

Food Security and Livelihood Capacity

CAPACITY

STATEMENT



BACKGROUND

Sudan is facing the worst levels of acute food insecurity ever recorded by the IPC in the country. The humanitarian situation in Sudan is teetering on the brink of catastrophe after conflict erupted across the country in mid-April 2023. More than half of the population nearly 25.6 million people are now facing crisis levels of hunger, and 14 areas have been declared “at the risk of famine”.

Sudan faces the worst displacement crisis in the world, as the conflict continues to force millions of people from their homes, over 10.5 million displaced within more half of whom are children. This influx of displaced people puts severe pressure on already scarce resources.

The key drivers of the worsening food security situation include intensified conflict and growing intercommunal violence, economic crisis, soaring prices of food, fuel and essential goods, and below average agricultural production. The conflict has pushed the banking sector into a severe crisis. Unavailability of, or limited access to, banking services is leading to widespread cash shortages nationwide. Cash-strapped Sudanese are struggling to buy essential items as the inflation rate soars. Staple grain prices are expected to rise to 200 percent above last year.

Food security and Livelihoods (FSL), is World Vision Sudan’s largest sector, accounting for more than a third of the Country Office’s portfolio.



World Vision Food Security and Livelihood Programme in Sudan

- Providing essential sustenance to people facing severe level of food insecurity (hunger) during emergencies like a disaster, conflicts, displacement and during lean seasons when people are cut off from their normal sources of food and cannot access enough food to meet their basic needs.
- Addressing malnutrition through food assistance where essential nutrients are provided to vulnerable populations, especially children and pregnant women, improving their health and well-being.
- Giving emergency agricultural inputs and necessary trainings to ensure vulnerable farmer households (HHs) have access to stable food for the year and extra income for satisfying other basic needs of the household. This intervention is fundamental in preventing deterioration of HHs food security and falling into the hunger and famine category.
- Distributing livestock that can replenish the household income, trainings and veterinary services; this intervention creates instant livelihoods for vulnerable households, especially women-headed households, the village level community animal extension workers (CAEWs) who provide extension message and veterinary services to further sustain their livelihoods.
- Facilitating various income generating interventions that target basically female and male youths, coupled with vocational and other trainings to enable sustainable sources of income for the vulnerable households.
- Organising trainings interventions like environmental trainings, climate smart agriculture, nutrition sensitive agriculture, finance training, Village Savings and Loans Associations (VSLA) training. Our saving for transformation (S4T) has further strengthened the FSL interventions by building the technical skills and capacities of the communities that we serve.

Ongoing Food Security and Livelihood Programmes

After the eruption of 15th April conflict, World Vision with support from donor agencies, provided life-saving food assistance to the most vulnerable beneficiaries in South Darfur and South Kordofan states.

East Darfur

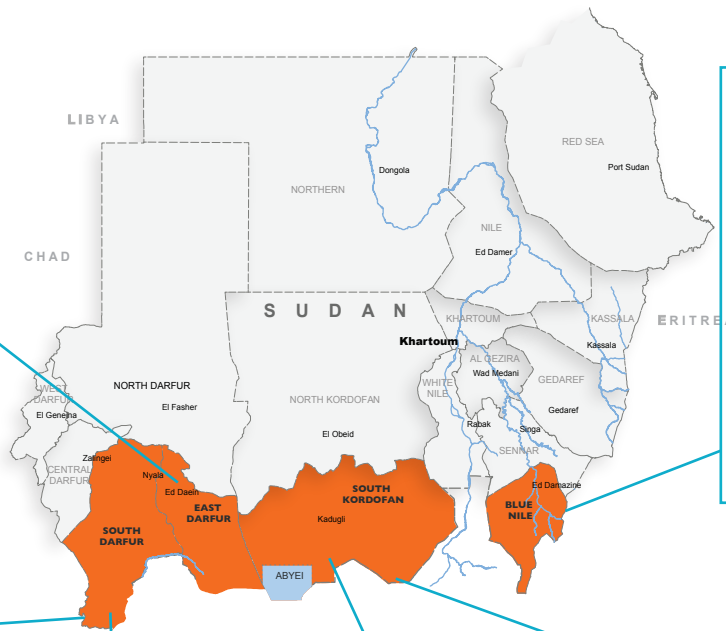
Emergency agricultural and livestock support, East Darfur:

- 1600 HH targeted reach
- Targeted with emergency agricultural and livestock support, through a Sudan Humanitarian Fund (SHF) grant

Blue Nile

FLS Project, Blue Nile:

- 46,750 individuals (4,675 HHs) targeted reach
- Budget funded by Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- The project aims at enhancing food security and HHs incomes, through agricultural inputs (seed) propagation and training, income generation and employment and improve access to finance services and skills building



Community Nutrition Integrated Programme, South Darfur (2024):

- 11,334 Under-5 and Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW) targeted reach
- US\$ 0.5 million budget funded by WFP
- 102 MTS of Ready to Use food to be distributed

South Darfur

General Food Assistance Programme, South Darfur (2024):

- 292,273 people targeted reach
- US\$1.9 million budget funded by WFP
- 20,192 MTS of commodities to be distributed

South Kordofan

General Food Assistance Programme, South Kordofan (2024):

- 245,750 people targeted reach
- US\$ 17.5 million budget funded by World Food Programme (WFP)
- 20,175 MTS of mixed commodities to be distributed

Inclusive Quality Education, South Kordofan (2025):

- 11,572 children targeted reach
- EURO 3.7 million budget funded by European Union (EU)
- Mid-day meals to be distributed.



