

IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES FOR THE RESPONSE



THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW

Funding in the first half of the year is critical to sustain ongoing humanitarian response in conflict affected areas, reach people in need in newly accessible areas, and help people hard-hit by economic crisis.

With funding now, humanitarian organizations can reach people before the lean season in May, and before the rainy season in June makes some areas more difficult and expensive to reach.

We must ensure further resources are provided now, because:

A QUARTER OF THE PEOPLE IN SUDAN NEED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

- Their numbers have risen from 5.5 million in 2018 to 9.3 million in 2020, including refugees. Over 17 million people are food insecure (IPC Phase 2 and above), including 6.2 million people who are severely food insecure and require urgent assistance. Over 2.7 million children are malnourished. Millions of people need health assistance, including more than 2 million women who need sexual and reproductive health services. The availability of medicine has declined, disease outbreaks have increased, and medical facilities are stretched to their limits.

PEOPLE IN NEWLY ACCESSIBLE AREAS NEED HELP NOW

- In recent weeks, there have been important breakthroughs to reach people with UN assistance in parts of South Kordofan and Blue Nile. New areas of Darfur's Jebel Marra are also open to assistance. Early funding will help scale up these operations, and build confidence among affected people.

RESPONSE MUST BE SCALED UP FOR PEOPLE HARD-HIT BY ECONOMIC CRISIS

- The economic crisis has led to a growing need for life-saving food, nutrition, health and other support in parts of Sudan – such as the east – where humanitarian programming has been limited. Early funding is needed to ensure this scale-up happens quickly.

IF WE DON'T ACT NOW, MORE PEOPLE WILL NEED HELP LATER

- As the economic crisis continues, with rising inflation and food prices, more people are expected to face crisis and emergency levels of food insecurity. The Government is working on economic reforms to respond to the economic crisis and reduce aid dependence, but this will likely increase vulnerability in the immediate term. A conference is planned for April to bring additional funding sources and delivery mechanisms online. In time, it will be possible to shift elements of the humanitarian response onto development channels. In the immediate term, more humanitarian assistance is needed to provide urgent relief to the most vulnerable and prevent the situation from worsening.



KEY ACTIVITIES DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 2020

The humanitarian community will prioritize life-saving programming across the country for people newly affected by the economic crisis as well as for people affected by conflict and protracted displacement. In line with the HRP's strategic objectives, early funding will support activities including:

SCALE UP ASSISTANCE IN NEWLY ACCESSIBLE AREAS

- With new opportunities for humanitarian organizations to access non-government-controlled areas of South Kordofan, Blue Nile, and Darfur's Jebel Marra, scaled up assistance is needed, including health and education. In these areas, partners are prioritizing a coordinated, multi-sectoral delivery of assistance that also paves the way to recovery.

REACH PEOPLE SUFFERING DUE TO THE ECONOMIC CRISIS

- People are stretched to their limit due to the economic crisis, including in parts of the country that until now have had minimal humanitarian support. Partners will anchor projects around social protection programming, including school feeding programmes, providing a package of food, nutrition, health, WASH services, as well as protection and education.

PROVIDE LIFE-SAVING SUPPORT TO DISPLACED PEOPLE AND REFUGEES

- The transition in Sudan, and the improved stability, provides new opportunities to support the nearly 2 million people displaced across Darfur and the Two Areas, and the communities hosting them. In the meantime, partners will prioritize maintaining life-saving services to prevent people from falling into further vulnerability, while building on durable solutions pilots to scale up efforts to support dignified futures for the displaced population. Emergency response to people displaced by new fighting in West Darfur and other areas will also be prioritized. Sudan hosts over 1.1 million refugees from neighboring countries, including the second-largest number of South Sudanese refugees. As a particularly vulnerable group, early support is needed to ensure their basic needs are met in the transition period.

SUPPORT A FAILING HEALTH SYSTEM

- Sudan is facing an accelerating health crisis, with concurrent disease outbreaks, increasingly stretched health facilities, and shortages of essential medicines. Scaled up support to primary medical facilities must be prioritized, alongside WASH and nutrition interventions.



