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DARFUR – Humanitarian Emergency

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DARFUR EMERGENCY – NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

SOURCE

Conflict-Affected Persons in Darfur and Eastern Chad	2.61 million people	U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Darfur	1.85 million people	OCHA
Sudanese Refugees in Eastern Chad	213,000 people in camps	U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
Conflict-Affected Persons in Darfur Receiving Food Assistance	1.2 million people during January 1.5 million people during December	U.N. World Food Program (WFP)

Total FY 2005 USG Humanitarian Assistance for the Darfur Emergency (to date)\$309,370,160

Total FY 2003 – 2005 USG Humanitarian Assistance for the Darfur Emergency.....\$567,815,840

CURRENT HUMANITARIAN SITUATION

Security

- According to the USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART), on March 1, eight armed men stopped two non-governmental organization (NGO) vehicles in South Darfur along the road from Kass to Bulbul, looting cash but allowing the convoy to continue. On March 2, another NGO reported that one of its vehicles narrowly avoided an ambush along the same road and police in Bulbul report that private vehicles have encountered similar security problems. In response, the Office of the U.N. Security Coordinator (UNSECOORD) closed the Nyala-Kass road.
- The African Union (AU) is investigating a February 28 incident in Thur, 20 km north of Kass, in which unidentified armed men killed at least 16 internally displaced persons (IDP) near Salakoyo. According to U.N. sources, the number of persons killed may be as high as 26.

Protection

- On February 24, the U.N. reported that two teenage girls were raped on February 21 while collecting firewood outside of Otash IDP camp in Nyala, South Darfur. According to the U.N., a health clinic initially refused to treat the girls, as clinic staff had not yet been informed that victims are no longer required to report incidents of sexual assault to the police prior to receiving medical treatment. U.N. human rights officials are investigating reports that local authorities arrested the IDP leader who reported the incident at Otash camp, accusing him of reporting unfounded incidents.
- The U.N. reported on March 1 that the level of harassment experienced by women when they venture out of IDP camps in Zalingei, West Darfur appears to have significantly decreased since AU monitors began patrolling the area and escorting women to collect firewood.
- In North Darfur, the U.N. reports that the Interagency Protection Working Group is currently conducting an orientation session on protection issues to 49 newly arrived AU ceasefire monitors.

Food Assistance

- The USAID/DART reports that WFP will conduct a re-registration exercise of the entire Darfur caseload in March and April in order to correct redundant registrations and respond to the increasing demand for food assistance. In order to maintain an orderly process and avoid fraudulent enrollments, no prior announcement of the registration will be made.
- According to the USAID/DART, some NGOs have voiced concerns that potential beneficiaries may not seek food assistance until their coping mechanisms are exhausted and no food stocks remain.

Relief agencies report that registrations are increasing in supplementary and therapeutic feeding centers, confirming the fact that additional communities are beginning to lack sufficient food. In response, WFP reports that it is conducting an information campaign to inform people about the upcoming registration process.

Humanitarian Assistance

- In recognition of the vulnerability of Arab pastoralists, the U.N. has initiated a "Nomad Gap Group" in West Darfur to develop a strategy for assessing the needs of such groups and providing assistance. Humanitarian agencies have begun a series of meetings with members of the Arab pastoralist leadership in West Darfur to discuss community needs and problems such as looting or violent disruptions to humanitarian assistance by armed nomads. Assessing the needs of and ensuring access to Arab populations remains a major challenge.

Water and Sanitation

- Following a series of assessments, the USAID/DART reports that the supply of water for human and livestock consumption in North Darfur is critically low and declining. Rainfall in 2004 was approximately 50 percent less than in 2003, and the water tables are receding. These drought conditions, along with continued insecurity and a neglected water infrastructure, may result in large-scale population and livestock movements away from traditional grazing lands and watering points that are now dry. Predicted movements of population and livestock into IDP camps and towns in search of food and water will increase the existing high demand for water, further disrupt the already fragile economy, and increase tension and conflict. The U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) reports an immediate need to increase water production capacity in rural areas to prevent additional relocation.
- According to the USAID/DART, the Government of Sudan (GOS) reports the presence of an estimated 1,300 boreholes with hand pumps in North Darfur, although approximately half of these systems are not functional. In addition, only 40 percent of the approximately 166 water yards are reported to be operational. UNICEF is working with NGOs and the private sector to rehabilitate neglected infrastructure and increase drilling capacity.

