

NFI & Emergency Shelter Sector Monthly Update #11

REST OF SUDAN (ROS) *November-December 2007*

Executive Summary

- The 2008 UN & Partners Work Plan was finalized and officially launched in early December. The NFI & ES Sector had 15 project sheets included for the ROS region.
- Approximately 700,000 items were distributed to more than 87,000 households through the ROS Common Pipeline in 2007.
- Starting 2008, UNJLC is requiring all partners to submit 2-month assessment and distribution plans at the start of each month. The goal of this activity is to enhance planning and coordination.
- CARE will be assuming responsibility for all monitoring and evaluation activities as of January 2008.

Sector Overview

2008 UN & Partners Work Plan

In early December, the 2008 UN & Partners Work Plan was launched officially in Geneva, Switzerland and again in Khartoum shortly thereafter. Included in the Work Plan for the NFI & ES Sector in the Rest of Sudan (ROS) region were a total of 15 project sheets, valued at almost US \$5.3 million.

Region	# of Project Sheets	Total Value	End-Year Target Beneficiaries
Khartoum & Northern States	5	705,273	67,566
Eastern States	1	45,000	5,000
Southern Kordofan	5	1,076,580	16,125
Multiple Regions	1	100,000	37,000
Sub-Total	12	\$ 1,926,853	125,691
Common Pipeline	3	\$ 3,343,652	86,400
TOTAL	15	\$ 5,270,505	

Organized Returns

Of the remaining 2007 UN-supported organized returns, the Common Pipeline is continuing its support by handing over stocks to IOM for distribution. The organized returnees are receiving the items before leaving the departure centers. Each household is receiving two blankets, two sleeping mats, two pieces of women's clothing, two jerry cans, fifteen pieces of soap, a piece of plastic sheeting, and a large bag in which to transport the items for the journey.

The 2008 IOM project sheet states a target figure of 68,000 returnees from North Sudan to various destinations. The NFI Common Pipeline will support this caseload with non-food items, as done in 2007.

Funding Update

2008 CHF ALLOCATIONS

The allocation processes for the Common Humanitarian Fund (CHF) have not been finalized for 2008. UNJLC is in close communication with OCHA and information will be disseminated to all partners as soon as it is available.

Sector Coordination

As Sector Lead, UNJLC took December as an opportunity to revisit the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the NFI & ES Sector Coordination Meetings, so that the new year can be started with the objectives and expected outcomes in view. The primary focus for this meeting will be 1) coordinated planning, operations and reporting, 2) coordinated resource mobilization and utilization and 3) coordinated policy analysis. Copies of the full TOR are available upon request from UNJLC.