Impact



426,305 people affected by the conflict, impacted by World Vision's FSL programmes since April 2023 in South Kordofan, South & East Darfur.



4787 MTS of mixed commodities distributed



Emergency agricultural inputs and livestock support distribution is ongoing (July-September 2024), with more positive impact to be seen at harvesting time.





Staff Capacity

World Vision has an experienced, capable and well-trained workforce responsible for implementing different FSL projects in Sudan. The organisation is also investing significantly in building the capacity of its staff to support the effective implementation of Food Security and Livelihood programmes. Supported with FSL technical advisor, a structure of technical staff per each state has been established and funds have been granted to these posts to ensure technical expertise is provided at field level. For food assistance, our Disaster Management Team in partnership with WFP have organised different trainings on commodity management, warehousing & storage of commodities, and reporting to increase the staff's knowledge and expertise on Food Assistance Programming.

Each project, implementing FSL programming, is adequately staffed comprising of experts in programme quality, monitoring and evaluation, accountability, and assisted by support services like finance, supply chain and administration. In addition, we have staff that are well trained on Prevention of Sexual Abuse and Exploitation and have the necessary skills to set up feedback mechanisms and processes for referral of safeguarding cases reported during the general food distribution.



Looking Ahead

Economic challenges will likely persist due to conflict hindering the banking sector and exchange rate reforms. The economy is expected to be in further recession, with inflation rates moving in the upward trajectory while the local currency continues depreciating. The 2024/25 agriculture season will be further affected due to lack of access to farmlands and inputs. Below-average food production, post-harvest losses due to looting and inadequate storage capacity, and disruption of trade flows, increased cost of transport, and market systems will likely lead to higher-than-normal food shortages.

World Vision has been engaging with various donors that includes WFP, SHF, European Commission, BMZ for the potential scale-up of the In-Kind, Non-Food Items (NFI's) and Cash programmes in remote locations as needs increase in states like Darfur, Kordofan, Blue Nile and Khartoum.

World Vision is planning to expand its FSL programming, in partnership with agencies like WFP, by scaling up Cash and Food Assistance response in Darfur states, Kordofan state, Blue Nile and Khartoum states. In tandem, we would focus on providing emergency agricultural inputs and restocking to complement the Cash and Food Assistance. This will ensure vulnerable HHs have enough food for the coming year and create extra income so that vulnerable families don't fall under the need for food distributions. This emergency livelihood support will be rolled out with the funding from donors like SHF and BMZ.

World Vision will also be moving towards ensuring all the people impacted by our FSL interventions are registered in the Last Mile Mobile Solution (LMMS) database that will facilitate the registration and report generation.



Strategic Partners

Our Food Security and Livelihoods programme in Sudan is supported by a network of strategic partners who play a crucial role in our mission to provide essential assistance to vulnerable communities. These partners include WFP and European Commission (EU), BMZ and SHF.

Additionally, we work very closely with Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC), Government Ministries, including Ministry of Agricultural (MoA) and its technical body; Agricultural Research Corporation (ARC), and our implementing national partners in different states who deliver dedicated services to our communities.

We also work closely with community members and groups, who support design, implementation and monitoring of the FSL activities, like Food Management Committee, CHD Committees and other community structures.





Finding Hope in Abu Gebehia

Alnour's Story

Fleeing Khartoum

In the bustling settlement of South Kordofan, Sudan, Alnour and his family have found a glimmer of hope amidst adversity. Displaced from their village due to intercommunal clashes, Alnour, his wife Aisha, and their eight children, along with Alnour's brother's widow Halima and her ten children, sought refuge in this new community.

The recent crisis has severely affected agricultural activities, leaving many families struggling to sustain themselves. Alnour's family is not spared.

"Life has been far from easy", says 53-year-old Alnour. Alnour and Aisha have worked tirelessly as cloth washers to provide food for their large family. The family's main sustenance, however, comes from the food assistance programme implemented by World Vision with the support of the World Food Programme (WFP).

The recent crisis in Sudan, exacerbated by conditions since the eruption of conflict in April 2023, has left millions of Sudanese facing extreme food insecurity. With the likelihood of significant crop and livestock losses and a steady rise in food prices, many have been forced to migrate to urban areas, often ending up in settlements for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). Alnour's family is among those displaced, hoping to find the support they need to survive.

In May 2024, World Vision Sudan in partnership with WFP extended their humanitarian assistance reach to 5,584 vulnerable people in Abu Gebehia, distributing 38 metric tons of food assistance, including essentials like sorghum, lentils, oil, and salt, as well as ready-to-use food (Plumpy Doz). This lifeline of support is a beacon of hope for families like Alnour's.

Despite the assistance, the challenges remain. Aisha shares, "We usually prepare Asida for our family because it's our traditional food. But the food runs out quickly due to our large family size. Often, we have to reduce our meals to two per day or even cut down the portion sizes." The struggle to stretch their food supplies is a daily reality for Alnour and his family. Yet, amid these hardships, there is profound gratitude. "It is so painful for me to see my children suffer from hunger," Aisha says, her voice filled with emotion. "But we thank all the organisations for their support. Without them, we wouldn't have survived."

The sight of Alnour's children playing outside their IDP settlement and the family sharing a meal is a touching reminder of the resilience and hope that persist even in the darkest times. The continued support from World Vision and WFP is more than just food; it's a lifeline that helps families like Alnour's hold on to hope for a better future.

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