



UNICEF EASTERN CHAD SITUATION REPORT – EXTERNAL

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OVERVIEW

About 200 internally displaced started to move from the IDP-site of Habile III towards Aradib. Most of them are originally from the area of Marena. Whether this movement indicates a general tendency of return is still open.

Within the last weeks several new humanitarian organizations started to work around Goz Beida and Koukou, leading to an increased need for operational harmonization and sector coordination. A multi-donor mission is awaited for the last week of July, linked to the recently launched 90-day response plan and the revised CAP 2007.

With the beginning of the rainy season transport of staff and material by road becomes increasingly difficult.

UNICEF RESPONSE

1. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Refugees:

The water points funded by UNICEF in 2006 continue to deliver water to the 22,038 refugees of Touloum and the 17,159 of Iridimi. With one latrine per 15 people the SHERE standards (20/1) are fulfilled in the camps of Oure Cassoni, 26,293 refugees, and Iridimi.

IDPs:

At Gouroukoun, OXFAM GB finished an additional pumping station and increased the water storage capacity with the installation of tanks. The same partner finished at Koubigou a manual pump and 27 family latrines and at Koloma two pumping stations. At Sanour, the private enterprise TEM terminated a manual water pumping station. INTERSOS completed the manufacture of 500 flagstones and trained 25 community trainers in hygiene promotion.

2. Nutrition

IDPs:

MSF-Holland notes an increase of malnutrition in the IDP-sites of Kerfi and Ade. A follow-up of the nutritional assessments done by COOPI and MSF-France earlier this year is underway.

BP-5, F-75, F-100 and plumpy nut was given to MSF-Holland for treatment of malnourished IDP-children under five. Soap was delivered to the CNT at the hospital of Goz Beida, a nutrition kit and two balances to OXFAM-GB. 72 agents of COOPI were trained on the use of image boxes for community mobilization.

UNICEF is ensuring the continuous availability of plumpy nut, F100, F75 and BP5 to all partners. Nutrition material and equipment was delivered to COOPI in order to allow them the opening of a Therapeutic Feeding Center at the District hospital of Goz Beida, planned for July 25.

Cluster-Work Nutrition:

A 3rd meeting of the nutrition cluster took place on 13 July, A questionnaire to facilitate a better mapping of interventions was developed. Indicators for progress monitoring were defined (admission to nutrition centre, mortality). Training modules on malnutrition case-management were developed and will support staff training starting during second half of July.

Under the leadership of the Ministry of Health UNICEF is facilitating discussions that should lead to a distribution of responsibilities in child malnutrition activities and harmonization of approaches between all partners.

3. Health

IDPs:

With support of UNICEF a measles vaccination campaign was launched by MSF-F on July 10 in the IDP-site of Habile III, targeting children amongst six months and four years, who were not reached by the first campaign earlier this year. Syringes and vaccination cards were given to MSF-France.

While a reduction of Hepatitis E in the IDP-sites of Koloma and Gouroukoun was noted in week 27, the rates increased in Habile/Koukou, Aradib and Gassire. The situation is stable. Diarrhea rates are steadily decreasing in all sites.

Sensitization of the local authorities of the Quaddai region on the objectives of the ASCSD is ongoing.

4. Education

Refugees:

The national Education Delegation, UNICEF and NGO partner INTERSOS are currently preparing for level eight exams in the camps of Djabal and Goz Amir. The summer courses will start at the end of August.

IDPs:

Since June summer courses are underway in the IDP-sites of Gouroukoun, Sanour, Abchour, Gassire and Koubigou. UNICEF provided NGO partner JRS with material allowing the launch the courses in the schools of Aradib too.

Cluster-Work: UNICEF facilitated the signature of an agreement between JRS and Save the Children to complement their Education programmes and achieve optimized coverage in the *sous-prefecture* of Koukou and Dogdore IDP sites.

5. Child Protection

Refugees:

NGO partner CCF formed 100 youngsters on child rights in the camp of Iridimi; while in the same camp and in Touloum seven youngsters were introduced in the techniques of journalism; a theater group was created. 26 community leaders and 20 teachers were trained on violence and SGBV. By today 3,314 children are present in friendly spaces in Touloum and 3,956 in Iridimini. In the camp of Touloum two classes against illiteracy were opened by CCF with 100 girls registered.

IDPs:

A first assessment of the rapid response framework set up in Goz Beida for victims of sexual violence showed that the mechanism is fully operational. The recruitment of additional staff is underway by COOPI. Within this project a listening center was built in the site of Koubigou.

An update of existing child committees is underway aiming to integrate a cultural dimension in the proposed basket of activities for IDP and refugee children in the Dar Sila and Quaddai.

6. HIV/AIDS

Technical support to centres for the Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission (PMTCT) is ongoing. Activities in the listening centres are planned to start as soon as funding is received.