

NFI & Emergency Shelter Sector Monthly Update #11

DARFUR

November-December 2007

Executive Summary

- The 2008 UN & Partners Work Plan was finalized and officially launched in early December. The NFI & ES Sector had 23 project sheets included for the Darfur region.
- Approximately 2.6 million items were distributed through the Darfur Common Pipeline in 2007. Blankets, sleeping mats and jerry cans were the most distributed items, each with approximately 600,000 units distributed.
- 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 planning effort is to enhance planning and coordination.
- CARE will be resuming 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 Darfur were a total of 23 project sheets with a total budget of close to US\$ 31 million.

Region	# of Project Sheets	Total Value	End-Year Target Beneficiaries
North Darfur	2	18,700	43,716
North & South	3	2,920,256	30,000
South Darfur	3	205,624	38,400
South & West	2	840,000	23,800
West Darfur	10	6,608,123	169,598
Sub-Total	20	10,592,703	305,514
Common Pipeline	3	20,350,803	320,000
TOTAL	23	30,943,506	

Funding Update

2008 CHF ALLOCATIONS

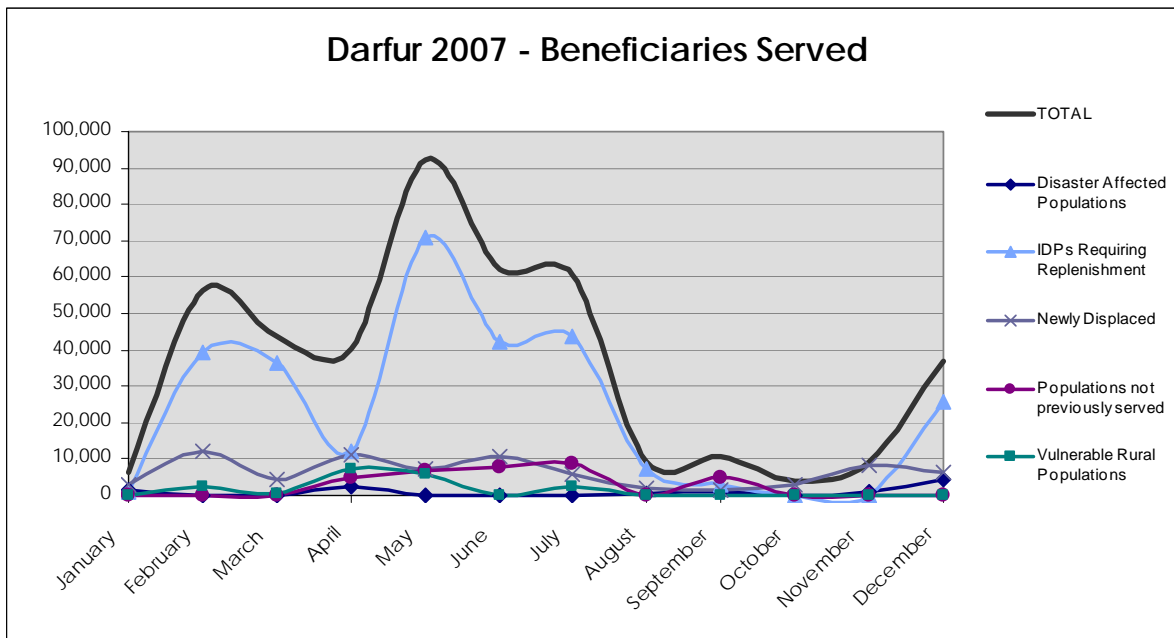
The allocation processes for the Common Humanitarian Fund (CHF) have not been finalized for 2008. UNJLC is in close communication with OCHA and information will be disseminated to all partners as soon as it is available.

