

Sudan SNFI Cluster Meeting

Summary Notes of Cluster Monthly Meeting –
Monday, Feb. 10, 2025

Time: 14:00 – 15:30

Venue: Ms Teams

PARTICIPANTS

Partners	Representative
International NGOs	ACTED, ADRA, DRC, MEDAIR, NRC, RI, SCI, SI, SP, WHH
National NGOs	AGWA, AAO, AORD, HDPO, HPO, JASMAR, TOHD
UN organizations	UNHCR, IOM
National authority	
Donors	
Others	Internews

AGENDA

- **Introduction and National Cluster updates**
- **Situation updates**
- **Sub-National updates**
- **Partner updates**
- **Internews updates**
- **AoB**

Quick summary:

The Sudan Shelter Cluster meeting focused on ongoing displacement, humanitarian response efforts, and coordination challenges. Partners provided updates on shelter and NFI distributions, while a 90-days funding freeze, particularly from USAID, emerged as a major concern. Sub-national reports highlighted relocation efforts and growing shelter needs in several states. Internews shared key community insights before announcing the suspension of its activities. The meeting concluded with calls for stronger coordination, improved reporting, and enhanced advocacy efforts to address funding gaps and response challenges.

1. Introduction and National Cluster updates

The meeting opened with an introduction by Monir Al-Sobari, the new Shelter Cluster Coordinator, who expressed his enthusiasm for working with partners to enhance coordination and address cluster priorities. He acknowledged the efforts of the previous coordinator and emphasized that the success of the cluster depends on active engagement from all members.

A major point of discussion was the recent ICCG retreat, where key topics included:

Humanitarian Planning Cycle (HPC) After-Action Review, highlighting lessons learned and areas for improvement.
Strengthening sub-national coordination structures to ensure more effective responses in the field.
Developing an integrated response approach, including the potential piloting of multi-sectoral interventions in priority areas.

The Shelter Cluster is currently mapping sub-national coordination structures to identify gaps and develop strategies for strengthening coordination at the field level. Additionally, the cluster will define a Minimum Standard Package for Assistance, ensuring clarity on the essential shelter and NFI items required for life-saving interventions in various displacement scenarios.

The Madani Al-Kubra response was another pressing concern, with some IDP returns reported. Partners were asked to share information on their response plans to ensure coordinated and holistic assistance.

A major challenge raised was the USAID Stop-work Order, which has led to suspended funding for several humanitarian programs. To assess the impact, partners were encouraged to complete a survey, which will support advocacy efforts at both the national and global levels.

2. Situation updates

The humanitarian situation remains critical, with 11.58 million IDPs reported across 10,238 locations in 185 localities. Children under 18 make up over 50% of the displaced population.

Conflict-driven displacement continues, particularly in:

- Darfur and Kordofan, where active fighting has led to new waves of displacement.
- Al-Fashir, which remains under siege, placing 800,000 people at extreme risk.
- South Darfur, where airstrikes and armed clashes have disrupted humanitarian access.

Partners raised concerns about the impact of the USAID funding freeze, as it is directly affecting response capacity in key areas.

3. Sub-national updates

The Shelter and NFI Cluster subnational focal points provided detailed updates on displacement trends, access constraints, and ongoing responses across various states:

River Nile & Kordofan

- North & South Kordofan: Due to insecurity and logistical barriers, partners have shifted towards cash-based assistance.
- River Nile State: The displacement crisis is worsening, with IDPs continuing to arrive from Al-Jazeera, Khartoum, and Bahri.
- UNHCR, Save the Children, and government authorities are providing NFIs and emergency shelters, but resources remain insufficient to cover the growing needs.
- Returns from Al-Jazeera are occurring, though the numbers remain small.

Gedaref State

- IDP Returns and Relocations:
- Some IDPs are voluntarily returning to Al-Jazeera following the improved security situation.
- The government has designated a new relocation site for those remaining, and inter-agency assessments are ongoing to determine the site's suitability.
- The relocation of IDPs from schools is progressing in phases, coordinated with local authorities and humanitarian partners.
- Fire incidents have highlighted the need for contingency planning to ensure emergency shelter and NFI support is available when needed.

Red Sea State

- A new IDP gathering site has been officially identified, creating urgent shelter and NFI needs.
- 5000 IDPs in Red Sea State have applied for assistance to return to their areas of origin, primarily to Wad Madani and Sinja.
- The impact of the USAID funding freeze is being felt in Red Sea, with several partners forced to reassess their operational plans.

Northern & White Nile States

- Active distributions of NFIs and shelter kits are ongoing.
- Emergency stocks remain low, raising concerns about preparedness for further displacement.

4. Partners Updates

Several partners provided updates on ongoing and planned interventions, while also highlighting challenges posed by the funding crisis:

- UNHCR: Supporting cash-for-shelter initiatives in Kordofan and tent distributions in River Nile.
- IOM: Conducting NFI distributions across Sudan, including Gedaref, River Nile, Northern State, and Darfur. 37,950 kits are scheduled for distribution by March.
- Save the Children: Providing shelter support in Gedaref and Red Sea.
- Human Appeal & Sudan AGWA: Active in Northern State, distributing NFIs and hygiene kits for 5000 households.
- Samaritan's Purse & Local NGOs: Engaged in NFIs and emergency shelter provision in hard-to-reach areas.
- Partners raised concerns over the USAID work stop order, with several projects already affected. Advocacy efforts are ongoing to seek alternative funding sources.

5. Internews

Internews presented findings from its community listening exercises, shedding light on the voices and concerns of displaced populations:

- Lack of basic NFIs, including clothing, blankets, kitchen sets, and solar panels.

- Severe overcrowding and inadequate shelter conditions in many displacement sites.
- Increasing rent prices, making it nearly impossible for IDPs to secure housing.
- Concerns over forced relocations, with many IDPs fearful of moving to isolated sites with poor services.

Unfortunately, Internews' project is being suspended due to funding cuts, marking their final presentation at the cluster meeting. Their final Flash Update will be shared with partners.

Internews presentation is available [HERE](#)

6. AOB

Before closing, several key announcements were made:

- Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring (CCPM): An upcoming review of coordination effectiveness is planned.
- Reporting Reminders: Partners urged to submit response data regularly to maintain accurate tracking and response monitoring.
- Funding Visibility: The cluster is working on improving financial reporting mechanisms to ensure better resource tracking.
- Cluster Mailing List Update: A review is underway to ensure effective communication.

Action points

- Partners to complete the USAID stop-work order impact survey to support advocacy efforts.
- Finalize the mapping of sub-national coordination gaps.
- Identify options to Improve reporting of the cluster funding status.
- Further discuss options to roll-out the CCPM.

With no further points for discussion, the meeting was concluded with a commitment to enhanced coordination and collective efforts to address the ongoing shelter and NFI needs in Sudan.

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

7. List of participants

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