

Sudan SNFI Cluster Meeting

Summary Notes of Cluster Monthly Meeting –

Monday, Nov. 11, 2024

Time: 14:00 – 15:30 PM

Venue: In person / Ms Teams

PARTICIPANTS

Partners	Representative
International NGOs	Save the Children, ALIGHT, MEDAIR, CWW, ACTED, NRC, DRC, WHH, RI, Mercy Corps, Muslim Hands United, LMI
National NGOs	SORR, UPO, PODR
UN organizations	UNHCR, OCHA, IOM
National authority	
Donors	BHA / USAID
Others	Internews, ShelterBox

AGENDA

- **Situation updates**
- **CCPM approval of action plan**
- **Sub-National updates**
- **Partners Response – achievements challenges updates**
- **AoB**

Quick summary:

The meeting focused on updates regarding the shelter and NFI (Non-Food Items) response to the ongoing humanitarian crisis, particularly in Gedaref and Kassala, where significant displacement has occurred. Participants discussed the urgent needs for shelter and NFIs, with various organizations reporting on their contributions and challenges faced in distribution due to logistical issues. Additionally, community feedback highlighted critical needs for water, food, and support for displaced individuals, emphasizing the importance of coordinated efforts among partners to address these challenges effectively.

1. Situation updates

According to IOM: A significant increase in the number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) has been observed across Gedaref, Kassala, and Red Sea states. The displacement is primarily due to ongoing conflicts, floods, and related crises, such as the Al Jazeera situation, which has led to mass movements into neighboring regions. Reported clashes displaced an estimated 135,405 individuals (27,081 households) between 20 and 30 October 2024.

In Gedaref alone, thousands of individuals have been displaced, with IDPs residing in multiple gathering sites, placing immense pressure on existing resources.

2. CCPM approval of Action plan

The Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring (CCPM) was presented as a crucial agenda item to assess and enhance the Shelter and NFI Cluster's performance. The coordination Team led the discussion, underlining the CCPM's role in ensuring the cluster meets its strategic objectives and addresses gaps in service delivery effectively.

Objective of the CCPM:

The CCPM aims to evaluate the cluster's core functions, including coordination, information management, response planning, resource mobilization, and accountability. By identifying strengths and weaknesses, the CCPM facilitates actionable improvements to enhance the cluster's overall effectiveness.

Key Elements of the Action Plan:

a draft action plan based on the CCPM findings was presented. The plan focuses on addressing critical gaps, including:

- Strengthening communication and coordination among partners at both national and sub-national levels.
- Improving data sharing and reporting mechanisms to ensure accurate tracking of achievements and gaps.
- Enhancing accountability mechanisms to ensure partner commitments translate into tangible outcomes.

Feedback and Approval Process:

The coordination team emphasized the importance of partner feedback to refine the action plan. All partners were encouraged to review the draft and submit their inputs by the end of the week.

The action plan will be considered approved if no further comments are received by the deadline.

Once approved, the plan will guide cluster activities for the upcoming period, providing a roadmap for improved coordination and response.

3. Sub National updates

In Gedaref State, the recent displacement caused by the Al Jazeera crisis has led to thousands of families settling in various locations. UNHCR has taken the lead in shelter provision, allocating 1,230 family tents, of which 240 have already been pitched in Salamabi, araboa, shairf algab and Gibsha. Plans are underway to distribute 1,500 NFI kits by mid-November, aligning with the ongoing verification processes for IDPs. Partners such as DRC and Save the Children are contributing to NFI distributions, though some activities are still in the planning stages. However, delays in land acquisition and logistical challenges are slowing the response.

In Kassala State, New halfa locality has become a focal point for displaced populations, hosting families from East Al Jazeera. UNHCR has completed the installation of 203 family tents, offering much-needed shelter. Additional contributions from partners are expected.

In Red Sea State, the humanitarian situation is compounded by displacement and recent flooding in Siber locality. UNHCR has provided 270 tents in the new Alsadaga Gathering site, along with 500 plastic sheets and 300 NFI kits for existing gathering sites in Port Sudan locality. WHH has supported relocations with 445 tents and additional NFI distributions. Despite these efforts, fears among displaced communities regarding relocation to poorly equipped camps remain a significant challenge.

4. Partners Response – achievements challenges updates

The meeting highlighted key achievements and ongoing challenges in the humanitarian response, with partners playing a vital role in delivering assistance despite operational difficulties.

Achievements: Partners, including UNHCR, WHH, DRC, Save the Children, and NRC, have made significant progress in addressing the needs of displaced populations. Notable accomplishments include:

Shelter Support: UNHCR distributed family tents across Gedaref, Kassala, and Red Sea states, with thousands of families benefiting from temporary shelter solutions.

NFI Distribution: WHH provided 445 tents and over 1,750 NFI kits, addressing the immediate needs of displaced families and host communities.

Relocation Assistance: WHH and UNHCR supported voluntary relocations, facilitating improved living conditions in expanded gathering sites.

Community Support: For the first time, the cluster extended NFI assistance to host communities, marking a significant shift in addressing broader vulnerabilities.

Challenges: Despite these achievements, several challenges persist:

Stockpile Shortages: Many partners reported difficulties in maintaining adequate stocks of NFIs, leading to delays in response times.

Coordination Gaps: Incomplete reporting and inconsistent data sharing have hindered efforts to consolidate a comprehensive response matrix.

Community Concerns: Displaced populations raised fears about relocation to camps lacking adequate infrastructure and safety measures. Issues such as scorpions, poor lighting, and limited access to services were frequently cited.

Access Constraints: Security and logistical barriers continue to impede access to certain areas, particularly in Red Sea State, delaying both assessments and interventions.

The cluster emphasized the need for strengthened collaboration and coordination among partners to overcome these challenges. Moving forward, timely reporting, efficient stockpile management, and enhanced engagement with communities will be critical to improving the impact and reach of humanitarian efforts.

5. AoB

- The meeting concluded with discussions on additional matters raised by participants. Key points included:
- Community Listening Feedback:
 - Feedback from listening groups and social media monitoring highlighted pressing concerns from displaced communities. These included:
 - Urgent needs for winter supplies, such as blankets, heaters, and clothing, particularly with the cold season approaching.
 - Concerns over relocation to camps perceived as unsafe or ill-equipped, with fears of scorpions, poor lighting, and lack of proximity to essential services.
 - Reports of discrimination and social challenges faced by displaced children in schools, underlining the need for integrated support systems.

- Broader concerns about water, food, and shelter, which fall beyond the scope of the Shelter and NFI Cluster but remain critical for holistic support.
- Engagement with New Partners:
 - Two new organizations introduced themselves and expressed their interest in joining the cluster's efforts. Adriana welcomed them, highlighting opportunities for collaboration and encouraging them to engage in response planning and coordination.

The PowerPoint of the meeting is available [HERE](#)

6. List of participants

Full Name	Agency	Type
Abas Omer	SORR	National NGO
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Ben Pearce	ShelterBox	
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Eyob Tsegaye	NRC	International NGO
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Ismail Abdalla		
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Nahla/ LM International	LMI	International NGO

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