

SUDAN - Drought

Date: April 1983 (FY 83)

Location: Maban area, Upper Nile Province

No. Dead: None reported

No. Affected: 30-45,000 farmers and 2-3,000 Ethiopian refugees

Damage: Crop losses due to drought conditions

The Disaster

Two consecutive crop failures in Maban, Upper Nile Province, caused a shortage of dura, the main subsistence crop. Because the impending rainy season would make roads impassable for seven to eight months, it was necessary to obtain sufficient quantities of dura to meet basic consumption requirements during this period.

Action Taken by Local Authorities and Private Voluntary Organizations

The local government made an assessment of needs and reported that an estimated 8,000 sacks of dura were necessary to meet the population's minimal caloric requirements. Approximately 3,000 sacks of dura were brought in by local traders and sold to Maban residents. The Catholic Church and Sudanaid, a local private voluntary group, donated funds to pay part of the cost of transporting dura provided by the World Food Program (WFP). Village level distribution of the WFP-supplied dura was undertaken by the local government and village chiefs.

Assistance Provided by the United States Government (USG)

On May 15, 1983, the U.S. Ambassador to the Sudan determined that a disaster existed in Upper Nile Province and authorized \$7,716 towards the costs of transporting 10,000 sacks of dura provided by the WFP from central stores to Maban. A check for this amount was presented to the Sudanaid Project Coordinator.....\$7,716

TOTAL \$7,716

Assistance Provided by U.S. Voluntary Agencies

None reported.

Assistance Provided by the International Community

World Food Program - provided 10,000 sacks of dura, value not reported.