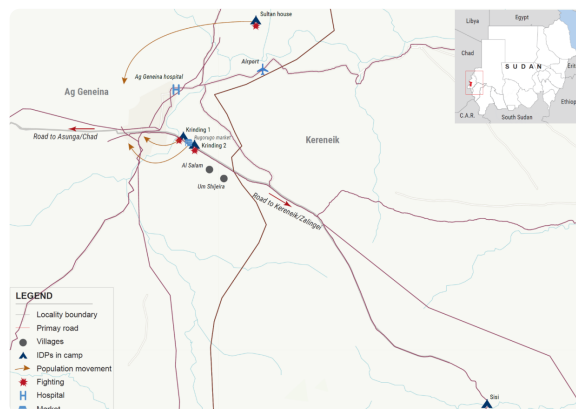


### FLASH UPDATE (20 Jan 2021)

#### Flash Update #2 - Conflict, Ag Geneina, West Darfur

##### KEY POINTS

- At least 129 people dead and 200 injured in Geneina, West Darfur. (Source: SUNA news agency)
- Up to 50,000 people displaced in town and 40,000 people displaced in two villages (Source: Humanitarian Aid Commission)
- The federal Humanitarian Affairs Commission has dispatched four trucks containing aid
- Security forces authorised to use all force necessary to re-establish law and order
- A curfew is in force across West Darfur, with humanitarian organisations exempted
- HAC states that food, water and health are the top priorities



Map of Ag Geneina and population movement – as of 19 JAN 2021

##### SITUATION OVERVIEW

Following clashes from 15 to 17 January with several groups attacking Ag Geneina town from multiple directions, calm returned on the afternoon 17 January and most of 18 January. Shooting was reported in the eastern edge of Ag Geneina yesterday evening. Early this morning, some IDPs - mainly women and children - were seen walking around in Ag Geneina town.

HAC reported that about 40,000 people were newly displaced and sought shelter in AISalam and Um Shijeira villages east of Ag Geneina. Earlier HAC reported that 50,000 newly displaced from Krinding IDP camps and villages around Ag Geneina sought shelter in Ag Geneina.

The Governor of West Darfur said they are expecting the arrival of additional Sudan Armed Forces and Rapid Support Force soldiers from Khartoum in the next few weeks to be deployed across the state. The Chadian government has denied allegations that perpetrators of the violence in West Darfur arrived from Chad. Further they stated that the joint Sudanese and Chadian Forces were deployed along the border to prevent illegal crossings.

A delegation of the Federal Government arrived in Ag Geneina on 18 January that included a representative of the Attorney General's office, two legal advisers, the North Darfur Governor, the West Darfur Prosecutor and a rapporteur.

##### RESPONSE AND GAPS

The HAC distributed food, shelter and NFIs to support around 100 households, and federal HAC has dispatched four trucks of relief items from Khartoum to Ag Geneina. Humanitarian agencies are also ready to support the response when the security conditions allow it. The Sudan Humanitarian Fund has activated the Emergency Response Mechanism to expedite the response and could allocate additional funding if needed.

**Food security:** WFP can support 50,000 people with emergency food distributions with 10,000 MT of food in warehouses in West Darfur and oil in Zalingei).

**Health:** Two primary health care centres are functioning with reduced capacity. Health authorities report that there are no shortages of medical supplies.

**Protection:** The authorities are mobilizing additional security forces to re-establish law and order. On 17 January, 3,500 people from West Darfur arrived in the Adre border area of Chad. UNHCR and Chadian authorities are distributing NFIs, setting up hand washing points, and registering the arrivals. Post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP kits) are available in Geneina but there is a shortage of dignity kits.

**Shelter/NFI:** The sector is planning to distribute NFIs for 1,500 households (about 7,500 people). Each household will receive a 20L jerry can, sleeping mats and a 1.5x2m medium thermal blanket, a kitchen set, plastic/tarpaulin sheets and a mosquito net. The sector is advocating for funds to fill significant gaps.

**WASH:** The sector is planning a response to cover the needs of 35,000 people with an estimated cost of \$500,000.

### Humanitarian Presence

**Shelter/NFI:** UNHCR, SRCS, TGH, SCI, IOM, CONCERN World Wide

**Food Security:** WFP, FAO, SRCS

**WASH:** WES, WR, UNICEF, PLRD

**Health:** WHO, WR, IMC, SMoH/SD

**Protection:** UNHCR, UNICEF, UNFPA, War Child Canada

**Education:** UNICEF, SMoE

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