

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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SUDAN: DROUGHT

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This Ops Update is intended for reporting on emergency appeals.

Appeal No. 11/01

Launched on 2 March 2001 for CHF 2,582,404 for 6 months. (Appeal target included WFP resourced food valued at CHF 3,000,000). The programme was extended until the end of February 2002 to allow the implementation of some planned components.

Disaster Relief Emergency Fund (DREF) allocated: CHF 29,000 (for the initial assessment mission)

Beneficiaries: 289,000

Operations Update No. 4; Period covered: 28 November 2001 until 7 March 2002; last Ops Update (no. 3) issued on 27 November 2002; Final Report expected at the end of April 2002.

“At a Glance”

Appeal coverage: 100.4%

Related Appeals: Sudan Annual Appeal for 2001 and 2002 (numbers 01.17/2001 and 01.13/2002)

Outstanding needs: None

Operational Developments

Very low and sporadic rainfall continued to pose a serious problem for the population of Sudan, affecting the food production, pastures, and water availability. This situation is unlikely to improve in the near future as no rain is expected during the months ahead. In some areas of Northern Darfur, delayed rain forced farmers to repeat the planting. A good harvest is anticipated in some pockets (Dar Es Salam, Korma and Kuttum Rural Councils). However, pest attacks (bristle beetles) may cause a significant reduction in the yield. Due to the poor harvest and depleted carry over stocks, the availability of grain supplies on the markets was reduced, while the demand and prices were accordingly increased. Related problems included the stagnation in livestock trade, loss of income from tombac (chewing tobacco), exhausted household carry-over food stocks, and a reduction in the availability of wild foods.

The SRCS and the Federation drought-response operation was largely completed by the end of February 2002, but some activities are still being implemented. This Operational Update aims to provide summary information on the status of individual objectives, while the detailed Final Operation Report will be prepared at the end of April 2002, following the completion of outstanding activities.

Red Cross and Red Crescent action w

The Drought Emergency Appeal received good donor coverage. The operation has been successful, despite some delays. Most of the appeal objectives have been finalised, although some components of the programme remain operational. This is due to difficulties encountered earlier on in the programme, such as a several-month delay in finalising the third food distribution cycle in Red Sea State, which in turn delayed the final mobile health assistance component.

The delays also placed an additional strain on the Sudanese Red Crescent branches which experienced difficulty in planning of all activities in the context of such delays. The remaining commitments concern the third round mobile health assistance and finalising the rehabilitation of the remaining open wells, both planned to be completed by the middle of April.

Red Cross and Red Crescent Society w

Throughout the reporting period the Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) continued to implement all activities through its branch staff and volunteers. The tasks of the volunteers ranged from selecting and registering beneficiaries for food and seeds distribution, field monitoring visits to the programme areas, collecting and compiling of post-monitoring data, reporting and providing recommendations based on monitoring findings and participating in assessment missions conducted in the course of programme implementation.

Volunteers also conducted a range of health related activities, such as a baseline health and nutrition survey in the Red Sea State, First Aid training and health promotion seminars to communities and Village Health Committees, as well as training of communities in water, health and sanitation related subjects.

Health w

Objective 1 Red Sea State: To improve the access of the most vulnerable groups to primary health services and health education in targeted areas

This programme component focused on the provision of limited primary health care, first aid and health education, through seven mobile health clinics, complementing the provision of food rations to the drought-affected rural communities in seven localities - five in Sinkat Province and two in Red Sea Province. Following the completion of the first and second cycle of mobile health assistance, providing medical treatment to a total of 6,191 beneficiaries, the third cycle began to be implemented in the second week of March 2002. This is due to a several-month delay in the completion of the third round food distribution. This activity is scheduled to be completed by mid-April 2002.

Objective 2 Southern Darfur: Reduce community health vulnerabilities, including those related to communicable and water borne diseases, and institute a surveillance regime

The objective focused on training of volunteers and community representatives in First Aid and public health dissemination. All activities of this objective were completed.

Objective 3 Northern Darfur: Promote sustainable water supply and increase community awareness of health promoting hygiene practices

In conjunction with the rehabilitation of selected water resource facilities in El Fashir and Dar El Salam localities, nine community training seminars were organised for 360 volunteers, community leaders and members of health committees, with an approximate gender ratio of 50:50. There are no outstanding activities under this objective.

