



World Food Programme

WFP Sudan

External Situation Report

April 2025



Photo: 30 April 2025, WFP Food distributions for the displaced in Tawila, North Darfur.
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In Numbers

4.6 million people assisted



3 million people reached with in-kind food assistance



989,700 people received cash-based transfers



521,900 people supported with nutrition rations



55,800 schoolchildren provided with take-home rations



6,500 people supported with small market resilience



US\$722 million required by WFP Sudan from June – November 2025

Situation Update

- In April, the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) conducted a ground assault on North Darfur's besieged capital, El-Fasher, and the nearby Abu Shouk and Zamzam displacement camps, seizing control of the Zamzam camp in mid-April and causing families to flee toward El Fasher, Tawila and other areas. Severe food security deterioration is seen in El Fasher town and Abu Shouk and Zamzam camps.
- The UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Sudan [raised alarm](#) over the worsening humanitarian crisis in North Darfur, where large-scale forced displacement from camps like Abu Shouk and Zamzam has displaced over 400,000 people toward Jebel Marra and Tawila. These movements, driven by escalating violence and fear of a broader offensive on El Fasher, are overwhelming humanitarian operations, cutting displaced populations off from vital aid and increasing their risk of famine, disease, and malnutrition.
- El Fasher continues to face critical shortages of food, water, and basic healthcare services. Local markets are facing severe lack of food items resulting in sharp price increases that are putting additional pressure on a population struggling to afford a meal daily.
- On 15 April, a conference in London marked the 2-year anniversary of the conflict in Sudan, co-hosted by the UK, African Union, EU, France, and Germany, attended by foreign ministers and high-level representatives from various countries and organizations. Eight donors pledged over US\$1 billion to support humanitarian operations in Sudan and the wider region, but the conference failed to agree on a joint communique due to disagreements among Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE.

Highlights

- In April, WFP provided assistance to 4.6 million people—the highest number reached since the onset of the conflict. WFP continues to consistently expand its reach to food insecure location throughout Sudan. Notably, in April, 1.7 million people received general food assistance in Famine and Risk of Famine (RoF) locations.
- WFP is planning for further expansion of our response. However, funding shortfalls are already causing pipeline breaks for nutrition programmes and cash-based transfers (CBT) in May and in-kind food starting in June.
- WFP has been scaling up CBT to assist people in hard-to-reach areas. Many of these areas are famine or RoF locations where CBT is the only feasible modality due to access constraints. In May, WFP will be forced to cut cash-based assistance to RoF areas due to funding constraints if additional funds are not received.
- Throughout the month of April, WFP continued to expand its response in areas of the country including the Kordofans, Darfur and Khartoum.
- In April, WFP conducted a mission to Khartoum, engaging with state authorities and humanitarian partners to enhance assistance across all seven localities, including Jebel Awlia, a Risk of Famine (RoF) location. The mission also initiated plans to reopen office facilities and warehousing. A follow-up assessment was carried out to identify suitable facilities for reestablishing a WFP presence, with several potential sites identified and negotiations underway for finalizing office and guesthouse arrangements, contingent on improved security conditions. Additionally, a mission is being planned to assess warehousing options, as security constraints previously prevented this evaluation.

Operational Update

Response Strategy:

- WFP is utilizing all its crisis response tools and implementing all activities to extend its reach, tailored to the local context.
- In the East of Sudan, where roads are open and security has improved, WFP is primarily providing in-kind assistance. In Gezira and Khartoum, a variety of modalities are employed, including in-kind assistance, hot meals, and digital cash. In Darfur and Kordofan, WFP's activities encompass in-kind aid, digital cash, and vouchers, with recent access improvements enabling more in-kind support.
- WFP is prioritizing CBT in hard-to-reach areas where food convoys cannot access. WFP has implemented a remote online registration process enabling provision of digital cash transfer to populations.
- WFP is also expanding its retailer network in Darfur, Gezira, Khartoum, and North Kordofan. WFP had also identified retailers in Zamzam camp; however, due to the conflict, these retailers were relocated and reopened business in Tawila.

Response in Famine and Risk of Famine Areas:

- WFP continues to prioritize Famine and Risk of Famine (RoF) areas in its response, reaching a record high number of people in these areas in April.
- WFP continues to expand its response to internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have been displaced from Zamzam Camp in El Fasher, North Darfur. The majority of these IDPs have been displaced to Tawila. WFP has delivered in-kind and nutrition commodities, to over 335,500 IDPs that have recently arrived in Tawila.
- WFP successfully delivered life-saving food assistance to Al Sunut and Lagowa in famine-affected areas in the Western Nuba Mountains of West Kordofan, marking the first humanitarian access since the onset of conflict and overcoming major logistical and security challenges to reach 64,000 people.
- Between March and April, critical localities in North Darfur, including Al Lait, Al Tawisha, and others, were reached, delivering 1,100 mt of assorted commodities, including specialized nutritional supplements, to 70,900 Pregnant and Breastfeeding Women (PBW) and children under five years of age despite extremely constrained access conditions.
- In South Darfur, WFP continues to deliver assistance to RoF localities such as Al Salam, Al Sunta, Beliel, and Kas. WFP reached 332,260 people with in-kind, CBT and nutrition assistance.