Sector Coordination

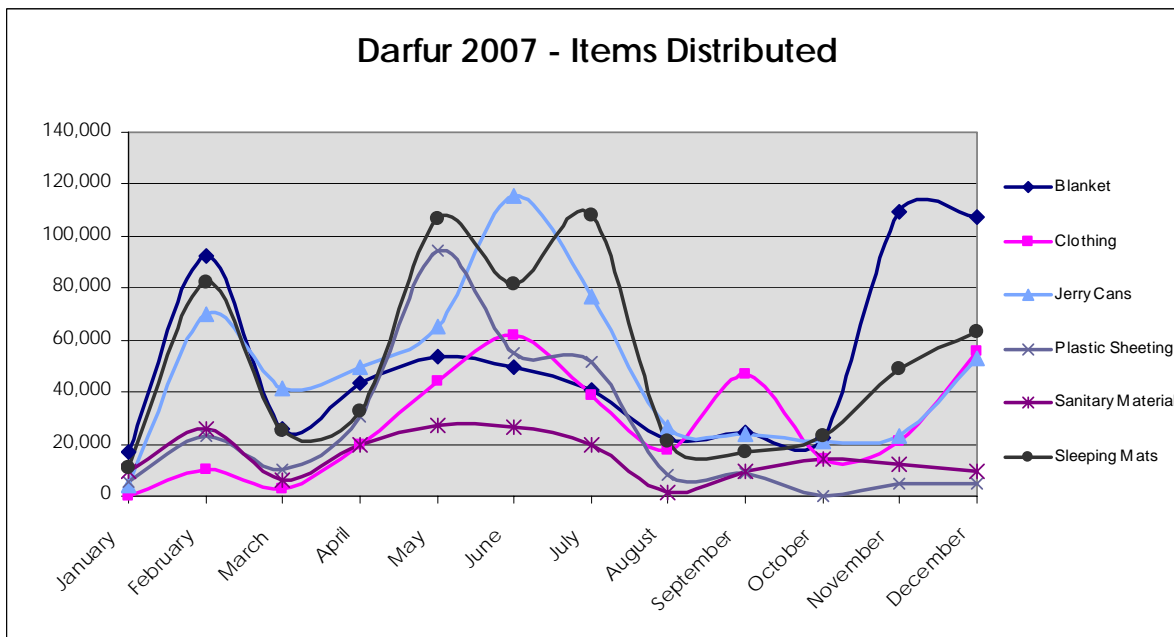
As Sector Lead, UNJLC took December as an opportunity to revisit the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the NFI & ES Sector Coordination Meetings, so that the new year can be started with the objectives and expected outcomes in view. The primary focus for this meeting will be 1) coordinated planning, operations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

NFI Common Pipeline

2007 Distribution Trends

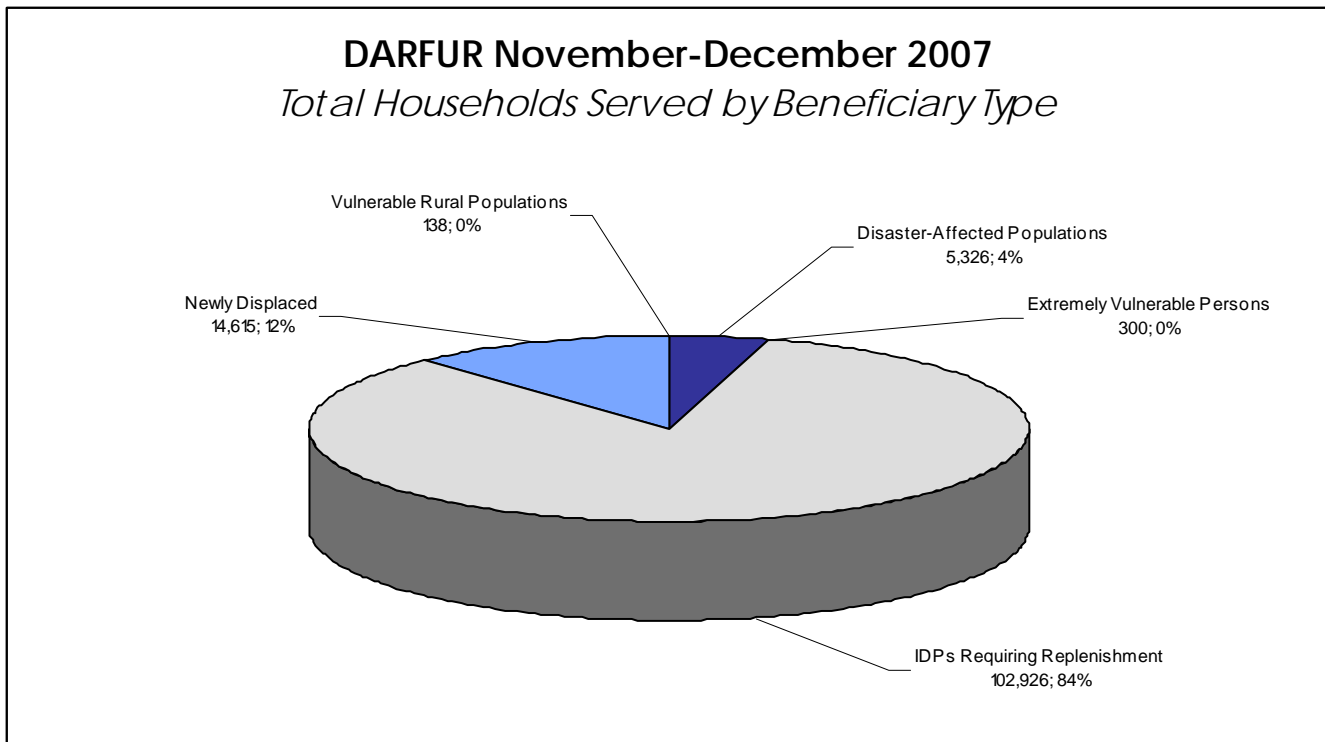


In 2007, IDPs requiring replenishment were the largest beneficiary group served, followed by newly displaced populations. The peak of distributions in May and June reflects preparations for the on-coming rainy season. Distributions then fell dramatically in almost all categories between August and October as the rainy season effected access by closing roads. Assessment activity picked back up in November and distributions subsequently began rising shortly thereafter, especially replenishing blankets prior to the cold season.