Water-sanitation w

Objective 1 Red Sea State: Provision of emergency water and rehabilitation of selected water sources in targeted areas.

Desalination project in Sinkat:

The initial objective of providing Sinkat population with emergency water supplies transported by rail from Gebit and Deurdeb, had to be abandoned, due to logistical constraints and insufficient water supplies in these areas. As an alternative, in co-operation with the State Ministry for Planning and Engineering, the SRCS carried-out a desalination rehabilitation process of two existing bore-holes in the town itself. The work was successfully

completed by the end of February, resulting in good quality water supplies provided to the population in Sinkat within the proximity of their homes.

Rehabilitation of water resources in Red Sea State localities:

The second component of this objective focused on rehabilitation and construction of 75 open wells (through deepening, maintenance and internal skimming) and 40 hand pumps in five of the most affected localities: Sinkat, Gebiet, Tahamiam, Hayia and Derudeb. A majority of the wells were rehabilitated, while another twenty-three are currently being finalised (in Tahamiam, Hayia and Derudeb), planned to be completed by mid-April 2002. The capacities of the branch have been over-stretched, due to delays experienced in other components of the programme, slowing down the open-wells rehabilitation. At the same time, all seventy hand-pumps were rehabilitated, providing water to the population in Sinkat, Gebiet, Hayia and Derudeb.

Objective 2 Northern Darfur: Mitigate distress migration

The objective has been finalised in October 2001 with a total of seven bore-holes and thirty hand-pumps successfully rehabilitated. No further activities are planned at present.

Relief distributions w

Objective 1 Red Sea State: To distribute balanced food rations to 109,000 persons and 14,000 IDPs* for 6 months in 3 cycles.

The third and final cycle was completed by the end of February, providing 124,932 beneficiaries with over 5,384.76 mt of food, consisting of maize, pulses, corn soya blend and vegetable oil. In addition to the food commodities provided by WFP, 41 mt of corn soya blend was provided by the German Red Cross in November 2001. No further activities are planned under the objective.

Objective 2 South Darfur: Mitigate distress migration.

This objective aimed at providing food rations to a total of 24,689 beneficiaries, through two cycles of full food rations, consisting of cereals, pulses, vegetable oil and salt. The objective was completed.

Objective 3-6 Restore food self-sufficiency to a total of 53,145 beneficiary families in Rural Red Sea, Southern Darfur, Northern Darfur and Western Darfur states.

These objectives were all completed in time. The United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) provided a total 329.97 mt of millet and sorghum seeds to the SRCS who distributed the seeds to targeted beneficiaries. No further activities are being planned.

Data Collection w

Objective 1 Red Sea State: Improve information availability and quality through strengthening the existing community based health/nutrition monitoring system in Sinkat and Red Sea provinces, in close co-operation with government authorities, UN Agencies and NGOs.

The latest in the series of extensive drought periods triggered the essential need to conduct a baseline health and nutritional survey in one of the most affected states - Red Sea, partly due to the fact that the SRCS already possess a remarkable knowledge of the conditions there, and partly in order to fill the gap existing in this State in terms of official data.

According to the second survey report published in August, 19% of the children are severely malnourished in the rural areas. In Tahamian locality this figure is as high as 37%. Furthermore, the survey shows that due to failure of rain, there is no crop harvest, wells and canals have dried out and animal stock has died. Families rely solely on food distribution. Although the survey itself has been completed, the final survey report and data analysis is currently being finalised.

Shelter w

Objective 1 Red Sea State: Provision of local shelter materials (mats and poles) and blankets to 15,000 displaced persons in Sinkat province:

The distribution of shelter material and blankets took place in December 2001, whereby 9,300 straw mats, 1,232 sets of wooden poles and 6,000 blankets were provided to 4,484 beneficiary families in four localities (Sinkat, Tahamiam, Haya and Derudeb). No further activity is planned.

Logistics w

The procurements of all supplies and material required for the programme have been completed, including the purchases of vehicles, computers and telecommunication equipment for the branches in Northern Darfur and Red Sea. All procurements were carried-out in line with the standard Federation procedures.

Telecommunications w

With the funding provided by American, German and Norwegian donors, four HF mobile radio's were purchased for installation in the new vehicles and were sent to the branches, strengthening the communications network capacity of the national society.

