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Sudan – Complex Emergency

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BACKGROUND

In 2007, Sudan continues to cope with the effects of conflict, displacement, and insecurity countrywide. During more than two decades of conflict between the former Government of Sudan (GOS) and the southern-based Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A), fighting, famine, and disease killed more than 2 million people, forced an estimated 600,000 people to seek refuge in neighboring countries, and displaced 4 million people within Sudan—the largest internally displaced person (IDP) population in the world. The former GOS and the SPLM signed the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA) and formed the joint Government of National Unity (GNU) in 2005, officially ending the North-South conflict. The U.N. estimated that hundreds of thousands of displaced persons returned to Southern Sudan during 2005 and 2006, taxing scarce resources and weak infrastructure.

Conflict in the western region of Darfur has entered its fourth year, despite a peace agreement between the GNU and one faction of the Sudan Liberation Army (SLA), signed in May 2006. Fighting among armed opposition group factions, Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF), and militias persisted throughout 2006, displacing hundreds of thousands of civilians. The complex emergency in Darfur is affecting approximately 4 million people in Sudan and eastern Chad.

The U.S. Government (USG) is the leading international donor to Sudan and has contributed more than \$2 billion for humanitarian programs in Sudan and eastern Chad since FY 2004. The U.S. Mission in Sudan has declared disasters due to the complex emergency on an annual basis since 1987. On October 16, 2006, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Cameron R. Hume renewed the Sudan disaster declaration for FY 2007. The USG continues to lead the international effort to support implementation of the CPA, while providing for the humanitarian needs of conflict-affected populations throughout the country.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE		SOURCE
IDPs in Sudan	From Southern Sudan: 3.7 million	OCHA ¹ —November 2006
	In Darfur: 2 million	OCHA—October 2006
	In Eastern Sudan: 70,000	U.N.—December 2006
Sudanese Refugees	From Darfur: 234,000	UNHCR ² —November 2006
	From Non-Darfur Sudan: 350,000	
Refugees in Sudan	From Eritrea, Ethiopia, Uganda, DRC, and others: 150,000	UNHCR—January 2007

FY 2006 AND 2007 HUMANITARIAN FUNDING PROVIDED TO DATE

USAID/OFDA³ Assistance to Sudan and Eastern Chad	\$203,253,011
USAID/FFP⁴ Assistance to Sudan and Eastern Chad	\$837,235,800
USAID/OTI⁵ Assistance to Sudan and Eastern Chad	\$42,836,717
State/PRM⁶ Assistance to Sudan and Eastern Chad	\$126,327,499
USAID and State Humanitarian Assistance to Sudan and Eastern Chad.....	\$1,209,653,027

CURRENT SITUATION IN DARFUR

On March 3, the Director of USAID/FFP concluded a nine-day visit to Sudan. The USAID/FFP Director and other USAID staff visited several locations in Southern Sudan and Darfur to observe relief and recovery activities that USAID/FFP supports with P.L. 480 Title II emergency food commodities.

Security and Humanitarian Access

In South Darfur, banditry and escalating violence involving armed militias, SLA factions, and Sudanese

government security officers have recently impacted humanitarian access in the areas of Kass, Ed Daein, Kalma IDP camp, Gereida, and Muhajeria. In late February, U.N. security officials assessed Kabkabiya, Saraf Omra, and Misteriya towns in North Darfur and Jebel Marra in West Darfur and reported that the towns were safe for humanitarian travel. On February 25, USAID staff participated in an interagency assessment of Korma, Kafod, Kobe, and Keyla towns in North Darfur, which are reportedly safe for humanitarian

¹ U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

² Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees

³ USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance

⁴ USAID's Office of Food for Peace

⁵ USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives

⁶ U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration

organizations to resume activities. Aid agencies have not been able to access the Korma and Kabkabiya areas of North Darfur regularly since August 2006, when fighting between SAF and armed opposition groups erupted.

The U.N. reported that on March 5, two African Union Mission in Sudan (AMIS) personnel were killed in Gereida, South Darfur, bringing the total number of AMIS casualties in Darfur to 11 since 2004.

Displacement

In late December, fighting erupted between two Arab groups, the Tarjem–Rizegat and Maharia, in areas south of Kass, South Darfur, causing approximately 6,000 people to move from affected areas to Kass town in recent weeks. The U.N. World Food Program (WFP) reports that 4,300 of the newly displaced people have received food and relief commodities, but shelter remains a significant problem as the displaced are currently living in the streets.

On March 7, World Vision reported a total of 10,682 IDPs in Al Salam camp near Nyala, South Darfur, an increase from the 3,569 reported in November 2006. On March 1, WFP distributed a 10-day food ration to new arrivals. Humedica International is regularly distributing relief items, and CHF International is providing shelter kits. According to World Vision, the majority of the displaced are coming from Buram locality, while others are arriving from Sanam al Naga, approximately 30 km south of Nyala. OCHA reported that in mid-February people began to flee from fighting over land in Sanam al Naga that Dinka IDPs had recently vacated when they returned to Southern Sudan.

