

UNICEF HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Sudan

SUMMARY FOR 2005

Critical Issues for children and women

Overall, the situation of children and women in the Sudan continues to be negatively affected by conflicts and related humanitarian emergencies. The ongoing peace process between the Government of the Sudan (GoS) and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A) to conclude a comprehensive peace agreement to end the country's civil war has been an encouraging development. This is expected to pave the way for the end of Africa's longest civil war and for increased humanitarian action as well as recovery and development programmes. In contrast, the escalation in 2004 of the conflict in Darfur has created a major humanitarian crisis that threatens the safety and well-being of several hundreds of thousands of children. The conflict, by end October 2004, resulted in the displacement of 1,600,906 persons as well as about 200,000 refugees who have left for Chad.

The well-being of children and women throughout the country has not improved much in the past year. Malaria, diarrhoea and acute respiratory infections (ARI) continue to plague Sudanese children. Many children under 5-years annually suffer from 4-6 episodes of malaria and ARI. Malaria case fatality rate in pediatrics hospitals is 8%. Over 400,000 children (9-59 months) are estimated to have been affected with Measles. Twenty-one wild polio cases were detected in Sudan during the period June - October 2004, following three years with no cases. The malnutrition rate among children in conflict/drought-affected areas is as high as 27% while one out of every four women is malnourished. An estimated 10,000 children, (boys and girls) less than 18 years of age, continue to be associated with the fighting forces.

Planned Humanitarian Action for 2005

UNICEF closely works with international and national NGOs, UN agencies and other partners operating in different geographical areas in the Sudan to complement their activities in the focus areas. It acts as a coordinating agency in the areas of water and sanitation, nutrition and education, supports WHO in the coordination of the health sector, especially primary health care, and works with UNHCR in the coordination of protection actions, especially child protection interventions.

The primary recipients of UNICEF's humanitarian assistance in 2005 will be around 10 million children and women, including 6 million children aged under five. Key interventions will include:

Health: UNICEF will support immunisation activities, including measles and meningitis vaccination campaigns, in displacement and at-risk areas targeting 95% children aged 9 months to 15 years. Routine EPI and polio eradication initiatives will also be supported in focus states. UNICEF will provide safe motherhood services to pregnant women in focus areas with the provision of Emergency Obstetric Care equipment, village midwife kits, MCH kits, drugs and related supplies to health centres. Village midwives and service providers will be trained. UNICEF will deliver essential package of primary health care services for IDPs, returnees and host community residents through the rehabilitation of health facilities, provision of essential drugs to PHC facilities, insecticide-treated nets and ACT for treatment of malaria, and training of health workers on new treatment.

Nutrition: UNICEF will support growth monitoring and nutrition surveys/surveillance and assessments. It will support therapeutic feeding centres for severely malnourished children. Nutrition/health personnel and community animators will be trained to prevent and manage acute malnutrition among under-five children of IDPs/refugees, returnees and host community residents. UNICEF will provide micronutrient supplements to children and pregnant women and lactating mothers in high-risk areas, and undertake social mobilization and disseminate key messages and facilitate social mobilization to tackle micronutrient deficiency disorders. UNICEF will promote increased awareness among 2 million Sudanese youth on HIV/AIDS and its prevention, and to increase access to VCT structures and services.

Water and Environmental Sanitation: UNICEF will conduct rapid assessment and water quality testing, rehabilitate/establish hand pumps and water yards, construct school/communal latrines, and train community leaders and hygiene promoters. UNICEF will support the coordination and policy development in water and sanitation. It will train water mechanics, support infrastructure development, and provide management

support to water authorities in south Sudan to improve planning and implementation of water supply schemes.

Education: UNICEF will help restore/re-establish learning opportunities for primary school-age children through the establishment/ rehabilitation of schooling facilities and the provision of educational materials to pupils and teachers, and recreational kits and emergency education kits to schools. UNICEF will expand educational facilities in disadvantaged areas and strengthen community planning and management of basic education to provide access to quality basic education for 104,000 pupils. UNICEF will support curriculum development, train teachers and establish learning centres.

Protection: UNICEF will strengthen services for the recovery and protection of separated and other vulnerable children and foster a protective environment for children. UNICEF will support development of appropriate mechanisms to facilitate monitoring, reporting and advocacy on child protection issues and provide technical/operational support to facilitate identification, registration and demobilisation of children associated with fighting forces in Darfur. A family tracing mechanism will be established for identification, tracing, care and reunification of separated children, especially in Darfur. A mass birth registration campaign in south Sudan will be conducted.

Shelter and Non-food Items: UNICEF will provide family shelter and relief items to 544,444 families of displaced persons, returnees and host communities residents eastern Sudan, transitional areas, Darfur and South Sudan.

Mine Action: UNICEF will provide technical assistance for the development of a Mine Risk Education (MRE) programme and train national partners to deliver MRE. It will also develop and produce MRE messages for dissemination among people living in at-risk areas.

Rule of Law and Governance: UNICEF will establish effective community-based structures in 300 communities to plan, manage and sustain programmes to deliver child and maternal health, nutrition, water and environmental sanitation/hygiene, and child protection-related services.

Co-ordination and Common Services: UNICEF will support the community improvement fund to finance local projects for basic services delivery and rehabilitation of social infrastructure, promote strengthening of capacity of the SRRC at the regional and county levels, as well as of Sudanese NGOs and community-based organisations. UNICEF will support the establishment of institution for policy development and the New Sudan Centre for Statistics and Evaluation to conduct a Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS) for south Sudan.

Multisector Support for Return and Reintegration: UNICEF will prepare reports and produce print/audio/video materials for advocacy to raise awareness of southern Sudan issues among public and international decision makers. It will also develop a comprehensive set of multi-media messages for dissemination to IDPs, returnees and host communities and to Sudanese authorities, NGOs and other partners in the peace process and sustainable development in the Sudan.

Summary of UNICEF Financial Needs for 2005				
Sector	Financial needs by region (US\$)			
	Darfur	South	Rest of Sudan	Total
Health	19,012,560	23,299,000	18,305,060	60,616,620
Nutrition	3,659,040	5,859,000	3,600,000	13,118,040
Water and Environmental Sanitation	44,170,495	21,088,000	10,000,000	75,258,495
Education	19,689,156	19,587,000	10,000,000	49,276,156
Protection	3,231,000	11,925,000	3,206,650	18,362,650
Shelter and Non-Food Items	45,292,841	5,585,000	1,415,000	52,292,841
Mine Action	411,000	1,982,000	1,136,000	3,529,000
Rule of Law and Governance	0	0	1,735,000	1,735,000
Coordination and Common Services	0	12,454,000	0	12,454,000
Multisector support for return and reintegration	0	1,475,322	785,821	2,261,143
Total*	135,466,092	103,254,322	50,183,531	288,903,945