Lessons Learnt Exercise from 2007 Floods

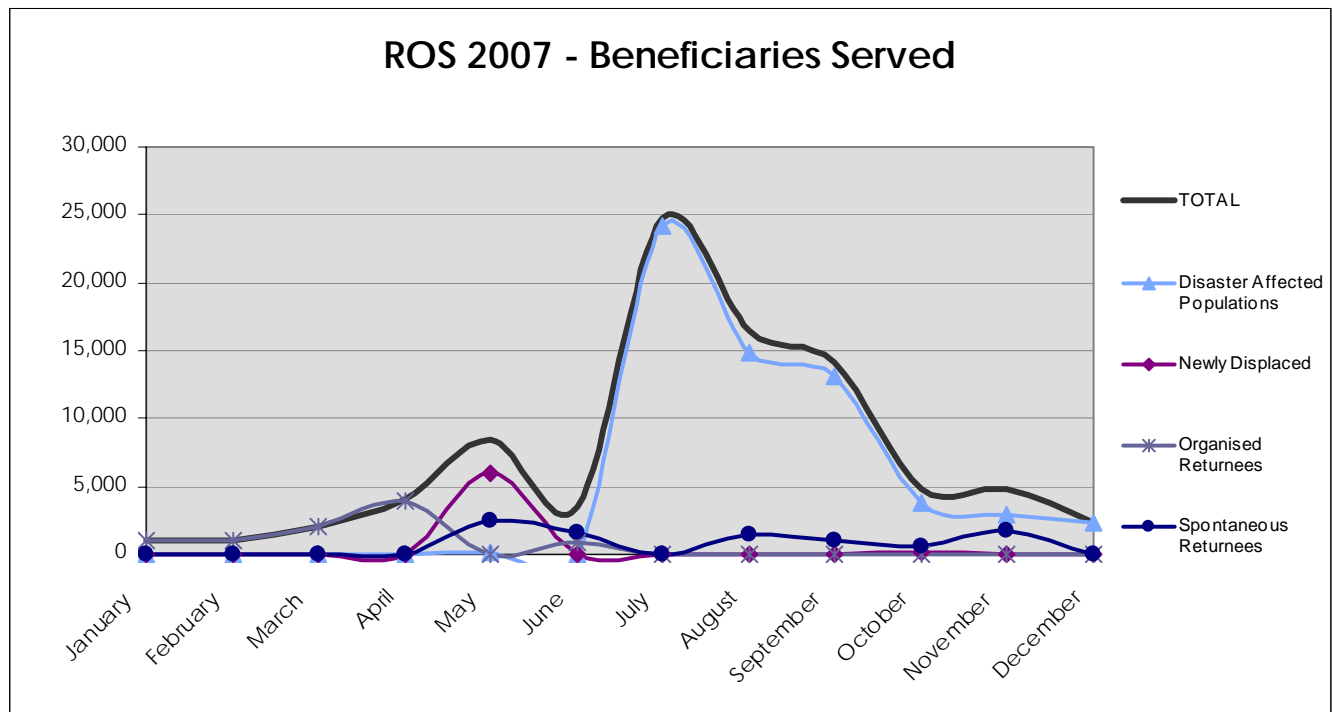
The Lessons Learnt Exercise has been completed for the 2007 flood response efforts. The summary document will be circulated within the next few weeks. A way forward for 2008 is proposed in this document to improve sector coordination for response to possible 2008 floods.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- A formal Emergency Preparedness & Response Team should be created for ROS
- More frequent coordination meetings involving all parties, including the local authorities to be held
- Increased disaster preparedness training should be provided for partners, potential partners, and capacity building for local authorities
- Additional stock should be pre-positioned prior to the on-set of the rainy season
- Items provided through the Common Pipeline should be re-evaluated to potentially include other desired items

