work in Kalma camp, but prohibited Sudanese NGOs from entering the camp to provide services. In addition, the IDP leaders requested that international NGOs recruit national staff from the camp rather than hiring national staff from Nyala town or from other areas of Sudan. If humanitarian organizations cannot find adequate staff within the camp, the IDPs requested that organizations recruit personnel from western countries rather than local areas.

Food Assistance

- On April 15, the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) reported that the organization had commenced a blanket supplementary feeding program (BSFP) for 15,000 children located in Saraf Omra town, North Darfur. Between April and August, WFP plans to target 300,000 children in Darfur with the BSFP in order to prevent seasonal increases in malnutrition rates associated with the annual May to September hunger and rainy seasons.
- According to WFP, heavy rainfall on April 11 in Abu Gebeha town, Southern Kordofan State, marked the beginning of the 2009 rainy season in Sudan. Typically, the heavy rains cut off roads to villages in remote parts of Sudan, limiting humanitarian access and service provision. In anticipation of the advancing rainy season, WFP continues to pre-position more than 37,000 metric tons (MTs) of food assistance in several parts of Southern Sudan and the Three Areas, which are typically difficult to reach during the annual rains. WFP plans to conclude the pre-positioning by early May.

Protection

- Since March, U.N. and NGO staff have reported increased attacks targeting IDPs, particularly women and children collecting firewood near IDP camps. NGOs have expressed concern regarding the impact of the early March NGO expulsions on protection activities, including the provision of assistance to women affected by sexual and gender-based violence.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

- Between April 8 and 11, an interagency team led by OCHA observed gaps in sanitation and hygiene promotion in Kass-area villages and IDP camps in South Darfur. According to IDP leaders, the camps experienced limited gaps in sanitation and hygiene promotion services prior to the early March NGO expulsions. Following the expulsions, hygiene promotion activities performed by the expelled organizations ceased, including latrine construction, general camp clean-up campaigns, and water container cleaning. Currently, the GNU Office of Water and Environmental Sanitation plans to address some of the short-term gaps.
- Health staff highlight concerns that current Kass-area sanitation and hygiene gaps may exacerbate other health conditions, particularly regarding controlling the spread of meningitis in Kass-area IDP camps. According to Kass hospital officials, since February, health partners have reported 63 cases of meningitis and cite poor sanitation and hygiene as one of the main causes of the disease's spread. As of April 16, health partners have not yet commenced a meningitis vaccination campaign in Kass-area.

USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- The USG is the largest bilateral donor to Sudan and has contributed more than \$4 billion for humanitarian programs in Sudan and eastern Chad since FY 2004.
- State/PRM has provided more than \$152 million in humanitarian assistance in Sudan and eastern Chad in FY 2008 and to date in FY 2009.
- USAID/OFDA and USAID/FFP have provided more than \$1.1 billion in food and non-food humanitarian assistance to Sudan and eastern Chad in FY 2008 and to date in FY 2009. In addition, USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (USAID/OTI) has provided more than \$20 million in assistance to northern Sudan, including the Three Areas, in FY 2008 and FY 2009. The expulsions disrupted approximately 54 percent of USAID/OFDA's humanitarian programs in Darfur, eliminated 40 percent of the delivery capacity of USAID/FFP's main partner, WFP, and shut down USAID/OTI's primary implementing partner PADCO-AECOM.

USAID AND STATE ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN AND EASTERN CHAD IN FY 2009			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
FY 2009 DARFUR, SUDAN			
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			
CARE	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Darfur-wide	\$529,638
Samaritan's Purse	Shelter and Settlements	South Darfur	\$382,926
Terre Des Hommes	Protection, Shelter and Settlements	West Darfur	\$1,000,000
U.N. Humanitarian Air Service	Humanitarian Air Service	Darfur-wide	\$7,000,000
USAID	Administrative Support and Travel	Darfur-wide	\$1,725,583
WFP	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Darfur-wide	\$700,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$11,338,147
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP	200,711 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Darfur-wide	\$224,437,300
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$224,437,300
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)	Protection and Assistance for IDPs	Darfur-wide	\$8,850,000
Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	Protection and Assistance for IDPs	Darfur-wide	\$4,600,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$13,450,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR in FY 2009			\$235,775,447
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR in FY 2009			\$249,225,447
FY 2009 EASTERN CHAD			
<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			
Action Contre la Faim	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Dar Sila	\$500,000
Mentor	Health	Ouaddaï	\$399,999
U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization	Agriculture and Food Security	Eastern Chad	\$325,000
USAID	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Eastern Chad	\$5,409
USAID	Administrative Support and Travel	Eastern Chad	\$116,125
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$1,346,533
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP	45,340 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$64,569,900
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$64,569,900
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
ICRC	Protection and Assistance to Conflict Victims	Eastern Chad	\$2,750,000
UNHCR	IDP Protection	Eastern Chad	\$1,375,000
UNHCR	Refugee Protection and Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$8,850,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$12,975,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD in FY 2009			\$65,916,433
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD in FY 2009			\$78,891,433
FY 2009 SUDAN EXCLUDING DARFUR			
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			
Concern Worldwide	Agriculture and Food Security, Logistics and Relief Commodities	Northern Bahr el Ghazal, Southern Kordofan	\$1,200,000

German Agro Action	Agriculture and Food Security, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Southern Kordofan, Unity	\$1,249,876
GOAL	Health	Warab, Southern Blue Nile, Abyei	\$3,300,000
International Rescue Committee	Health	Northern Bahr el Ghazal	\$800,000
Norwegian People's Aid (NPA)	Agriculture and Food Security	Jonglei	\$1,494,996
Save the Children/U.S.	Health	Upper Nile, Jonglei	\$2,000,000
Tearfund	Health	Northern Bahr el Ghazal	\$535,500
USAID	Administrative Support and Travel	Sudan-wide	\$289,708
Vétérinaires Sans Frontières	Agriculture and Food Security	Upper Nile, Warab, Eastern Equatoria, Central Equatoria, Unity, Jonglei	\$800,000
WFP	Logistics and Relief Commodities	Sudan-wide	\$1,000,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$12,670,080
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
Catholic Relief Services	5,050 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Southern Sudan	\$8,555,400
NPA	2,860 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Southern Sudan	\$6,234,100
WFP	62,689 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Southern Sudan, Three Areas, Eastern Sudan	\$70,099,800
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$84,889,300
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
International Relief and Development	Livelihoods	Upper Nile	\$499,750
Relief International	Health, Watsan	Upper Nile	\$520,625
Save the Children	Gender Based Violence Prevention and Awareness	Upper Nile, Jonglei	\$400,000
UNHCR	Refugee Protection and Assistance	Sudan-wide	\$1,700,000
UNHCR	Refugee Repatriation and Reintegration	Southern Sudan	\$7,450,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$10,570,375
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN EXCLUDING DARFUR in FY 2009			\$97,559,380
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN EXCLUDING DARFUR in FY 2009			\$108,129,755

¹ USAID/OFDA funding represents obligated amounts as of April 16, 2009.

² Estimated value of food assistance.

³ State/PRM funding represents anticipated or actual obligated amounts as of April 16 2009.