The week of February 25, the U.N. and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) assessed Eastern Jebel Marra, South Darfur, and reported that IDPs lack sufficient water and health services, particularly in the eastern corridor of the area. Samaritan's Purse reported that more than 48,000 IDPs are located in Feina, Dulda, Terentonga, Kulubri, and Golombine, with the majority concentrated in Dulda. In mid-December, SAF bombing in the Deribat area of South Darfur caused communities to flee to other locations in Eastern Jebel Marra. The recent Samaritan's Purse headcount was the first time agencies were able to verify IDP numbers in the area. Despite unpredictable accessibility, Samaritan's Purse is continuing to distribute food in Eastern Jebel Marra. Additionally, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are planning to increase health services and drill additional water points.

Health

Due to the new arrivals in Kass, the International Rescue Committee (IRC) clinic now serves approximately 400 patients a day, an increase from the 100 patients a day treated prior to the latest influx of IDPs. OCHA is reviewing the health sector in Kass to

identify gaps, and several NGOs have expressed interest in launching new health services in the area.

Reports of acute jaundice syndrome (hepatitis E) cases continue to decline in South Darfur. According to the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO), the outbreak, which affected nearly 181 people during the week of February 5, is now under control.

The week of March 5, WHO reported two probable cases of meningitis in Kalma IDP camp, South Darfur. An NGO has collected biological samples, which are in Khartoum awaiting laboratory testing. In response, agencies have pre-positioned vaccines, and clinics are conducting daily disease surveillance activities in Kalma camp. In January and February, Southern Sudan experienced an outbreak of meningitis that affected nearly 2,000 people, including 190 deaths.

Nutrition

On March 1, USAID staff visited the therapeutic feeding center (TFC) run by USAID partner Action Contre la Faim (ACF) in Nyala town, South Darfur. The center was hosting 25 children with severe malnutrition, in addition to nine siblings of the patients. The outpatient therapeutic program (OTP) had 80 registered children. Since December, ACF has managed seven OTP stations concentrated near Otash, Dereig, and Al Intifada areas. Patients receive food for one month, at which time they either graduate from the program or are referred to a TFC.

Protection

The week of March 5, USAID staff met with organizations engaged in Darfur protection activities in IDP camps. The protection agencies identified domestic violence, sexual abuse, and child soldier recruitment as the most pressing protection issues. In IDP camps, the agencies have observed an increase in reported cases of domestic violence, including incest.

Eastern Chad

Violence and insecurity in eastern Chad continue to limit aid agencies' access, including to Guereda. As of January, approximately 28,000 refugees and nearly 2,000 IDPs were residing near Guereda town, according to UNHCR. The week of March 5, a USAID staff member arrived in eastern Chad to follow up with partners on the recommendations of the recent USAID Assessment Team and monitor the ongoing humanitarian emergency.

CURRENT SITUATION IN NON-DARFUR SUDAN

Security and Humanitarian Access

The U.N. has reported that Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) combatants are operating between Western Equatoria State and the Central African Republic–Sudan border. On March 1, an LRA attack on the town of Yuba, located 22 km south of Tambura, resulted in

an exchange of gunfire with GNU Joint Integrated Units forces and the deaths of two civilians. To date, the U.N. has reported eight LRA attacks in Western Equatoria State in March and has raised the security level to Phase IV in the region, limiting aid staff to essential personnel.

Returns

Displaced Sudanese continue to return to Southern Sudan from other regions of Sudan and neighboring countries. USAID's food aid partners—WFP, Catholic Relief Services, and Norwegian People's Aid—continue to provide returnees with food rations. To improve community infrastructure in anticipation of an influx of returning IDPs, the Juba Civil Authority and USAID completed renovation of an abattoir in Juba, Central Equatoria State, on February 28.

Food Security

On March 2, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) reported that desert locusts are hatching on the Red Sea coast of Sudan, near the Eritrea-Sudan border. According to FAO, the infestations are concentrated in a 7 km by 15 km area of green vegetation on the coastal planes. FAO reported that aerial and ground control operations are underway in Sudan and will continue to monitor the situation as long as breeding conditions remain favorable.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

In February, USAID staff assessed USAID-funded water, sanitation, and hygiene interventions in Southern Sudan. The team reported that USAID interventions have increased access to water, but that maintenance of some water projects, such as hand pumps and solar pump systems, remains a challenge.

