

NON-FOOD ITEMS FOR FLOOD VICTIMS AS WELL

In August, ACT-Caritas distributed essential household items to 258 households out of 500 most affected by flood in West and South Darfur. Plastic sheeting was distributed to help build temporary shelters. In addition, SUDO constructed a dyke near the Bileil camp to stop water from an adjacent river from entering into the camp.



The ACT-Caritas operation is supported by more than 60 donors worldwide. The multinational ACT-Caritas team works with three local partners — Sudan Council of Churches (SCC), Sudan Social Development Organization (SUDO) and Sudan Aid. ACT-Caritas is helping several hundred thousand displaced people who have sought refuge in the relative safety of camps, as well as others who have remained in their homes or relocated due to insecurity. ACT-Caritas also focuses on developing the capacity of the local partners and contributing towards a lasting peace. The operation employs 26 international and 400 Sudanese staff and field offices cover the provinces of Nyala, Shearia, Kass, El Dhein, Edd El Fursan, Zalingei, Wadi Salih and Jebel Marra.

ACT-Caritas collaborates with the humanitarian aid commission of Sudan (HAC), other ministries in the country and a number of U.N. agencies. The joint operation is managed under the legal umbrella of Norwegian Church Aid (NCA) in Sudan.



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Darfur Emergency Response Operation

MILESTONES

QUARTERLY FACTSHEET: JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2007

Since the launch of the program in June 2004, ACT and Caritas are sharing their resources to work together to help several hundred thousand of the 4.2 million* conflict-affected people in South and West Darfur. The networks represent the vast majority of the world's Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox churches.

* Source: U.N. report, May 2007



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EMERGENCY RESPONSE UNIT (EPRU)

- Essential household items were distributed to 7,570 households, including both new arrivals and returnees in South and West Darfur. Items distributed included blankets, cooking sets, plastic sheets, plastic mats, water containers, mosquito nets and soap.
- Ten needs assessments were carried out in areas where there has been an influx of newly internally displaced persons (IDP).

HYGIENE PROMOTION

- Insecticide spraying campaigns were undertaken in Kubum involving more than 1,490 households, 30 shelters in the market and 5 schools.
- More than 215 households were visited to provide hygiene promotion sessions, monitor hygiene conditions and carry out household-to-household hygiene education.
- Four sensitization sessions were conducted in Garsilla on control and prevention of acute watery diarrhoea with 1,082 participants. In addition, ten other sensitization sessions for more than 1,400 persons were carried out for cholera preparedness.
- Several cleaning campaigns were undertaken in market places, camps and schools involving more than 175 persons.

NUTRITION

- The supplementary feeding program, which targets malnourished children under 5 years, and pregnant and lactating women, provided rations to 15,076 persons.
- The out-patient therapeutic program treated 153 persons suffering from severe malnutrition.

PRIMARY HEALTH

- Fourteen out of the seventeen fixed clinics including two dispensaries and two mobile clinics were operational throughout the third quarter of 2007 and served 71,998 patients and treated 98,127 cases of diarrhoea, malaria, acute respiratory infections, skin diseases and intestinal worms.
- Close to 16,870 community members participated in various capacity building and awareness raising sessions in South and West Darfur. The topics covered included corn soya blend preparation, breast feeding and weaning practices, personal hygiene and hand washing, causes and prevention of malnutrition, balanced diets, food preparation and storage, clean water collection and storage, the proper use of latrines, malaria prevention, causes and prevention of diarrhoea, family planning and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).
- In July, ACT-Caritas held an emergency three-day training workshop at Garsilla Hospital for 47 people on the management of severely malnourished children. Participants included State Ministry of Health and INGO staff. The training was held in response to the inadequate numbers of trained medical staff able to deal with severely malnutrition cases in West and South Darfur.
- ACT-Caritas collaborated with the State Ministry of Health to provide comprehensive training on the management of severe malnutrition to 24 doctors, senior nurses and nutrition staff representing various hospitals from all over South and West Darfur.

The security situation throughout Darfur has remained a major challenge to both civilians and the humanitarian community. The United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) had reported that during this quarter both UN and INGO vehicles experienced a variety of security incidents including carjacking, ambush and attack by armed groups. In addition, humanitarian staff, civilians and internally displaced persons were being assaulted.

WATER AND SANITATION

- Four hand pumps were rehabilitated.
- In Kubum, 27 hand pump mechanics from the water committee were trained in hand pump repair.
- A twelve-day workshop on a sustainable development approach for water resource management was carried out during this month in Nyala and was attended by NCA staff from Nyala, Garsilla, Zalingei and Kubum along with one staff from Sudan Social Development Organization (SUDO).
- In both South and West Darfur, 18 boreholes were drilled for IDPs and host communities.

PROTECTION, PSYCHOSOCIAL AND PEACEBUILDING

- More than 572 people participated in different awareness raising sessions as well as workshops on peacebuilding and conflict resolution and transformation in Garsilla, Kubum and Dagadossa. Participants included sheikhs, shiekhats, community leaders, peace club members, peaceful coexistence committee members, youth, female students and teachers.
- In three community centers in South and West Darfur, 1,334 people participated in a variety of daily activities organized by ACT-Caritas. In addition, a total number of 1,898 people have participated in the daily activities organized by Sudan Aid in two community centers in South Darfur. Activities included kindergarten, adult education classes, group counseling and home visits as well as income generation projects such as bread making, food processing and handcraft making.
- Sudan Aid conducted two workshops for 60 community leaders and teachers on peacebuilding in Ed Daein.
- Sudan Aid also supported four peaceful coexistence committees and three peace clubs in the Dreig and Elneem IDP camps in South Darfur on dispute resolution. In Dreig, an open day for children involved close to 2,500 participants and a recreational event involved 100 participants along with a recreational event in Elneem where 21 women participated.

SCHOOL SUPPORT

- ACT-Caritas, in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Joint Logistics Centre (UNJLC) supplied four IDP schools at Mershing with 160 plastic sheets and four tents to improve the roofs of buildings made of local materials.
- With overcrowding in the IDP schools, Sudan Aid has constructed eight new temporary classrooms for 1,983 girls and boys at the El Salam IDP school in Ed Daein. In addition, Sudan Aid has supplied six IDP schools as well as Catholic Church schools in South Darfur with equipment including chairs, books, benches, plastic mats, office cupboards and tables.
- SUDO constructed two permanent IDP and host community schools in South and West Darfur. One has already been handed over to the State Ministry of Education.

AGRICULTURE

- During July, the Sudan Council of Churches (SCC) and SUDO distributed 11.433 metric tons of millet and 6.180 metric tons of sorghum during the rainy season to 2,956 IDP and host community households in South and West Darfur.