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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	2.39 million people	U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Darfur	1.66 million people	OCHA
Sudanese Refugees in Eastern Chad	203,326 people in camps	U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
Conflict-Affected Persons in Darfur Receiving Food Assistance	1.16 million people during October 1.3 million people during November	U.N. World Food Program (WFP)
Crude Mortality Rates (CMR) ¹ and Under-five Mortality Rates (U5MR) ² for Darfur	North Darfur – 1.5 CMR; 2.5 U5MR West Darfur – 2.9 CMR; 3.1 U5MR Kalma Camp (South Darfur) – 3.8 CMR; 11.7 U5MR	Preliminary data from the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO)

Total FY 2005 USG Humanitarian Assistance for the Darfur Emergency (to date)\$115,105,198

Total FY 2003 – 2005 USG Humanitarian Assistance for the Darfur Emergency.....\$373,550,878

CURRENT HUMANITARIAN SITUATION

North/South Peace Agreement

- On January 9, the Government of Sudan (GOS) and the Sudan People’s Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A) finalized a comprehensive peace agreement to end more than 21 years of civil war. U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell was present to witness the signing but warned that U.S. policy toward Sudan would not change without a resolution to the crisis in Darfur. Secretary Powell stated “the United States looks forward to a positive relationship with this new Sudan; however, achieving a positive relationship will only be possible in the context of peace throughout the entire country.”

Humanitarian Assistance

- On January 11, the U.N. reported that new internally displaced persons (IDPs) continue to arrive in Abu Shouk camp near El Fasher, North Darfur. Agencies estimate that between 25,000 and 35,000 people have recently arrived from Tawilah, Sarafiya, Birka, Umbarro, and Korno. Relief agencies provided blankets and soap to 500 families from Sarafiya that arrived between December 20 and 22. An additional 4,500 families received similar items over the past few days. Initial plans did not include provision of shelter commodities to the new arrivals, as most are expected to relocate to a new site. However, delays in preparing the new site and the urgent need for protection from the cold weather prompted relief officials to schedule distributions of shelter materials for January 12 and 13.
- On January 9, the U.N. reported that an interagency assessment team visited Asunga, located approximately two km west of Geneina near the Chadian border in West Darfur, to determine the reasons behind large population movements in the area. The team found the primary motivation to be the hope of receiving humanitarian assistance. Part of the population was composed of refugees from Chad who stated that they have been in flight to escape tribal conflicts in their home areas. The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) plans to conduct a follow-up assessment on individuals claiming to be from Chad.

¹According to WHO, the emergency threshold for crude mortality is 1 death per 10,000 people per day.

²According to WHO, the emergency threshold for under-five mortality is 2 deaths per 10,000 children under five per day.

Food Assistance

- According to the USAID Disaster Assistance Response Team (USAID/DART), the U.N. World Food Program (WFP) met 75 percent of its planned caseload and 71 percent of its tonnage requirements for December, distributing 24,487 metric tons (MT) of emergency food assistance to nearly 1.5 million beneficiaries. As in previous months, insecurity was the greatest impediment to WFP meeting its December targets of 34,342 MT distributed to nearly 2 million people. The African Union has proposed escorting food convoys in North Darfur to ensure greater access to populations in areas considered unsafe for U.N. travel.

Health

- On January 12, the U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) announced plans to vaccinate more than 151,000 people against meningitis in eastern Chad, following reports of four suspected meningitis cases in Bredjing and Treguine refugee camps. Two of these cases were confirmed. WHO will begin vaccinating people living within a five km radius of the Bredjing, Treguine, and Farchana camps by January 25. Meningitis, caused by airborne viruses and bacteria, is a highly contagious infection of the membrane surrounding the brain and spinal cord.
- From January 10 to 12, the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), WHO, and the Sudanese Ministry of Health began a National Immunization Days campaign to inoculate nearly 6 million children against the polio virus throughout Sudan. Since May 2004, WHO has reported that 112 people have tested positive for the virus in 17 of the country's 26 states. Sudan faces the third highest number of polio infections in the world, making an immunization campaign particularly important to contain the disease outbreak in the region.

Logistics

- In response to a request from the U.N. Joint Logistics Center (UNJLC), 2 USAID/OFDA commodity flights containing 20,000 blankets each arrived in Nyala, South Darfur during the week of January 10. A third flight of 20,000 blankets is scheduled to arrive in El Fasher on January 15. The 60,000 blankets will benefit an estimated 15,000 families. In addition, USAID/OFDA scheduled six vehicles to be airlifted to Khartoum on January 15.
- The UNJLC reported on January 6 that the Ilyushin-76 aircraft, previously granted a 12-day waiver for the GOS restriction on aircraft manufactured more than 20 years ago, has made relief commodity flights to El Fasher and Nyala. These flights contained 40.5 MT of supplies including 10 vehicles and 11 MT of workshop tools. UNJLC reported that two additional Ilyushin-76s and two C-130s were grounded, pending GOS approval of additional waivers on the 20-year rule. The grounding of these aircraft is causing a significant backlog of relief commodities to Geneina, where the airport can only accommodate C-130s or Antonov-12s.

Security

- On January 11, a relief agency experienced a security incident while traveling by road in South Darfur from Nyala toward East Jebel Marrah. The two vehicle convoy stopped at a make-shift roadblock where an estimated eight armed men looted the vehicles and accused national staff at gun-point of being members of the Sudan Liberation Movement/Army (SLM/A). The armed men allowed the convoy to leave but reportedly threatened to shoot the agency staff if they returned to the area. The convoy arrived in Nyala the same evening. The U.N. reported a second incident in which four armed men tried to force their way into a NGO guesthouse in South Darfur.

International Response

- On January 12, Special Representative of the U.N. Secretary General (SRSG) Jan Pronk briefed the U.N. Security Council on the situation in Darfur. He stated that "December saw a build-up of arms, attacks on positions, including air attacks, raids on small towns and villages, increased banditry, more looting." SRSG Pronk urged the GOS and opposition movements in Darfur to use momentum created by the peace deal for Southern Sudan to work toward a solution. He warned that if this opportunity is not seized, Darfur could descend into a period of intense violence.

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	Communications	Darfur-wide	\$800,000
Various	Emergency Relief Supplies	Darfur-wide	\$990,000
Various	Airlift of Emergency Relief Supplies	Darfur-wide	\$561,276
	Administrative/Logistics	Darfur-wide	\$1,847,603
TOTAL USAID/OFDA			\$5,240,163
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP	114,170 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Darfur-wide	\$96,093,300
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$96,093,300
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			\$101,399,098
TOTAL FY 2005 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR			\$101,399,098
EASTERN CHAD			
USAID/FFP ASSISTANCE			
WFP	14,550 MT of P.L. 480 Title II Emergency Food Assistance	Eastern Chad	\$13,706,100
TOTAL USAID/FFP			\$13,706,100
TOTAL FY 2005 USAID HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD.....			\$13,706,100
TOTAL FY 2005 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO EASTERN CHAD.....			\$13,706,100
TOTAL FY 2005 USG HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO DARFUR AND EASTERN CHAD			\$115,105,198

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/Logistics	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