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN AND EASTERN CHAD

USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE DARFUR CRISIS

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
FY 2007 DARFUR, SUDAN			
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
U.N. World Food Program (WFP)	262,624 Metric Tons (MT) of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Darfur-wide	\$261,574,600
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$261,574,600
USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE			
Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI)	Small Grants Program	Darfur-wide	\$730,000
TOTAL USAID/OTI			\$730,000
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)	Protection of IDPs and Chadian Refugees	West Darfur	\$2,475,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$2,475,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR			\$262,304,600
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR			\$264,779,600
FY 2006 DARFUR, SUDAN			
USAID/OFDA			\$104,133,400
USAID/FFP			\$309,817,200
USAID/OTI			\$9,284,011
STATE/PRM			\$30,860,000
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR			\$423,234,611
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR			\$454,094,611
FY 2007 EASTERN CHAD			
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			
UNHCR	Emergency Relief Supply Airlift	Eastern Chad	\$275,809
USAID	Administrative Support and Travel	Eastern Chad	\$10,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$285,809
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP	27,400 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$27,542,400
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$27,542,400

USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE			
Internews	Humanitarian Radio Service	Eastern Chad	\$118,188
TOTAL USAID/OTI			\$118,188
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
Africare	Food Security, Income Generation, Sanitation	Eastern Chad	\$691,645
CARE	Psychosocial Support, Education, Reproductive Health	Eastern Chad	\$649,969
International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC)	Protection and Assistance for IDPs and Refugees	Eastern Chad	\$2,800,000
Internews	Humanitarian Radio Service	Eastern Chad	\$464,440
UNHCR	Refugee Protection, Multi-Sectoral Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$8,050,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$12,656,054
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD			\$27,946,397
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD			\$40,602,451
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR AND EASTERN CHAD			\$305,382,051
FY 2006 EASTERN CHAD			
USAID/OFDA			\$3,893,032
USAID/FFP			\$22,198,200
USAID/OTI			\$610,947
STATE/PRM			\$43,248,866
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD			\$26,702,179
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD			\$69,951,045
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR AND EASTERN CHAD			\$524,045,656

FY 2007 SUDAN EXCLUDING DARFUR

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			
Action Against Hunger/USA (AAH/USA)	Nutrition	Jonglei, Bahr el Ghazal, Unity, Upper Nile, Warab	\$350,000
Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED)	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Bahr el Ghazal	\$600,000
Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA)	Health; Relief Commodities; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Eastern Equatoria, Jonglei, Upper Nile, White Nile	\$3,137,267
American Refugee Committee (ARC)	Health; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Central Equatoria, Eastern Equatoria	\$924,612
Associazione Volontari per il Servizio Internazionale (AVSI)	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Eastern Equatoria	\$1,172,110
Concern	Food Security and Agriculture, Relief Commodities	Bahr el Ghazal, Southern Kordofan	\$1,575,255
Catholic Relief Services (CRS)	Food Security and Agriculture; Health; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Central Equatoria, Eastern Equatoria, Jonglei	\$2,798,658
Food for the Hungry International (FHI)	Food Security and Agriculture, Relief Commodities	Upper Nile	\$1,371,609

GOAL	Health	Abyei, Blue Nile, Kassala, Upper Nile, Warab	\$3,400,000
Merlin	Health	Jonglei	\$399,322
Save the Children(SC)/US	Health	Jonglei, Upper Nile	\$3,199,738
SC/US	Food Security and Agriculture; Health; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Abyei, Southern Kordofan	\$3,800,000
Tearfund	Health	Northern Bahr el Ghazal	\$568,183
World Vision	Food Security and Agriculture; Health; Relief Commodities; Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Northern Bahr el Ghazal, Upper Nile, Warab	\$1,610,537
ZOA Refugee Care	Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene	Equatoria	\$399,993
USAID	Administrative Support and Travel, Preparedness	Sudan-wide	\$489,428
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$25,796,712
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
Norwegian People's Aid (NPA)	9,230 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Southern Sudan	\$13,746,600
WFP	78,446 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Southern Sudan, Eastern Sudan, and Three Areas	\$78,132,700
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$91,879,300
USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE			
DAI	Small Grants Program	Non-Darfur Sudan	\$9,850,000
TOTAL USAID/OTI			\$9,850,000
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
CHF International	Refugee Reintegration and GBV Prevention	Central Equatoria	\$866,948
UNHCR	2007 Global Appeal	Sudan-wide	\$1,025,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM			\$1,891,948
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN EXCLUDING DARFUR			\$127,526,012
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN EXCLUDING DARFUR			\$129,417,960
FY 2006 SUDAN EXCLUDING DARFUR			
USAID/OFDA			\$69,144,058
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$124,224,100
USAID/OTI			\$22,243,571
STATE/PRM			\$35,195,631
TOTAL USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN EXCLUDING DARFUR			\$215,611,729
TOTAL USAID AND STATE HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN EXCLUDING DARFUR			\$250,807,360



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