



“Strengthening Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL) Sector coordination and improving humanitarian livelihood support for vulnerable internally displaced persons (IDPs) and resident host communities in Darfur”

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Objective:	To ensure the inclusive coordination of humanitarian food security and agriculture interventions and build national capacities in food security analysis, response planning, capacity development and improved technical interventions.
Key partners:	State Ministries of Production and Economic Resources, West Darfur and Central Darfur.
Beneficiaries reached:	13 700 vulnerable IDP, returnee and host-community households (82 200 people); 370 FSL Sector members of 11 resource partner agencies, seven government institutions, 82 Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs) (32 international and 50 national), and nine UN agencies in Darfur and other parts of the Sudan, including Blue Nile, Eastern Sudan, Kordofan and White Nile states.
Activities implemented:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oversaw implementation of the 2018 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) and developed the FSL Sector Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) and HRP for 2019. • Conducted two five-day training workshops on food security concepts and indicators, information management, data visualization and geographic information systems (GIS) for 66 staff, of whom 70 percent were from national NGOs and government agencies. • Conducted two six-day trainings on Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards for FSL Sector partners for 31 staff from seven international NGOs, two UN organizations, seven national NGOs, the Federal Ministry of Animal Resources, and the United States of America’s Agency for International Development. • Distributed 192.7 tonnes of legume and vegetable seeds to 8 000 vulnerable households, including 145 tonnes of potato, 6 tonnes of cowpea, 10 tonnes of chickpea, 10 tonnes of pigeon pea, 15 tonnes of broad beans, 1 000 kg of okra, 500 kg of watermelon, and 200 kg of tomato seeds. • Distributed 21 900 hand tools to 7 300 households and 2 000 donkey ploughs among 6 000 households. • Conducted one-day on-the-job trainings on modern agronomic practices for 8 000 farmers and 5 700 livestock-owning farmers. • Revitalized/established ten agriculture and ten livestock cluster village committees to participate in beneficiary selection and implementation and monitoring of activities. • Vaccinated and treated 96 000 animals belonging to 3 700 pastoralist and agro-pastoralist households in West Darfur against epidemic and endemic diseases, including haemorrhagic septicaemia, <i>peste des petits ruminants</i> and sheep pox. • Provided 260 tonnes of animal feed concentrate and 26 tonnes of mineral licks to 2 000 pastoralist and agro-pastoralist households with malnourished children in West Darfur and Central Darfur. • Introduced high-protein concentrate feed as a strategy to mitigate the adverse effects of poor quality natural grazing and crop residues during the dry summer season on small ruminant milk production.

Results:

- Enabled the FSL Sector to continue its efforts in strengthening the coordination of partners at national and field levels and to enhance linkages with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the inter-sector coordination group and other working groups.
- Enhanced the capacity of national NGO representatives in the core functions of the FSL Sector and enhanced farmers' capacities in modern agronomic and livestock practices.
- Improved livestock health, increasing pastoralist and agro-pastoralist households' incomes and access to animal protein.
- Contributed to the improved food security and nutrition of vulnerable IDP, returnee and host-community households.

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