REACHING PEOPLE WHERE NEED IS GREATEST

The response takes an area based approach, focusing on localities where severity of need is greatest and people require food, health, water, and sanitation assistance to prevent death and disease. Out of 120 localities prioritized, 54 are amongst the highest priority, and include parts of:

DARFUR

- While the government and international community seek to promote durable solutions for the millions of IDPs and refugees displaced by conflict, humanitarian partners will provide critical support to ensure the most vulnerable can meet their basic needs. Partners will also prioritize support for those newly displaced by conflict.

BLUE NILE, WHITE NILE AND KORDOFANS

- Partners will also prioritize assistance to IDPs and other conflict-affected people in Blue Nile and South Kordofan; South Sudanese refugees in White Nile, and South and West Kordofan; and the most vulnerable residents in these peripheral areas.

EASTERN SUDAN

- The economic crisis has had a severe impact on Sudan's eastern states, where malnutrition was already high. Disease outbreaks have multiplied. Scaling up assistance in the most severely affected localities is critical.

AREAS OF NEW DISPLACEMENT AND NEW ACCESS

- Humanitarian partners will continue to prioritize the life-saving response to newly displaced people by continued fighting in Darfur's Jebel Marra area, and to newly accessible areas in Darfur, South Kordofan, and Blue Nile.



OPTIMIZING THE RESPONSE IN 2020

The new context in Sudan provides opportunities to improve the humanitarian response and better reach those in need across the country. Early funding will allow a better planned and more efficient response, allowing the humanitarian community to invest in optimizing the response in 2020. This will include working jointly on key initiatives, including:

PRIORITIZE URGENT LIFESAVING ASSISTANCE

- The humanitarian community will ensure resources are targeted at the most vulnerable to save lives, reduce suffering and mitigate the impact of the economic crisis on the most vulnerable.

LINK TO DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

- While emergency humanitarian aid should not be a substitute for longer-term development investment, where possible humanitarians will pursue joined up approaches with development and social protection activities in analysis, planning, and monitoring, in line with collective outcomes, and encourage development funding to cover resilience programming.

TRANSITION TO ACTIVITY-BASED COSTING

- In 2020, the humanitarian community will move towards a costing based on the overall needs of affected people, rather than using individual programmes as the starting point. Activity-based costing will be developed with the aim of a full transition for the 2021 HRP.

IMPROVE THE DATA PICTURE

- Obtaining reliable and timely information on the needs across Sudan has been a challenge. With new opportunities presented by the transition, the humanitarian community will prioritize more effective and impartial data assessments, analysis, and management including by improving data sharing and coordination with development actors from the UN, World Bank, and NGOs.

COORDINATION AND ADVOCACY

- The humanitarian community will take a collective approach to make full use of recent improvements in the operating and access environment, including lifting restrictions on NGO recruitment. The humanitarian community will continue to advocate for principled and impartial humanitarian action and access to all people in need. In addition, the humanitarian community will work with other actors to ensure that the response is well coordinated and focused on key priorities that must be addressed through humanitarian action.

HRP AT A GLANCE

PEOPLE IN NEED

9.3M

PEOPLE TARGETED

6.1M

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

\$1.4B

NUMBER OF PARTNERS

76

NUMBER OF PROJECTS

212



Strategic Objective 1

Provide timely multi-sectoral life-saving assistance to crisis affected people to reduce mortality and morbidity



Strategic Objective 2

Contribute to building resilience to recurrent shocks and improving vulnerable people's access to basic services



Strategic Objective 3

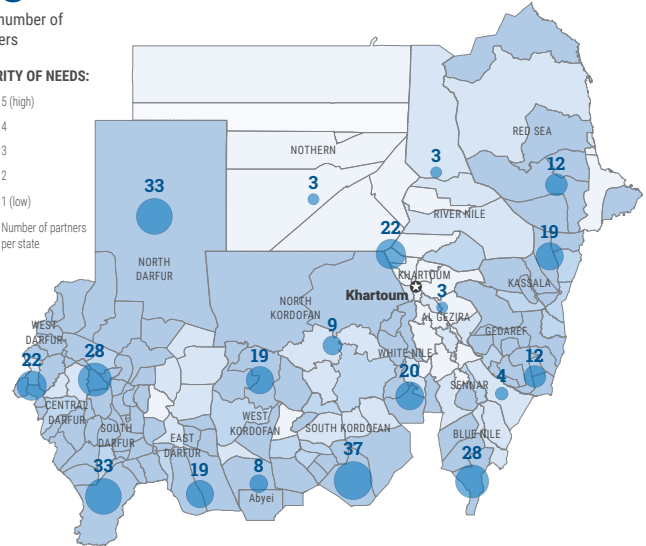
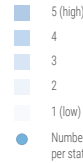
Enhance the prevention and mitigation of protection risks and respond to protection needs through quality and principled humanitarian action

