



World Food Programme

# WFP Sudan

## External Situation Report

February 2025



Photo: WFP supports the distribution of vouchers for food assistance for IDPs in Port Sudan. @WFP/Abubakar

### Situation Update

- Famine, first confirmed in August at Zamzam IDP Camp in North Darfur, has now spread to 10 areas, affecting mainly areas in North Darfur, West Kordofan and South Kordofan. WFP is prioritizing reaching the famine and risk of famine areas (RoF) with lifesaving food assistance.
- [February displacement figures](#) indicate that 12.9 million people have been driven from their homes by this conflict. Meaning that today, more people have been displaced in Sudan than in any other country worldwide. Over 3 million refugees have fled across borders to neighbouring countries.
- On 16 February, the government of Sudan extended the Adre border crossing between West Darfur and Chad for another three months.
- On 17 February, the UN launched the [2025 Humanitarian and Refugee Response Plans for Sudan](#), appealing for USD 6 billion to assist nearly 26 million people affected by the ongoing conflict in Sudan and the region.
- In Nairobi on 23 February, the RSF and allied political and armed groups signed an agreement forming a breakaway government called the Sudan Founding Alliance. Meanwhile, the Sudanese government introduced amendments to its Transitional Constitutional Declaration, extending the transitional period by 39 months.
- The liquidity crisis has continued to disrupt the delivery of cash distribution. To adapt, WFP has expanded digital cash transfers and voucher-based via banking platforms in February.

### In Numbers February 2025

3.2 million people assisted



**1.4 million people** reached with food deliveries



**1.4 million people** received Cash-Based Transfers



**390k people** supported with nutrition rations



**89,000 school children** provided take-home-rations

### Highlights

- WFP Sudan has finalized its 2025 Operational Plan, which aims to scale up operations, initially targeting up to 7 million people by mid-year, with progressive expansion throughout the year.
- The security and humanitarian situation in Zamzam camp near El Fasher, North Darfur, remains dire, marked by intense conflict, extreme food insecurity, and significant challenges for humanitarian organizations.
- In February alone, within the total of 3.2 million people assisted, WFP provided Cash-Based Transfers (CBT) to 1.4 million beneficiaries, the highest number of people reached under this modality since the conflict began. WFP made significant breakthroughs in delivering CBT to South Kordofan and West Kordofan for the first time since the conflict started.
- This month, WFP also reached multiple Famine and RoF areas with CBT including in Gezira, Khartoum, North Darfur, South Kordofan and West Kordofan. Almost a third of the beneficiaries were reached through digital bank transfers, and the rest through value vouchers and commodity vouchers for hot meals in Gezira, Al Qadarif, Central Darfur, Kassala, Khartoum, North Darfur, Northern, Red Sea, River Nile, South Kordofan, West Darfur and West Kordofan. This scale-up reflects WFP's adaptive strategy in responding to shifting access constraints and emerging needs, ensuring aid reaches those in even the most physically inaccessible locations.
- WFP continues to monitor the [cholera outbreak](#) in Kosti and a vaccination campaign took place on 24 February at the WFP office to immunize staff and their dependents.

### Funding Requirements



**US\$ 650 MILLION**

REQUIRED FROM APRIL – SEPTEMBER

## WFP Operational Update

- Despite operational challenges, access constraints and the impact of the liquidity crisis, WFP reached over 3.2 million beneficiaries in February.
- In early February, intense fighting and heavy shelling in Zamzam IDP Camp forced WFP to suspend Business-to-Business distributions. To address the difficult operating environment, WFP shifted to digital cash transfers in Zamzam Camp, Abu Shouk, and El Salam and was able to reach 110,000 people in the famine affected areas.
- Due to active conflict in Khartoum, several community kitchens were suspended during the month. Despite this, WFP reached 514,000 people in total, 70,000 with in-kind food assistance and 18,400 with nutrition assistance. Through CBT WFP reached 291,000 people through community kitchens and 134,000 people with digital cash transfers.