National Society Capacity Building w

Throughout implementation of the emergency response to this complex disaster, the SRCS gained additional experience and further enhanced its capacities. Through a number of workshops in all four operational States, the volunteers were trained in beneficiary selection, registration, monitoring of food distribution, data collection, disaster preparedness and management, first aid, water, health and sanitation education, and other.

Federation Delegation w

The Federation delegation's role in Sudan solely focuses on providing technical support and advice to the Sudanese Red Crescent programmes. Its current capacity consist of Head of Delegation and Finance/Administration Delegate, as well as a Reporting Delegate for a period of one month, supported by twelve locally recruited staff.

Coordination w

Regular co-ordination meetings were held between all parties involved - the SRCS, the Federation, WFP, FAO, Ministry of Health, Oxfam, HAC, HFA and the International GO Forum, in order to avoid any duplication of efforts.

Outstanding needs w

There are no outstanding requirements.

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All International Federation Operations seek to adhere to the Code of Conduct and are committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (SPHERE Project) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

This operation seeks to administer to the immediate requirements of the victims of this disaster. Subsequent operations to promote sustainable development or longer-term capacity building will require additional support, and these programmes are outlined on the Federation's website.

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| Sudan - drought | | | | | | ANNEX 1 |
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| APPEAL No. 11/2001 | | PLEDGES RECEIVED | | | | 12.03.2002 |
| DONOR | CATEGORY | QUANTITY | UNIT | VALUE CHF | DATE | COMMENT |
| CASH | | | | | | |
| REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF -----> | | | | 5'582'404 | | TOTAL COVERAGE 100.4% |
| AMERICAN - RC | | 210'000 | USD | 343'644 | 08.06.2001 | |
| AMERICAN - GOVT (USAID) | | 224'855 | USD | 365'165 | 27.09.2001 | WATER AND HEALTH |
| AUSTRALIAN - RC | | 1'346 | AUD | 1'210 | 14.03.2001 | |
| BRITISH - RC | | 7'138 | GBP | 17'559 | 23.04.2001 | NUTRITIONAL SURVEY TRAINING, DELEGATE MISSION COSTS |
| CANADIAN - GOVT/CIDA/IHA | | 247'500 | CAD | 288'140 | 21.06.2001 | |
| DANISH - RC | | 138'750 | DKK | 28'583 | 12.03.2001 | |
| FAO | | 16'500 | USD | 26'796 | 05.07.2001 | |
| FINNISH - RC | | 33'638 | EUR | 51'106 | 11.05.2001 | |
| FRENCH - GOVT | | 244'846 | EUR | 371'921 | 25.09.2001 | WATER AND HEALTH |
| GERMAN - RC | | 348'876 | DEM | 267'955 | 15.08.2001 | REHABILITATION OF HANDPUMPS AND OPEN WELLS |
| ICELANDIC - RC | | 200'000 | ISK | 3'364 | 17.05.2001 | |
| IRANIAN - RC | | | | 15'000 | 05.09.2001 | DELEGATE, 3 MONTHS |
| NETHERLANDS - RC | | | | 38'202 | 27.07.2001 | WATER/SANITATION & REHABILITATION OPEN WELLS |
| NORWAY - GOVT/RC | | 2'728'846 | NOK | 513'839 | 30.05.2001 | FOR THE PURCHASE OF WATER PUMPS AND RELATED SPARE PARTS |
| NORWAY - GOVT/RC | | 300'000 | NOK | 56'036 | 05.12.2001 | |
| SWEDISH - GOVT | | 1'000'000 | SEK | 173'700 | 21.03.01 | |
| TAIWAN - RC | | 11'387 | USD | 20'212 | 13.08.2001 | |
| SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH | | | | 2'582'432 | CHF | 46.3% |
| KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL) | | | | | | |
| DONOR | CATEGORY | QUANTITY | UNIT | VALUE CHF | DATE | COMMENT |
| SWEDISH - RC | DELEGATE | | | 21'191 | 01.05.2001 | RELIEF DELEGATE |
| WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME | FOOD | 7'000 | MTS | 3'000'000 | | |
| SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES | | | | 3'021'191 | CHF | 54.1% |
| ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET | | | | | | |
| DONOR | CATEGORY | QUANTITY | UNIT | VALUE CHF | DATE | COMMENT |
| SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED | | | | 0 | CHF | |
| THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS ARE LINKED TO THIS APPEAL: | | | | | | |
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