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External Situation Report October 2024

Highlights in October

- The onset of the dry season is expected to **intensify conflict**, particularly in famine-prone and hard-to-reach areas, exacerbating **challenges to reach people in need**.
- In 2024 to date, an estimated **6.5 million people** have received critical food assistance, including 1.7 million in Darfur, 1 million in Khartoum and Al Gezira, 259,000 in Kordofan, and 3.5 million across the rest of the country.
- In October, WFP reached **2.2 million people**. This includes over **912,000 individuals** who received in-kind food assistance and **826,000 people** supported through **USD 7.7 million** in Cash-Based Transfers (CBT).
- WFP requires **increased and sustained access for crossline aid and border openings** and calls on all partners and donors to appeal for maintaining and expanding all viable border crossings including the most critical crossings with Chad (Adre and Tine) and South Sudan from Aweil, Renk and Yida).

Situation Update

- The confirmed famine in Zamzam IDP camp, near El Fasher in North Darfur, marks the first famine declaration globally since 2017. Thirteen additional areas, spanning Darfur, Kordofan, Khartoum, and Al Gezira, are at critical risk of famine.
- The ongoing conflict between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and Rapid Support Forces (RSF) continues to escalate, particularly in North Darfur's capital, El Fasher, and Khartoum. Every surge in fighting further complicates WFP's ability to safely deliver aid, while the needs of the population continue to grow.
- WFP's September 2024 market monitor highlights ongoing severe economic challenges marked by significant increases in the cost of essential commodities. The cost of WFP's local food basket rose to approximately USD 24 per month, which represents a 16 percent increase from August and a 237 percent increase compared to September 2023. The increase is due to unfavorable agricultural conditions and supply chain disruptions stemming from the ongoing conflict. The crisis is underscored by the fact that there has been a sharp decline in purchasing power for wages across most regions except in Red Sea State, where terms of trade have remained stable.

In Numbers Jan to Oct 2024



6.5 million (unique individuals) assisted:
3.4 million reached with food assistance



2.0 million people received CBT



1.1 million supported with nutrition rations



567k school children with take-home rations



USD 509 million is required between Nov 2024 - Apr 2025

WFP's Response

Through the activation of a Corporate Scale-Up, WFP scaled up its response in Sudan, targeting 8.5 million unique beneficiaries by the end of 2024. WFP's response is flexible and adaptive, employing a combination of direct food deliveries, cash and voucher-based assistance, mobile money transfers, and collaboration with local community-based organizations and retailers to rapidly get food into the hands of the most food insecure people in Sudan. WFP requires sustained and flexible funding to quickly respond to the evolving crisis and deliver assistance to those who need it most.

Programmatic Updates

In October, WFP reached 2.2 million people, an increase from 1.6 million in September. This includes over 912,000 individuals who received in-kind food assistance and 826,000 people supported through USD 7.7 million in CBT. Furthermore, 71,000 individuals, including children and pregnant or breastfeeding women, received nutrition support to prevent and treat acute malnutrition. Nearly 87,000 school age children received take-home-rations through WFP's school feeding programme.

To address access challenges caused by intensified fighting, WFP is expanding the use of commodity vouchers through retailers, the "Business-to-Business" (B2B) initiative in areas where direct food distributions are not possible. In October, WFP launched and completed B2B in Sheikan, North Kordofan, a risk of famine area, reaching 6,480 people with USD 323,000 worth of assistance. In Zamzam camp, nearly 85,000 beneficiaries have redeemed approximately USD 4.5 million in assistance through B2B since September with distribution still ongoing.

Cross-border movements: Since January, essential food supplies have been transported through the Adre border, with 222 trucks carrying 7,235 MT of assorted commodities dispatched to support 715,000 people. Most of these transfers crossed after the temporary reopening of the Adre border, enabling 183 trucks to deliver 5,681 MT of food commodities for 492,787 individuals.

Through the Tine border, 277 trucks have transported 8,555 MT of commodities since January, targeting approximately 925,000 people.

In October, WFP dispatched 80 trucks carrying nearly 2,500 MT of assorted commodities across the Adre border into West and Central Darfur, targeting approximately 493,000 food-insecure beneficiaries. Meanwhile, 23 trucks transporting 895 MT of food supplies arrived at the transshipment point in Tina, Sudan, through the Tine border, aiming to reach hard-to-reach populations in North and Central Darfur. The Adre border will close on 15 November; WFP calls on all partners and donors to appeal for maintaining this vital border crossing open and to lift all limitations on entry of humanitarian aid to Sudan.

Cross-line movements: Since March, WFP crossline activities have delivered over 3,524 MT of assorted commodities, reaching 207,000 people in East Darfur, North Darfur, South Darfur and North Kordofan.



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Clusters and Common Services

The Logistics Cluster continues to facilitate inter-agency convoys in collaboration with OCHA and the UN Civil-Military Coordination Cell ensuring critical humanitarian supplies reach affected areas. During October, the Cluster received 872 m³ of humanitarian supplies in common storage facilities, bringing the total to 21,873 m³ stored on behalf of partners in Port Sudan, Gedaref, and Kassala since the start of the year. In addition, the Cluster has loaned 22 mobile storage units (MSUs) to eight partners in underserved areas. Since January, the Cluster has supported 75 organizations with logistics information, coordination, and storage, via two coordination cells located in Port Sudan and N'Djamena.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) is providing internet connectivity services across seven key locations in Sudan and is working to expand coverage to additional sites across Sudan, including in the Darfur region. The activation of the undersea cable in Port Sudan and the 'local loop' to expand access to additional locations has greatly improved data access for humanitarian organizations.

UN Humanitarian Air Services (UNHAS) flights from Amman, Cairo and Nairobi to Port Sudan continue to support 77 humanitarian organizations. Since January, over 6,588 passengers and approximately 25 MT of light cargo have been transported across 398 flights.

The Food Security Cluster has reached 10 million people across Sudan with life-saving food and livelihoods support between January until 30 September. This includes 4.2 million beneficiaries receiving food assistance and 6.3 million benefiting from livelihood programs. The FSL response has covered 149 localities across 18 states.

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