Photo: 18 April 2025, WFP food distribution in Omdurman, Khartoum State. © WFP/Abubakar GARELNABEI

Expanded Access:

- In April, WFP expanded its access to a number of areas throughout Sudan. This was achieved by continued use of the Western Corridor for reaching the West, Central and South Darfur, coupled with the establishment of reliable supply lines through Egypt and Port Sudan to serve North and East Darfur and Kordofan states, diversifying humanitarian lifelines across multiple regions.
- WFP successfully enabled convoys to reach RoF areas surrounding El Obeid (North Kordofan) in March, expanding humanitarian reach to vulnerable communities ahead of the lean season.
- A breakthrough was achieved in Jebel Awlia in Khartoum state, an area previously inaccessible in 2025 and an area reportedly showing signs of deteriorating into famine conditions, where WFP provided support to 100,000 people.
- WFP successfully dispatched 70 mt of food to central Khartoum (Buri) targeting 8,000 people with general food assistance. This is the first time WFP has reached central Khartoum since the conflict began in April 2023.
- In April, WFP also expanded its access in East Darfur reaching almost 100,000 people with assistance.
- In April, WFP noted that 95 percent of convoy movement submissions were approved by the Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC).

Rainy Season Prepositioning:

- In response to the upcoming rainy season, WFP is exploring a two-month distribution cycle and prepositioning three months' worth of commodities in hard-to-reach areas focusing on famine and RoF locations. This includes prepositioning 50,000 mt of food in warehouses in Geneina, Nyala, El Daein, and Zalingei.

Rainy Season Prepositioning Cont.

- This strategic prepositioning is essential to maintain humanitarian operations amid the rainy season's access constraints, to serve 32 localities across six states in Kordofans and Darfur, reaching 1.65 million people each month throughout the rainy season.
- Three months of nutrition commodities will be dispatched to cooperating partners with storage capacity.
- In April, 9,392 m³ of humanitarian supplies were stored for 16 organizations, including food security, nutrition, health, WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene), education, protection, and telecommunications cargo.
- The Logistics Cluster deployed five mobile storage units (MSUs) to partners in Central and North Darfur.

Clusters and Common Services

Logistics Cluster

- In 2025, the Logistics Cluster has supported 72 organizations with coordination, information management, and common services.
- In April, an inter-agency convoy reached Wad Madani, Gezira State, including two trucks from UNFPA, one from Save the Children, and one from UNICEF.
- The Logistics Cluster is supporting the inclusion of two trucks for UNICEF in an ongoing WFP-led convoy from Port Sudan to El Fasher, North Darfur.
- The Logistic Cluster is providing road transport assistance to partners, including one truck for WHO and two for Emergency NGO from Port Sudan to Khartoum, two trucks for UNICEF from Port Sudan to El Fasher, one truck for WHO from Abeche to Tawila, and two for CAVA from Port Sudan to Kosti.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster

- ETC continues to provide internet connectivity to over 60 sites in seven areas, including Atbara, Damazine, Dongola, Gedaref, Kassala, Kosti, and Port Sudan.
- In April, ETC supported WFP in installing connectivity at its new office site in Hai al Matar, Port Sudan. ETC also installed connectivity at the inter-agency community feedback mechanism hub office in Port Sudan, marking the first site connected under ETC Sudan's Services for Community pillar in 2025.
- Following OCHA's Humanitarian Needs and Humanitarian Response Plan reprioritization, ETC updated its 2025 strategy to focus on reliable services in current locations and expand in high-priority areas with funding.



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Photo: 30 April 2025, WFP Food arriving in Tawila to distribute for the displaced in Tawila, North Darfur. © WFP/Mohamed GALAL



UN Humanitarian Air Services

- In April 2025, UNHAS Sudan facilitated the movement of over 400 humanitarian personnel and more than 2.4 mt of essential cargo on behalf of 61 agencies. Despite access restrictions, airspace limitations, and funding constraints, flights continued to three key destinations – Nairobi, Kassala and Dongola (one international and two domestic), ensuring sustained support to humanitarian operations across the country.
- The EU Aviation Safety Agency warns of high risk to civil aviation over Sudan due to conflict-related air threats, while UK Maritime Trade Operations reports GPS interference affecting vessel navigation near Port Sudan amid regional instability.
- In April, there were increased drone attacks around Atbara and Dongola and reports of possible threats to Port Sudan airport, which resulted in a delayed departure of the UNHAS flight from Port Sudan to Nairobi on 17 April.
- Maintenance works in Damazine airport is progressing well with the Rehabilitation work on the runway is now completed, the authorities are now finalizing work on the 'Taxi ways', and this is expected to be completed shortly.



The Food Security Cluster

- During April 2025, seventeen members of the Sudan Food Security and Livelihoods Cluster successfully implemented a range of critical FSL activities across all 18 states of Sudan. These interventions reached a total of 3.7 million individuals in 92 targeted localities.
- The comprehensive support provided entails vital food assistance delivered through in-kind distributions, cash transfers, and voucher programmes, alongside essential agriculture and livestock support aimed at bolstering community resilience and livelihoods.

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