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External Situation Report September 2024

Highlights in September

- The heaviest rainfall in 40 years in Sudan continued in September, displaced hundreds of thousands of people, worsening the existing crises caused by the ongoing conflict.
- In 2024, WFP has reached approximately **5.8 million people**, including 1.6 million in the Darfur States, 666,000 in Khartoum and Gezira, 321,000 in the Kordofan States, and 3.2 million across the rest of the country.
- In September, WFP reached approximately **885,000 beneficiaries** with cash assistance, the highest monthly figure since the conflict began.
- Since the temporary reopening of the Adre crossing with Chad on August 20th, nearly **3,075 MT** of assorted commodities have crossed the border into West Darfur targeting **271,000** beneficiaries.
- Despite renewed fighting in Khartoum State, WFP's comprehensive response plan reached **270,000 people** in the greater capital area.

In Numbers Jan to Sep 2024



5.8 million (unique individuals) assisted:
3.1 million reached with food assistance



1.7 million received Cash-Based Transfers (CBT)



1.0 million supported with nutrition programme



480k school children assisted with take-home-rations



USD 427 million is required between Oct 2024 - Mar 2025

Situation Update

- According to WFP's August 2024 market monitor, prices of essential food items have surged, with the cost of WFP's local food basket (LFB) increasing by 19 percent from the previous month, reaching SDG 1,919—a 198 percent rise compared to August 2023. The Sudanese pound also depreciated by 13 percent in the parallel market, trading at approximately 2,560 SDG/USD, a 327 percent decline from the previous year. These price increases are driven by poor 2023 crop production and ongoing conflict-related supply chain disruptions. Casual labor wages rose by 6 percent from July, reaching SDG 9,304, a 65 percent increase compared to August 2023. However, wage increases have not kept pace with food prices, leading to a significant decline in purchasing power across most states, with worsening terms of trade between wages and the cost of food, except in the Red Sea State where it remained stable.
- The heaviest rainfall in Sudan in 40 years has severely affected WFP's primary supply route from Port Sudan through Northern State to North Darfur, leading to a significant deterioration in road conditions. This has caused major disruptions to WFP's in-kind food distribution.

Programmatic Updates

In September, WFP reached 1.7 million people. This includes over 642,000 individuals who received in-kind food assistance to alleviate immediate food insecurity and 885,000 people were supported through USD 8.9 million in cash-based transfers. Furthermore, 208,000 individuals, including children and pregnant or breastfeeding women and girls, received preventive and therapeutic nutrition support, addressing the critical needs for nutrition services to prevent acute malnutrition and treat those already affected.

Despite the deteriorating operating environment in Khartoum due to escalating clashes and the tragic loss of five community volunteers, who were struck by a drone while preparing meals in a WFP-supported kitchen, WFP's response has persisted. In September, nearly 270,000 people were reached in Khartoum, marking the second-highest monthly total since the conflict began. WFP's interventions included in-kind food distribution, digital cash transfers, nutrition support, and hot meals through community kitchens and the Emergency Response Rooms (ERRs) initiative.

To mitigate the impact of the floods, WFP provided one-off food assistance of 383 MT to 22,000 flood-affected people in Aroma and North Delta localities of Kassala to cover two months' food assistance. WFP also assisted 10,000 people affected by the collapse of the Arbaat Dam in Red Sea State with two-month half rations.

WFP reached approximately 885,000 beneficiaries through CBT in September, the highest monthly figure since the conflict began. Insecurity prevented financial service providers from operating in Blue Nile and El-Obeid affecting over 200,000 and 8,000 beneficiaries, respectively.

The first CBT distributions since conflict through e-vouchers in Hassahisa, Hamidia, and Teyba camps in Zalingei, Central Darfur, have successfully reached 67,000 individuals, delivering approximately USD 671,000 in assistance. Additionally, CBT distributions in Kulbus began last week, benefiting nearly 56,000 people with USD 561,000, covering 72% of the planned target.

The distribution of commodity vouchers through Business to Business (B2B) initiative is progressing in Zamzam Camp. WFP is targeting 5,000 people per day with this assistance and to date, approximately 35,000 beneficiaries had received around USD 1.6 million in assistance.

Cross-border movements: Since the temporary reopening of the Adre crossing with Chad, nearly 3,075 MT of food commodities have been transported for 271,000 beneficiaries in famine-risk areas of Kereneik and Sirba, West Darfur. Additionally, two WFP convoys through Tine dispatched 2,500 MT of food to 185,000 people in Sirba, Habila, Beida, and Kerenik. From March to August, WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to over 850,000 people using cross-border movements, delivering nearly 11,500 MT of supplies through Adre, Tine, and South Sudan.

Cross-line movements: Since March, WFP has delivered over 2,000 MT of food commodities to 123,500 people in East Darfur, North Darfur, South Darfur, and North Kordofan through crossline activities. An interagency convoy, including 10 WFP trucks, has reached Al Fao and is awaiting further access arrangements, with a revised route request pending clearance from Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC).



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Clusters and Common Services

Logistics Cluster continues to facilitate inter-agency transportation convoys in collaboration with the UN Civil-Military Coordination (UN-CMCoord) Cell, ensuring critical humanitarian supplies reach affected areas. During the reporting period, the Cluster received 588 m³ of humanitarian supplies and provided 10,080 m² of storage space for 16 partners in Port Sudan, Gedaref, and Kassala, including temperature-controlled facilities. Storage services in Wad Madani and Kosti remain suspended, but 18 mobile storage units (MSUs) were loaned to eight partners in underserved areas. Since January, the Cluster has supported 75 organizations with logistics information, coordination, and storage, storing a total of 4,700 MT of relief supplies.

Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) is providing internet connectivity services across five operational areas in Sudan, including Port Sudan, Kassala, Kosti, Damazine, and El Gedaref. The activation of an undersea cable in Port Sudan has enhanced data connectivity for multiple humanitarian agencies, with bandwidth allocation to be rolled out first in Kassala, followed by El Gedaref, and then the northern region (Atbara and Dongola).

UN Humanitarian Air Services (UNHAS) flights from Amman and Nairobi to Port Sudan continue to support 77 humanitarian organizations. Since January, over 5,876 passengers and approximately 23.56 MT of light cargo have been transported across 360 flights.

Due to the escalated tensions in the Middle East, UNHAS is repositioning its Amman-based aircraft to Cairo to avoid risks associated with nearby airspace. This new airbridge offers a shorter route, and the aircraft will also be used for internal flights between Port Sudan, Kassala, and Dongola.

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