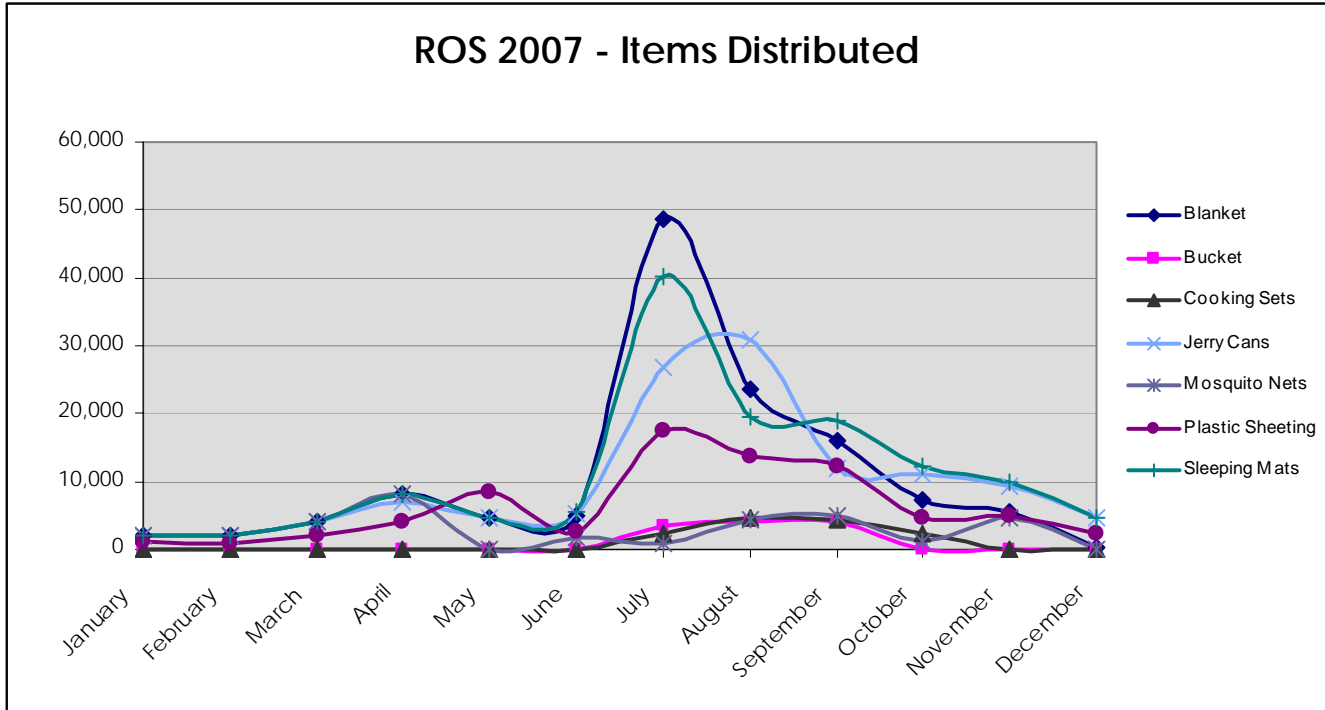
NFI Common Pipeline

2007 Distribution Trends



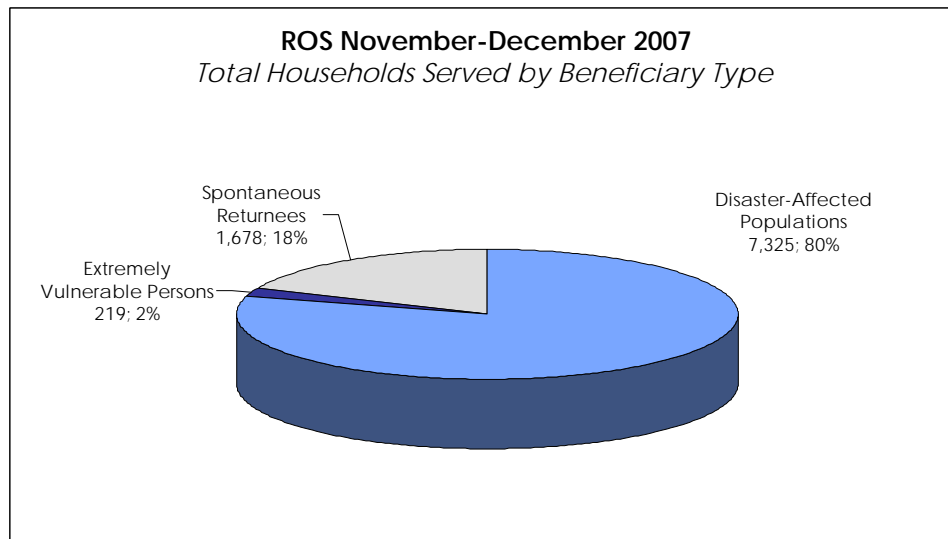
Early in 2007, distributions focused on organized returns, which slowed significantly in April and stopped completely by July before the height of the rainy season. The rainy season brought floods in July, which became the focus of the pipeline activities for the rest of the year. In all, approximately 70,000 flood-affected households were supported, resulting in the largest beneficiary group supported by the Common Pipeline in 2007. In total, the pipeline supported over 87,000 households over the course of the year.

