



SUDAN: Conflict – Flash Update #7

West Darfur

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KEY POINTS

- Aid agencies are scaling up humanitarian assistance to IDPs in Ag Geneina town and by 2 February, about 67,000 IDPs received food assistance. Close to 31,000 IDPs have received non-food items and more than 17,000 have access to health services.
- IOM estimates that there are 108,800 IDPs in Ag Geneina and surrounding villages, with 63,500 in Ag Geneina town. This includes an estimated 40,000 people who fled Krinding and Sultan House IDP camps.
- The main roads to Ag Geneina remain blocked and humanitarian flights are suspended.
- Most IDPs in Ag Geneina intend to return to the camps they fled when the security situation improves (IOM).
- The people sheltering in 52 public buildings, including 35 schools in Ag Geneina, are living in overcrowded spaces without adequate sanitation and need urgent WASH assistance.
- Humanitarians need access to areas outside Ag Geneina town to deliver humanitarian assistance to the estimated 45,000 new IDPs in surrounding villages.

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Situation

The overall security situation in Ag Geneina remains calm, with protests, sit-ins continuing and supply routes to the town cut off. The main market is closed, and the key roads to the town remain blocked. Fresh food prices have started to increase in Ag Geneina as only a few shops are open.

Aid agencies are scaling up response and by 2 February, all IDPs in the 71 IDP gathering points in Ag Geneina verified by WFP received food assistance, that is 67,380 people. Almost 31,000 people – over half of the target – received NFIs. Health services are provided through mobile clinics to at least 17,000 people. On 2 February, the Deputy Governor lifted the requirement for police escorts to deliver aid in the gathering sites in Ag Geneina.

On 1 February, the estimated number of IDPs in Ag Geneina town and surrounding villages reached 108,800 people, according to [IOM's latest update](#). Almost 400 people were killed and another 473 injured during the inter-communal clashes, while about 8,400 people lost personal belongings and livestock, IOM reported.

IOM reports that 72 per cent of the IDPs in Ag Geneina town intend to return to their previous locations – the Krinding and Sultan House camps – once the security situation allows. There is a need for strengthened community reconciliation and peace-building efforts.

Almost US\$7 million has been allocated for the response in West Darfur. This includes \$1.3 million from the Sudan Humanitarian Fund, and \$1.1 million from IOM's Rapid Response Fund (RRF). The Start Fund provided \$272,716 to two international NGOs.

Response

Food Security

WFP has reached all 67,380 IDPs in Ag Geneina with a one-month food ration in all 71 gathering points.

Health and Nutrition

Eight temporary primary healthcare clinics are functioning in the gathering sites. Over 1,000 children under five received access to health services in seven clinics supported by UNICEF, that also provided consultation services and treatment to 2,500 people. Supplies were dispatched to support reproductive health services in IDPs gathering points. WHO dispatched four inter-agency emergency health kits for 2,000 people.

About 100 community leaders from 47 gathering points were sensitized on child survival, early development and maternal health communications.

About 20,300 people were reached with integrated health, nutrition and WASH messages focusing on hygiene, diarrhea, malaria, and pneumonia.

Protection

Protection monitoring covered 24 gathering points since the start of the response, reaching 32,600 people with community-level protection monitoring assessments. The main findings are:

- Many women reported incidents of rape/ harassment and require psychosocial support.
- Displaced families continue to express feelings of insecurity in their current locations. They also remain fearful of returning to their IDP camps to collect the rest of their belongings.
- The majority of gathering points have established community management structures that coordinate with humanitarian agencies and prioritise vulnerable cases.
- Roadblocks, sit-ins, and protests are preventing displaced people from continuing their everyday activities such as fetching firewood.

Recreation kits and sitting mats were provided to eight out of ten child-friendly spaces in gathering sites. Child protection and GBV assessments are underway, with eight sites visited in the last two days.

Shelter/non-food items (NFI)

A total of 30,865 people received emergency shelter/NFI assistance since the start of the response.

WASH

The sector is providing water to about half of the gathering points in Ag Geneina. Sector partners constructed 41 emergency latrines and established WASH committees in four gathering points this week.

Situation map of Ag Geneina



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West Darfur: Ag Geneina town