*Photo: WFP convoys traveling from Port Sudan to Omdurman and Bahri in Khartoum State. @WFP*

### Cross-Border Convoy Update:

- So far in 2025, over 300 trucks carrying over 11,600 MT of assistance, targeting nearly 1 million people, have crossed the Adre border. Most of these convoys were destined for West and Central Darfur and have successfully completed their deliveries.
- Dispatches from Tine have been on hold since mid-January due to insecurity along the route to North Darfur, including two recent drone attacks in Tina, Sudan. Access to North Darfur remains a major challenge. A WFP convoy heading to Tawila (North Darfur, a RoF area) crossed the border on 8 January 2025 and only reached its destination on 13 March. The lengthy transportation period of this convoy has been due issues including roadblocks and security.

### Cross-Line Convoy Update:

- Crossline movements in 2025 have been impacted by the liquidity crisis affecting the loading of commodities from Port Sudan. Despite the operational challenges, from January to February, WFP reached two risk of famine areas, Medani Al Kubra and Al Madani in Al Gezira State.

## Key Challenges

- WFP continues to face challenges in securing sustained access for crossline and cross border operations. To effectively maintain an increased level of operations it is crucial to have all borders open, especially from Aweil in South Sudan, and sustained access through Adre and Tine in Chad.
- Ongoing fighting and arbitrary restrictions on humanitarian convoys continue to delay the swift, consistent delivery of critical aid.

## Logistics Cluster

- In 2025, the LC has supported 51 organizations with coordination, information management, and common services.
- In February, an inter-agency convoy with 33 trucks successfully delivered cargo from Chad to locations in West, Central, and South Darfur. The LC also facilitated cargo transportation through a WFP-led movement from Port Sudan to Wad Madani, on behalf of UNFPA, ICRC, IOM and UNDP.
- The LC continues to provide free-to-user common storage services in Port Sudan, Gedaref, Kassala, and Kosti including temperature-controlled storage in Port Sudan, and has 20 loaned mobile storage units to partners in areas where it is not present. The LC is in the process of loaning five more MSUs to partners in Central and North Darfur, with additional MSUs under procurement.
- The LC has launched the 2025 Gaps and Needs Analysis (GNA) survey, aiming to collect feedback from supply chain experts across the humanitarian community on the logistics situation and challenges in the country. The results will inform the LC strategy and activities in 2025.

## Emergency Telecommunications Cluster

- The ETC 2025 strategy focuses on expanding internet connectivity to hard-to-access areas by collaborating with NGOs that have an existing presence in Darfur. The ETC currently has one-staff member in Farchana to facilitate coordination of potential activities in Darfur.
- As part of the services for the community's pillar, ETC plans to scale up operations by providing connectivity to 'safe spaces' that serve affected communities. The ETC has been collaborating with the inter-agency AAP Working Group to identify and prioritize existing safe sites with a need for connectivity solutions.
- ETC continues to provide security telecommunication services and supports five UNDSS-managed Security Operation Centres. On 26 February the ETC completed the renovation of the SOC in Port Sudan.
- So far in 2025 ETC has received only 4 percent of its US\$ 14 million budget. ETC is currently advocating for additional funding to ensure that it can continue to maintain and expand its service to meet demand.

## UN Humanitarian Air Services (UNHAS)

- Since January, 1,336 passengers and 5.4 MT of light cargo have been transported via 98 flights serving six locations, four of which are domestic, supporting 65 humanitarian organizations.
- A review is underway to assess the re-opening of additional domestic locations and a scale-down of the Nairobi and Cairo airbridges. Damazine airport remains under rehabilitation, and the joint assessment with government authorities for Kadugli Airport is still pending.

## The Food Security Cluster (FSL)

- According to the Sudan humanitarian needs and response plan, the cluster requires US\$ 1.5 billion in 2025 to assist 16.5 million people, with the response will prioritize the most vulnerable groups. In January 2025, the FSL Cluster and its members reached 2.7 million people with assistance across 79 localities. So far in 2025, the FSL Cluster's primary focus has been on emergency food assistance with 60 percent of beneficiaries being IDPs. The FSL Cluster plans to scale up agricultural interventions in upcoming months, before the 2025 agriculture season.

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