ROS 2007 - Items Distributed



Total distributions amounted to over 700,000 items in 2007. The distributions of items mirror the beneficiaries served chart, peaking in July at the start of the flood-response activities. Comparatively, plastic sheeting distributions appear low when viewed along side of blankets, jerry cans, and plastic sheeting; however, only one piece of plastic sheeting is distributed per household where two or three of other items may be provided.

November & December Activities



Although distributions to flood-affected populations continue to slow, it still represented the largest beneficiary group served in the months of November and December. In all, approximately 70,000 households have been supported with non-food items from the Common Pipeline since the flooding started in July.

DISTRIBUTING PARTNERS FOR NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2007

Thank you to all for your continued support.

Kadugli	Khartoum
CARE MedAir NCA	Plan Sudan SUDO

Stocks

2 MONTH PLANNING INITIATIVE

Starting 2008, UNJLC is requiring all partners to submit 2-month assessment and distribution plans at the start of each month. The information included for the first month is expected to be final and the information for the second a tentative projection. The goal of this activity is to enhance planning and coordination, thus smoothing stock movements and allowing the pipeline to operate both more efficiently and cost-effectively. Understandably, not all distributions can be planned in advance; there will always be a need for emergency interventions.

STOCK BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 31st, 2007:

	Khartoum			Kadugli		
	In Stock	In Transit	Balance Available	In Stock	In Transit	Balance Available
Blankets	8,127	-	8,127	7,035	-	7,035
Buckets	9,220	-	9,220	428	-	428
Cooking Sets	13,600	-	13,600	500	-	500
Jerry Cans	68,195	-	68,195	7,777	-	7,777
Mosquito Nets	2,110	-	2,110	140	-	140
Plastic Sheeting	8,383	-	8,383	1,685	-	1,685
Sleeping Mats	5,834	-	5,834	9,200	-	9,200
Soap	116,525	-	116,525	-	-	-

* ARF is an action request for dispatch of items from one location to another whether for inter-warehouse transfer or distribution.

Stocks are reasonably healthy, with at least two months coverage in all items in stock. No stocks were in transit as of the 31st of December, however significant quantities of stock are in the pipeline, including 185,000 blankets, 8,000 mosquito nets, 65,000 pieces of plastic sheeting, and 33,000 plastic sleeping mats. All carry-over stocks will be incorporated into 2008 activities.

Although the main warehouses for the ROS NFI Common Pipeline are in Khartoum and Kadugli, stocks are also pre-positioned in Save the Children-US's warehouses in Abyei for 300 households, in Talodi for 250 households, and in Kumo (Kaudo) for 250 households. As an outcome of the recent UNJLC mission to Blue Nile, UNJLC also intends to pre-position stocks for 500 households in Ed Damazin. The items will be housed in UNHCR facilities.

Monitoring

CARE will be assuming responsibility for all monitoring and evaluation activities as of January, 2008. A year-end report for 2007 M&E activities is being compiled and will be shared upon completion. Findings will be presented to the Common Pipeline Advisory Panel for policy changes as necessary.

Several field visits were conducted during November and December for the purpose of monitoring the NFI distribution process and/or the post-distribution of the NFIs. Areas visited included: Guli locality/White Nile state; Mayo and El Fateh and Jebel Awlia Camps/ Khartoum state; and Ed Damazin/Blue Nile state. Partners were supportive of UNJLC Field Officers in providing access to the distributions areas and the necessary information.

Meetings Calendar

Location	Meeting	Date & Time	Venue
<i>Khartoum</i>	NFI & ES Sector Coordination Meeting	17 January, 1000 hours	OCHA
<i>Kadugli</i>	NFI/Logs Coordination Meeting	15 January, 1000 hours	UNDP

Additional field coordination meetings are held every other month in Abyei and Blue Nile. The next meetings will be in February, but specific dates have yet to be determined.

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