Severity of Needs and number of partners

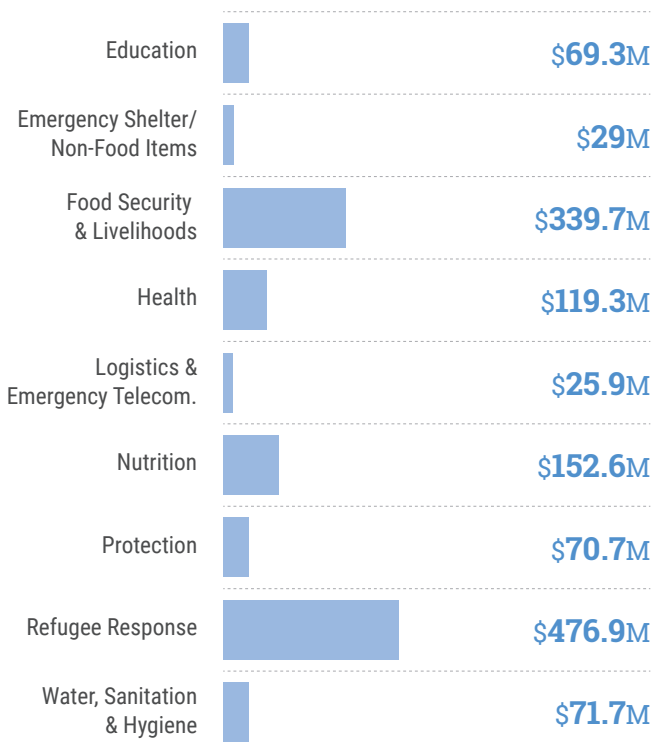
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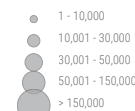


Funding requirements per Sector

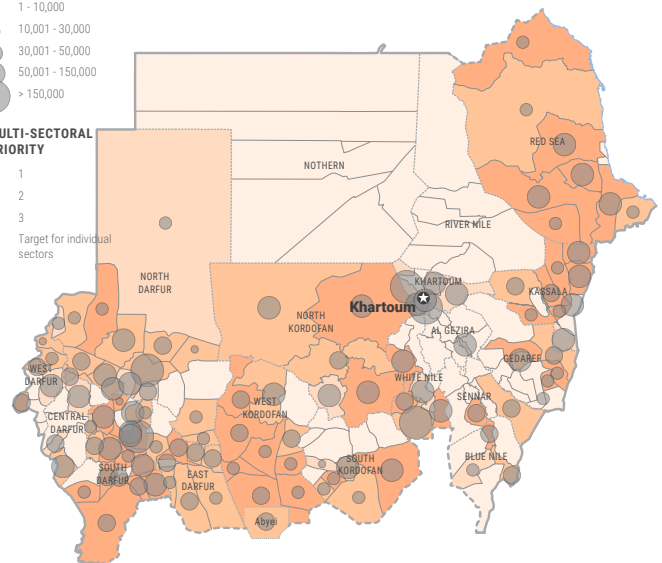


HRP Prioritization and Targeting by locality

LEGEND



MULTI-SECTORAL PRIORITY



PRIORITY ACTIVITIES BY SECTOR

The response will prioritize lifesaving and multisector assistance in areas with the highest convergence of need across all sectors, with a focus on nutrition, health, food security and water, sanitation and hygiene. Protection is a cross-cutting priority. The following presents key activities that will be supported by early funding:

HRP PRIORITIZATION	FUNDING REQUIRED
Multi-sectoral priority 1	\$476 million
Multi-sectoral priority 2	\$250 million
Multi-sectoral priority 3	\$360 million
Targeted by individual sectors	\$244 million

Education

731,000

people targeted

\$69.31 MILLION

total funding required

Education partners will (i) provide urgent education services to children, especially in conflict-affected and newly-accessible areas; and (ii) scale up multi-sectoral services for children and their families, using learning spaces as an entry point; (iii) ensure children have access to safe learning spaces.