Eastern Chad

- According to WFP, UNHCR has determined the number of Sudanese refugees in eastern Chad to be 213,314. This figure may be revised pending the results of an ongoing WFP/UNHCR registration exercise that has been completed in Farchana, Bredjing, and Treguine camps in the past week and is due to occur in Oure Cassoni during March.
- WFP reported on March 2 that a new refugee camp location, Gaga, has been identified east of Abeche in eastern Chad. According to Oxfam, the site has sufficient water levels to meet the needs of 15,000 to 20,000 refugees. A joint WFP/UNHCR mission is expected to visit the site on March 8 to meet with local authorities and review infrastructure requirements. Another site, Habib, has been identified, 180 km south of Abeche. According to satellite images, the site has adequate water levels, but may be difficult to access during the rainy season. Validation of the site will depend on a thorough assessment of access to the camp.
- On March 2, WFP reported completing distributions of the full 30-day ration in all refugee camps except Goz Amir and Djabal in the south, where WFP distributed only half of the cereal ration as a result of delays in the Libyan corridor. The rations in Goz Amir and Djabal will cover needs until mid-March, after which normal monthly distributions should resume. Approximately 2,285 MT of assorted commodities are currently in transit via the Libyan corridor.

U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR EMERGENCY IN FY 2005

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
DARFUR, SUDAN			
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			
CARE	Logistics	Darfur-wide	\$1,041,284
WFP	Food Security, Logistics, Coordination, Communications, Road Rehabilitation, Flight Operations	Darfur-wide	\$8,820,000
IRC	Health, Shelter, Camp Management, Water and Sanitation, Camp Management, and Prevention of Sexual Violence	South Darfur	\$7,355,409
Various	Emergency Relief Supplies	Darfur-wide	\$2,146,250
Various	Airlift of Emergency Relief Supplies	Darfur-wide	\$1,122,626
	Administrative/DART Support	Darfur-wide	\$4,946,056
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$25,431,625
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP	114,170 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Darfur-wide	\$96,093,300
WFP	200,000 MT of Bill Emerson Trust Food Assistance	Darfur-wide	\$172,000,000
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$268,093,300
USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE			
Coalition for International Justice	Produce two documentaries on the reports of atrocities in Darfur	Darfur-wide	\$65,635
TOTAL USAID/OTI			\$65,635
TOTAL FY 2005 USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR			\$293,590,560
TOTAL FY 2005 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR			\$293,590,560
EASTERN CHAD			
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			
ACTED	Environmental Protection, Water/Sanitation for affected Chadians	Eastern Chad	\$50,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$50,000
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP	16,880 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$15,729,600
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$15,729,600
TOTAL FY 2005 USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD.....			\$15,779,600
TOTAL FY 2005 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD.....			\$15,779,600
TOTAL FY 2005 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR AND EASTERN CHAD			\$309,370,160

U.S. GOVERNMENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR EMERGENCY IN FY 2004

<i>Implementing Partner</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Amount</i>
DARFUR, SUDAN			
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			
ARC	Health, Water/Sanitation	South and West Darfur	\$1,647,414
ACF	Food Security/Agriculture, Nutrition, Water/Sanitation	South Darfur	\$1,500,000
CRS	Food Security/Agriculture, Health, Shelter, Water/Sanitation	South and West Darfur	\$3,034,357
CARE	Health, Water/Sanitation; Logistics	South Darfur; Darfur-Wide	\$2,667,895
Center for Humanitarian Dialogue	Monitoring	Darfur-wide	\$267,709
Concern	Nutrition, Water/Sanitation	West Darfur	\$1,500,000
CHF	Capacity Building, Food Security/Agriculture, Shelter	North and South Darfur	\$2,445,182
GOAL	Food Security/Agriculture, Health, Nutrition, Water/Sanitation	West Darfur	\$2,000,000
IMC	Health, Nutrition, Water/Sanitation	North, South, and West Darfur	\$3,199,910
IRC	Coordination, Health, Shelter, Water/Sanitation	North, South, and West Darfur	\$4,173,318
Medair	Emergency Relief Supplies	West Darfur	\$500,000
MCI	Emergency Relief Supplies, Shelter, Water/Sanitation	South Darfur	\$2,901,076
SC/UK	Health, Nutrition, Water/Sanitation	North Darfur	\$770,370
SC/US	Health, Nutrition, Shelter, Water/Sanitation	West Darfur	\$3,795,804
Tufts University	Research Studies	Darfur-wide	\$105,120
UNDP	Capacity Building	Darfur-wide	\$300,000
UN FAO	Food Security/Agriculture	Darfur-wide	\$1,215,000
UNICEF	Coordination, Health, Nutrition, Water/Sanitation	Darfur-wide	\$6,574,830
UNJLC	Coordination, Logistics	Darfur-wide	\$650,000
OCHA	Coordination, Information Management	Darfur-wide	\$1,250,000
UNSECOORD	Security Officers	Darfur-wide	\$900,000
WFP	Flight Operations, Communications, Coordination, Logistics	Darfur-wide	\$14,835,000
WHO	Health	Darfur-wide	\$500,000
World Vision	Emergency Relief Supplies, Health, Shelter, Water/Sanitation,	South Darfur	\$2,270,812
Various	Emergency Relief Supplies	Darfur-wide	\$5,627,326
Various	Airlift of Emergency Relief Supplies	Darfur-wide	\$4,480,264
	Administrative/DART Support	Darfur-wide	\$2,549,620
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$71,661,007
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP	118,400 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Darfur-wide	\$112,912,800
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$112,912,800
USAID/OTI ASSISTANCE			
IRC	Protection	North Darfur	\$96,205
Halo Partnership	Justice and accountability to Darfuri Diaspora groups		\$24,800
Physicians for Human Rights	Research on Sexual Violence		\$14,000
American Bar Association	Documentation of violence through interviews with refugees	Eastern Chad	\$858,322
OHCHR	Human rights monitors in Darfur	Darfur-wide	\$600,000

