

Sudan SNFI Cluster Meeting

Summary Notes of Cluster Monthly Meeting –

Monday, Nov. 25, 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, SOLIDARITE, IRW, Muslim Hands United, LMI, ADRA, HDPO, CRS
National NGOs	UPO
UN organizations	UNHCR, OCHA, IOM, UNDP, UNSSC
National authority	
Donors	BHA / USAID, ECHO
Others	Internews

AGENDA

- **UNSSC Sudan courses**
- **Situation Updates – Subnational level updates**
- **Partners Response – achievements & challenges update**
- **AoB**

Quick summary:

The meeting focused on updates and coordination efforts related to humanitarian assistance in Sudan, including information on online courses for conflict sensitivity and peacebuilding, and the distribution of shelter and non-food items (NFIs) across various regions. Participants discussed challenges such as access constraints, duplication of assistance, and the need for increased participation in subnational cluster meetings. Additionally, the meeting highlighted the importance of reporting access issues and the upcoming allocation of funds in famine-risk areas.

The Powerpoint of the presentation is accessible [HERE](#)

1. UNSSC Sudan courses

The UNSSC (United Nations System Staff College) shared information about its Conflict Sensitivity and Peacebuilding Online Courses designed specifically for Sudan. These courses aim to equip humanitarian actors with essential knowledge and tools for understanding and addressing the complexities of the Sudanese context.

The online courses cover critical topics such as conflict sensitivity, peacebuilding, and durable solutions.

Modules include community engagement guidelines, key terminologies for durable solutions, and a focus on the Darfur region, contextualized to Sudan's unique challenges.

Courses are available in both English and Arabic, free for all individuals working in Sudan, regardless of organizational affiliation.

They are constituted of self-paced modules accessible via the UNSSC platform and downloadable for offline use through the My UNSSC app. Applicants are required to select Sudan as the duty station to gain access.

A dedicated module on Darfur will be launched in January 2025, delving into historical grievances, tribal dynamics, and key conflict drivers in the region.

In-Person Training:

The UNSSC also trained 26 individuals as conflict sensitivity trainers. They are available to facilitate workshops tailored to operational needs.

Feedback and Recommendations:

Participants praised the course for its relevance to operational challenges and for providing actionable insights.

Partners were encouraged to share course details with team members to enhance capacity building within their organizations.

Action Point: coordination team to circulate the registration link and detailed course descriptions to all cluster partners after the meeting.

2. Situation updates – Subnational level updates

Al Jazeera:

Displacement and Cholera Outbreak: Al Jazeera continues to face significant challenges, with approximately 40% of displaced populations relocating to Gedaref and Kassala. Over 150,000 displaced individuals are concentrated in Gedaref. Cholera cases have been reported at Al Fao Hospital, but no outbreaks have been confirmed among refugees.

Government and Cluster Efforts: Mitigation measures are ongoing, with partners actively involved in sanitation and health interventions to control the outbreak.

Red Sea State:

Displacement Updates: While DTM reported 2,500 displaced individuals from Al Jazeera, government figures suggest higher numbers.

Assessment Plans: UNHCR and UNICEF are coordinating a joint assessment to determine shelter and NFI needs, with contributions from OCHA and other partners. The Ministry of Social Welfare has requested 100 tents to address immediate needs, and these will be provided in the coming days.

IOM plans to distribute 44,000 NFI kits by mid-December, with partners urged to engage in coordination for effective distribution.

Darfur:

Ongoing Displacement: Airstrikes and continued conflict have resulted in widespread displacement, with Tawila being a critical location for IDPs fleeing from El Fasher.

Access Constraints: Cross-border supply lines, particularly through El Tina and Adre, face significant interruptions due to roadblocks, banditry, and security challenges. Though GoS announced that the Adre border crossing would remain open for another three months (15 November – 15 February) to allow cross-border movement of humanitarian supplies.

Cluster Recommendations: Partners were urged to prioritize preparedness plans and stockpiling to address potential mass displacement if El Fasher falls to the RSF. They also emphasized the importance of improving attendance at state-level meetings. Poor participation has hindered resource allocation and delayed responses.

3. Partners Response - achievements challenges update

UNHCR:

- Distributed over 500 tents across Gedaref and Kassala and 250 NFI kits.
- Completed assessments for future distributions in targeted areas.

WHH:

- Distributed 750 NFI kits, including mosquito nets, plastic sheets, and kitchen sets, in Gedaref and Darfur.
- Supported relocations in Taiba and nearby areas.

NRC:

- Delivered 5,000 NFI kits for IDPs in Khartoum State, with a standardized distribution plan in place.

ACTED:

- Planned cash distributions targeting 750 households and emergency shelter construction for 150 households in Red Sea State.

ADD:

- Distributed 3560 NFI kits, in 3 localities Shandi, Al Matma and Ad Damer

SCI:

- Distributed 60 NFI kit in Central Jabal Marra (Golo) and have a plan to distribute 211 NFI kits for central & North jabal Marra

Challenges:

- Access and Security Constraints: Partners continue to report delays in reaching affected areas due to roadblocks, banditry, and limited access permits.
- Coordination Gaps: Inconsistent data sharing and reporting have led to duplications in some locations. Sub-national cluster attendance remains low, impacting information flow.
- Stock Shortages: Limited resources and delays in shipments have affected the timely distribution of NFIs and shelters.

4. AoB

Internews

Internews presented a comprehensive update on the Social Listening and Feedback Mechanism, which focuses on amplifying the voices of affected communities and addressing their most pressing concerns. The mechanism leverages insights gathered from community listening groups and social media platforms to identify recurring issues and amplify the voices of affected populations.

One of the key findings highlighted by Internews was the urgent demand for winterization supplies, including blankets, heaters, and clothing. Additionally, displaced families expressed concerns about the conditions in relocation camps, specifically citing issues such as inadequate lighting, scorpion infestations, and poor infrastructure. Another significant concern raised was the stigma and discrimination faced by displaced children in schools, which underscores the need for targeted education and protection interventions.

Internews emphasized the importance of integrating community feedback into humanitarian programming to ensure that responses address the most pressing challenges effectively. Partners were encouraged to use the insights from the social listening mechanism to adapt their activities and improve accountability to affected populations.

In addition to these updates, Internews reaffirmed their commitment to sharing detailed reports with partners, which would provide deeper insights into trends and community needs. They concluded by reiterating the importance of listening groups as a valuable tool for fostering community engagement and ensuring that marginalized voices are heard.

Funding Opportunities:

The SSF announced \$20 million in funding allocations for famine-prone areas. Partners were advised to prepared proposals for funding focused on IDP support and food production interventions.

Access Issues:

Partners were reminded to report access constraints, including restrictions on personnel movement, interference in activities, and security challenges. OCHA’s Access Monitoring and Reporting Framework was highlighted as a critical tool for documenting and addressing these constraints.

Key access constraints include roadblocks, limited permits, and delays in cargo shipments. The link to report any access constraints is this: [Sudan Access Working Group - Access incident reporting tool form](#)

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