Emergency Shelter/Non-Food Items

534,000

people targeted

\$29.02 MILLION

total funding required

ES/NFIs partners will ensure timely shelter materials and non-food items are provided to crisis affected people particularly newly displaced people and for new returnees.

Food Security & Livelihoods

4.7 MILLION

people targeted

\$339.67 MILLION

total funding required

FSL partners will (i) provide direct food and/or cash assistance, and emergency agricultural interventions to displaced people and host communities - who require immediate assistance to ensure access to food; (ii) provide food, cash, and agricultural support to help vulnerable communities prepare for and mitigate the effects of the lean season and avoid negative coping strategies.

Health

5 MILLION

people targeted

\$119.30 MILLION

total funding required

Health partners will (i) provide essential primary and secondary health care services, including trauma care, emergency obstetric and newborn care and referrals; (ii) support health authorities to carry out timely response to emergencies and disease outbreak (iii) strengthen capacity of early warning system to report, investigate, and detect disease outbreaks; (iv) strengthen the capacity of health care providers and community health care workers to provide essential health services; and (v) increase access to health services by rehabilitating and refurbishing health facilities with provision of medical equipment.

Logistics & Emergency Telecommunications

2

partners

\$25.92 MILLION

total funding required

Logistics and Emergency Telecommunications partners will (i) transport humanitarian supplies and personnel including expanding routes in Eastern Sudan and supporting assistance to newly accessible areas in Blue Nile and South Kordofan.

Nutrition

1.6 MILLION

people targeted

\$152.63 MILLION

total funding required

Nutrition partners will (i) treat acutely malnourished children and pregnant and lactating women (PLW) among emergency affected and highly vulnerable communities; and (ii) strengthen and provide preventative nutrition services to the most vulnerable groups.

Protection

739,000

people targeted

\$70.7 MILLION

total funding required

Protection partners, including Child Protection, GBV and Mine Action, will (i) expand integrated protection services, including through case management and referral mechanisms (ii) provide mental health and psychosocial support services to children and adolescents at risk of abuse, exploitation and violence; (iii) scale up specialized GBV services, taking advantage of the evolving operating environment; and (iv) reduce risks of explosive ordnance accidents through MRE programs as well mapping and clearing contaminated areas.

Refugee Response

905,000

people targeted

\$476.86 MILLION

total funding required

The refugee response aims to ensure that refugees are supported to live safe and dignified lives while in Sudan, including through (i) strengthening the protection environment for refugees; (ii) enabling access to timely protection and lifesaving assistance; (iii) providing equitable access to basic services and strengthening their opportunities for resilience and self-reliance.

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene

3.2 MILLION

people targeted

\$71.73 MILLION

total funding required

WASH partners will (i) build and rehabilitate handpumps, water yards, and protected wells to enable access to safe water; (ii) provide hand washing stations with soap and water; (iii) install and extend new water supply and sanitation facilities; iv) provide water treatment and monitoring in cholera prone areas.

HOW TO CONTRIBUTE

CONTRIBUTING TO THE HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN (HRP)



To see Sudan's Humanitarian Needs Overview, Humanitarian Response Plan and monitoring reports, and donate directly to organisations participating to the plan, please visit:

www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/sudan

DONATING THROUGH THE CENTRAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND (CERF)



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www.unocha.org/cerf/our-donors/how-donate

DONATING THROUGH THE SUDAN HUMANITARIAN FUND



The Sudan Humanitarian Fund (SHF) is a country-based pooled fund (CBPF). CBPFs are multi-donor humanitarian financing instruments established by the Emergency Relief Coordinator (ERC) and managed by OCHA at the country level under the leadership of the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC). Find out more about the CBPF by visiting the CBPF website:

www.unocha.org/what-we-do/humanitarian-financing/country-based-pooled-funds

For information on how to make a contribution, please contact:

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