TOTAL USAID/OTI.....\$1,593,327			
TOTAL FY 2004 USAID ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR.....\$186,167,134			
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE			
ICRC	Emergency Humanitarian Operations	Darfur-wide ¹	\$6,891,000
UNHCR	Emergency Appeal – IDP Protection	Darfur-wide	\$1,350,000
TOTAL STATE/PRM HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR.....\$8,241,000			
TOTAL FY 2004 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR\$194,408,134			
EASTERN CHAD			
STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE²			
AirServ	Flight Operations	Eastern Chad	\$2,224,090
CARE	Community Services, Psychosocial Interventions, Capacity Building	Eastern Chad	\$765,162
CRS	Capacity Building, Camp Management	Eastern Chad	\$434,026
IFRC	Camp Management, Transportation	Eastern Chad	\$2,400,000
IMC	Primary Health	Eastern Chad	\$1,877,934
IRC	Protection, Health, Food/Relief Supply Distributions, Children’s Programs	Eastern Chad	\$2,224,811
UNHCR	Refugee Assistance and Protection	Eastern Chad	\$30,348,249
UNICEF	Nutrition, Water/Sanitation	Eastern Chad	\$4,000,000
WFP	Emergency Food Assistance, Flight Operations	Eastern Chad	\$3,000,000
TOTAL FY 2004 STATE/PRM ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD\$47,274,272			
USAID/OFDA ASSISTANCE			
U.S. Embassy Chad	Water Purification and Soap to UNICEF	Eastern Chad	\$114,000
TOTAL USAID/OFDA\$114,000			
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP	16,780 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$14,577,700
TOTAL USAID/FFP\$14,577,700			
TOTAL FY 2004 USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD.....\$14,691,700			
TOTAL FY 2004 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD\$61,965,972			
TOTAL FY 2004 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR AND EASTERN CHAD\$256,374,106			

¹State/PRM’s contribution to ICRC will also fund increased humanitarian operations in eastern Chad.

²State/PRM figures do not include un-earmarked Africa-wide contributions to ICRC and UNHCR.

PUBLIC DONATION INFORMATION

- The most effective way people can assist relief efforts is by making cash contributions to humanitarian organizations that are conducting relief operations. A list of humanitarian organizations that are accepting cash donations for their humanitarian emergency response efforts in Darfur, Sudan can be found at www.interaction.org.
- USAID encourages cash donations because they: allow aid professionals to procure the exact items needed (often in the affected region); reduce the burden on scarce resources (such as transportation routes, staff time, warehouse space, etc); can be transferred very quickly and without transportation costs; support the economy of the disaster-stricken region; ensure culturally, dietary, and environmentally appropriate assistance.
- More information on making donations and volunteering can be found at:
 - U.S. Agency for International Development: www.usaid.gov – keyword: donations
 - The Center for International Disaster Information: www.cidi.org or 703-276-1914
 - InterAction: www.interaction.org -> “How You Can Help”
- Information on relief activities of the humanitarian community can be found at www.reliefweb.org

USAID/OFDA bulletins appear on the USAID web site at http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/humanitarian_assistance/disaster_assistance