

Sudan SNFI Cluster Meeting

Summary Notes of Cluster Monthly Meeting –

Monday, Jan. 27, 2025

Time: 14:00 – 15:30 PM

Venue: In person / Ms Teams

PARTICIPANTS

Partners	Representative
International NGOs	CRS, SAVE THE CHILDREN, SAMARITAN PURSE, MEDAIR, PIN, ACTED, RI, DRC, NRC, CWW, IRW, ADRA
National NGOs	SORR, HDPO, AGWA, JASMAR, RTO
UN organizations	UNHCR
National authority	
Donors	ECHO
Others	Internews, ShelterBox, Red Cross

AGENDA

- **Situation updates**
- **CCPM approval of action plan**
- **Sub-National updates**
- **DARAJA presentation**
- **AoB**

Quick summary:

The meeting provided updates on the ongoing shelter and NFI response to the humanitarian crisis, focusing on the displacement in Gedaref and Kassala. Participants shared their efforts and challenges in delivering shelter and NFI supplies, especially in remote areas facing logistical constraints. The importance of ActivityInfo reporting was stressed to ensure effective coordination and data-driven decision-making. Lastly, partners emphasized the need for continued collaboration to support affected communities and address gaps in assistance.

1. Situation updates

National Overview:

IDP numbers in Sudan increased by 27%, reaching 11,532,822 IDPs by December 2024.

Key affected states: Gedaref, North Darfur, South Darfur, Blue Nile, with major displacement surge.

Food remains the most pressing need, with 84% of states reporting high food insecurity, and 78% requiring shelter materials.

Sub-national Updates:

Gedaref: Emergency response priorities for Q1 2025 include relocation of IDPs and fire response.

Kassala: Continued emergency shelter and NFI distribution in key sites.

Al Jazirah: Access challenges persist, though some stabilization has occurred.

2. Partner Reports

Achievements:

Partners, including UNHCR, IOM, Save the Children, and others, reported significant progress in delivering shelter and non-food items (NFIs) to the displaced populations in Gedaref, Kassala, and Red Sea states.

Save the Children successfully distributed NFI kits to IDP families in Gedaref, while IOM focused on providing solar lamps and winterization kits to displaced populations.

In Kassala, Save the Children and IOM collaborated on the distribution of blankets, solar lights, and emergency shelter kits. These interventions were especially critical as many families in temporary shelters struggled with the colder conditions.

UNHCR reported that they had completed large-scale distributions in both Kassala and Red Sea, ensuring that vulnerable populations received essential relief items. This included non-food items, such as kitchen sets and tarps, which were distributed to assist displaced families in creating safer living conditions.

In addition to these specific distributions, many partners reported ongoing efforts to address the immediate needs of displaced families, including the establishment of temporary shelters in Gedaref and Kassala, as well as support for vulnerable groups like children and elderly people.

The ShelterBox organization also highlighted their role in deploying emergency shelters to the most affected areas, contributing to alleviating the overcrowded conditions in displacement camps.

Challenges:

Despite distribution activities, partners highlighted several challenges that continue to impede the timely and efficient response.

Logistical Issues: Partners expressed frustrations with road access and the security situation that often-delayed shipments of materials to hard-to-reach areas. In South Darfur, UNHCR and IOM had trouble accessing some of the most remote displacement sites. Delays in supply chains and transportation issues were also noted as significant hindrances.

Stockpile Shortages: While partners made considerable efforts to provide relief, NFI stockpiles have remained a concern. Some partners noted that their resources were stretched thin, particularly as the needs increased. The volume of need far outpaced what was available.

Coordination Gaps: Although partners have made notable progress in their distributions, there were ongoing coordination issues. Several partners highlighted difficulties in sharing real-time data, which affected their ability to quickly adjust to changing needs on the ground.

3. ActivityInfo reporting for 2025

The coordination team stressed the importance of timely and accurate data reporting in ActivityInfo for the 2025 reporting cycle and inform partners about the upcoming trainings. They emphasized that complete data submission is crucial for

effective monitoring and decision-making, and that partners must ensure their reports are up-to-date. The coordination team specifically called for consistent reporting across all organizations to maintain data reliability and avoid discrepancies. The coordination introduced another to monitor the activity planned by partners.

The partners discussed ongoing technical challenges related to reporting specific activities, such as Safe Shelter Initiatives (SSI) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), due to limited reporting categories in ActivityInfo. To address this, they mentioned the upcoming training sessions aimed at improving data entry quality and ensuring that all partners understand the reporting requirements for 2025.

Furthermore, the coordination team highlighted the need for better data coordination among partners to avoid gaps in reporting and to improve the overall effectiveness of the shelter and NFI response.

4. DARAJA Presentation by Internews

Internews presented updates from their DARAJA project, a community feedback platform used to gather insights from affected populations in key regions. The presentation highlighted the importance of community engagement in the Shelter and NFI response, particularly in identifying unmet needs and critical gaps.

Key Findings:

Al Jazirah, Central Darfur, Northern Kordofan, and Northern State were identified as regions with significant shelter and NFI needs. Feedback from community listening sessions revealed a high demand for warm clothing, blankets, and shelter materials as families face the ongoing cold season.

Overcrowded shelters were another major concern, with many families living in shared spaces, leading to increased vulnerabilities. The lack of adequate temporary shelters in high-displacement areas was noted as a significant gap. Participants also pointed to the insufficient relocation support for IDPs, with many expressing frustration over the lack of secure housing and sufficient assistance for those displaced.

Community Feedback Highlights:

The feedback emphasized displacement challenges, where many people reported not having sufficient space or resources to accommodate growing families in the shelters. In particular, the overcrowded conditions were increasing the risk of diseases and psychological distress among displaced families.

Several communities also voiced concerns over inadequate water supply and access to food, with many IDP settlements lacking sufficient access to clean drinking water and basic nutrition. These issues were especially pronounced in hard-to-reach areas, which face logistical challenges in delivering aid.

Recommendations:

Internews called for more targeted interventions, especially in winterization efforts, and encouraged partners to provide more winter shelter kits, thermal blankets, and basic NFI kits to the most vulnerable groups.

They also recommended increasing mobile services and relocation support for IDPs to more stable and secure shelters. It was emphasized that coordination between agencies should be strengthened to ensure that community feedback is incorporated into program design and delivery.

5. AoB

- Cash for Shelter Guidance:

The cash for shelter guidance document was finalized and will soon be officially launched. This guidance note will help partners better understand how to implement cash-based interventions for shelter solutions, particularly in areas with high displacement. The cluster coordinator highlighted that the guidance is designed to support flexible and scalable responses and is expected to significantly improve the shelter provision in both emergency and recovery settings. Partners were encouraged to familiarize themselves with the guidance, as it will be essential for coordinated shelter responses moving forward. The document will be accessible to all partners, and training on how to use the guidance will be conducted in the coming weeks.

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

6. List of participants

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Asia Kambal	INTERNEWS	International NGO
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BASAEED Rehab Mohammed Abdelrahman	ECHO	DONORS
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