A total of 2.6 million items were distributed through the Darfur Common Pipeline in 2007. Blankets, sleeping mats, and jerry cans were the most distributed items in 2007, all with approximately 600,000 units distributed each. The above chart shows how plastic sheeting, jerry cans and sleeping mats were replenished in large quantities just prior to the rainy season, correlating with the beneficiaries served chart. Distributions of blankets peaked between November and February for winterization, at the start of and during the cold season.

November & December Activities



Replenishment distributions dominated activities for November and December, as preparations for the up-coming cold season were being made. Zalingei, Saleah, Kulbus, Zamzam, Fata Borno, and Kassab were the primary camps and localities supported. However, newly displaced populations continue to arrive at camps and continue to require significant support. New arrivals included approximately 1,200 households in Al Salaam Camp in South Darfur, 215 households in Al Salaam Camp in North Darfur, approximately 3,200 households in Um Dhukun.

DISTRIBUTING PARTNERS FOR NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2007

Thank you to all for your continued support.

North Darfur	South Darfur	West Darfur
African Humanitarian Action	CHF International	Concern
GOAL	Humedica	CRS
IRC	International Aid Hand	INTERSOS
OXFAM	Mercy Corps	IRW
Spanish Red Cross	MSF-Holland	SCF-US
	OXFAM	Sudan Red Crescent
	Rehaid El-Fursan Rural Development	TDH
	Samaritan's Purse	
	Solidarité	
	SPRC	

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:

	El Obeid			El Geneina			Nyala			El Fasher		
	In Stock	ARF*	Balance Available	In Stock	In Transit	Balance Available	In Stock	In Transit	Balance Available	In Stock	In Transit	Balance Available
Blankets	160,795	-	160,795	41,074	-	41,074	71,109	-	71,109	34,520	-	34,520
Clothing	62,994	-	62,994	24,773	-	24,773	84,359	-	84,359	53,711	-	53,711
Jerry Cans	-	-	-	10,196	-	10,196	35,118	-	35,118	6,095	-	6,095
Plastic Sheeting	16,410	-	16,410	10,670	-	10,670	557	-	557	9,781	-	9,781
Sleeping Mats	126,416	-	126,416	48,241	-	48,241	102,160	-	102,160	40,805	-	40,805
Sanitary Material	-	-	-	20,262	-	20,262	-	-	-	4,179	-	4,179

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

Stock balances are reasonably healthy in all three Darfur states, with at least two month's coverage for each item. Currently, the only low-stocked item is plastic sheeting in South Darfur; however 10,000 pieces are expected to arrive in Nyala within the first two weeks of January. Other up-stream items include 25,000 additional pieces of plastic sheeting, 20,000 cooking sets and 44,000 plastic sleeping mats. No stocks were in transit as of the 31st of December. All carry-over stocks will be incorporated into 2008 activities.

Monitoring & Evaluation

CARE will be resuming responsibility for all monitoring and evaluation (M&E) 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.

November saw a significant increase in monitoring and evaluation activities compared to September and October, which were dominated by security concerns that limited access to many areas. The increased activity levels continued into mid-December before the holidays. In addition to providing access to distribution sites and activities, partners were very supportive of the M&E Team and provided accommodation and transport in many cases.

M&E ACTIVITIES EXECUTED:

	On-Site Distribution Monitoring (DM)	Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM)	Market Surveys
NOVEMBER			
North Darfur	8	2	3
South Darfur	4	1	1
West Darfur	0	3	3
DECEMBER			
North Darfur	5	2	2
South Darfur	4	1	1
West Darfur	1	2	1

Findings of the monitoring and evaluation activities for November and December continue to show that blankets and plastic sheeting, followed by jerry cans, are considered the most valued items provided.

Meetings Calendar

Location	Meeting	Date & Time	Venue
<i>Khartoum</i>	NFI & ES Sector Coordination Meeting	17 January, 1100 hours	OCHA
<i>El Fasher</i>	NFI/Logs Coordination Meeting	22 January, 1530 hours	OCHA
<i>Nyala</i>	NFI/Logs Coordination Meeting	15 January, 0900 hours 29 January, 0900 hours	OCHA
<i>El Geneina</i>	NFI/Logs Coordination Meeting	15 January, 1030 hours 29 January, 1030 hours	OCHA

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