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# 9-MONTH REPORT OF ACTION AGAINST HUNGER RESPONSE IN SUDAN

Covered period: 15 April - 31 December 2023

# ACTION AGAINST HUNGER RESPONSE IN **SUDAN**

## PEOPLE REACHED BY SECTOR



**111,838**  
HEALTH



**101,988**  
NUTRITION



**23,922**  
FOOD SECURITY AND  
LIVELIHOODS (FSL)

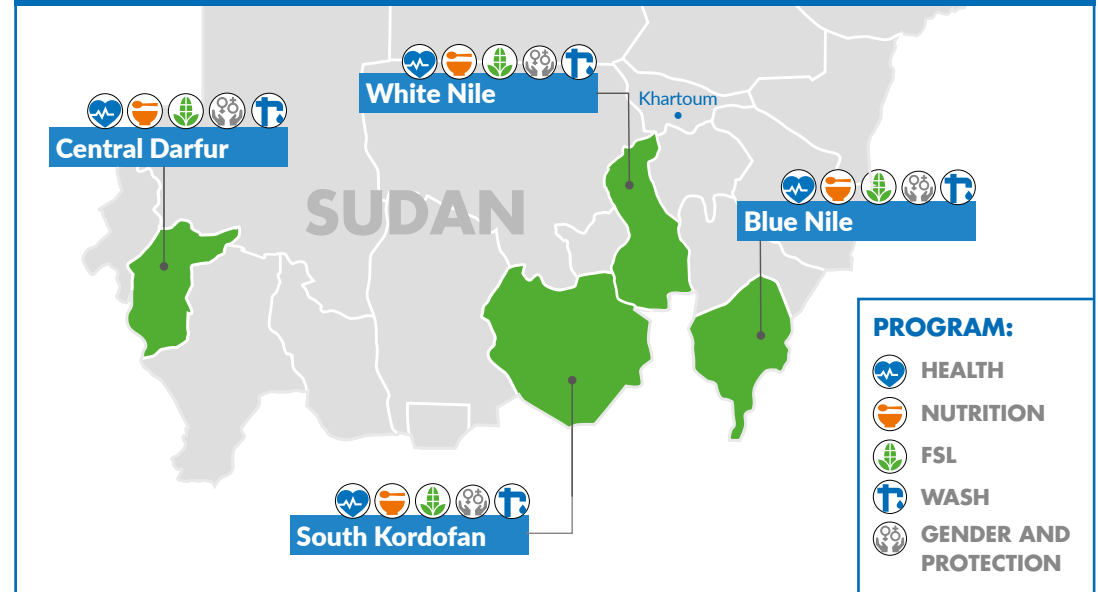


**184,197**  
WATER, SANITATION,  
AND HYGIENE (WASH)



**10,674**  
GENDER AND  
PROTECTION

## AREAS REACHED BY SECTOR



## FINANCIAL SUPPORT RECEIVED

**TOTAL**  
**€4,416,396**

# VIOLENCE AND THE WORLD'S LARGEST DISPLACEMENT CRISIS LEAD SUDAN TO HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION

After years of protracted crisis, since mid-April 2023 Sudan has been caught in a conflict of major proportions. The confrontation between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), a paramilitary group, first broke out across Northern and Khartoum states and then rapidly spread throughout the country. The conflict has so far claimed more than 13,000 people dead and 33,000 injured, with Khartoum the scene of intense fighting, while violent clashes and bombardments have affected the regions of Darfur and Kordofan. The escalation of hostilities has caused extensive damage to essential infrastructure, including water and healthcare facilities.

The conflict has fueled the world's largest displacement crisis, with over 10.7 million people displaced. 9 million have been internally displaced, while 1.7 million have fled to neighboring countries<sup>1</sup>.

This displacement is a major cause of food insecurity, limiting access to vital resources and services. It also hampers families' ability to afford food, impacting household incomes and contributing to long-term food security concerns due to displaced farmers' inability to cultivate and sell crops.

The country is facing a severe humanitarian crisis, with approximately 17.7 million people

(one out of every three individuals) experiencing acute food insecurity due to intense conflict, organized violence, and economic decline. The latest projections for October 2023 to February 2024 indicate that 10% are in Emergency (IPC Phase 4), and 27% are in Crisis (IPC Phase 3).



*"The food security situation and outlook has changed dramatically (deteriorated) among the Sudanese since the eruption of conflict on 15 April 2023. The devastating economic and social impact of the conflict compounded by erratic rainfall are driving dramatic levels of acute food insecurity."*

**Mohammad Abdul Malek**, Food Security and Livelihoods Coordinator, Action Against Hunger Sudan

Particularly affected regions include Khartoum State, South Kordofan, North Kordofan, and all five Darfur states (HRP 2024). The World Food Programme's price monitoring report reveals a substantial increase in the average price of the local food basket, further contributing to the crisis. Conflict-disrupted livelihoods, vulnerability to climatic shocks, and disrupted agricultural production due to high input costs and export



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difficulties all contribute to the deepening food insecurity in Sudan, with consequences for both rural and urban areas. The ongoing conflict's impact on market functionality and trade flows is expected to keep prices atypically high, exacerbating the overall fragile food insecurity situation across the country.

**Children are particularly vulnerable, with 3 million displaced and 14 million requiring urgent humanitarian assistance. The trend of acute malnutrition in children under five is on the rise, and 7.4 million lack access to clean water, risking cholera outbreaks.** The already vulnerable health system is in disarray, with the imminent threat of disease outbreaks, such as a concerning cholera outbreak, along with dengue fever, measles, and malaria.

On November 2023, UN experts expressed alarm about the escalation of sexual violence committed in the conflict.

Child rights violations are equally being reported. Only three months after the outbreak of the conflict between the SAF and the RSF, UNICEF warned they had received reports of 2,500 severe violations of children's rights — an average of at least one an hour.

The intensification of hostilities hampers the delivery of humanitarian aid, with insecurity and movement restrictions affecting the supply chain. Fuel shortages and price hikes add to the challenges, affecting transportation costs and local economies. The recent cholera outbreak and floods, impacting 89,000 people,

worsen the crisis. The international community faces significant obstacles to responding effectively, requiring coordinated efforts to address the multifaceted challenges and provide vital assistance to Sudan's vulnerable populations.

Even though the funds received in 2023 were not enough to respond to the unprecedented needs, the humanitarian community made every effort to address urgent priorities, providing humanitarian assistance to seven million people.

**Humanitarian organizations reached about 7 million people with life-saving assistance and 5.7 million agricultural and livelihood support across Sudan between April and December 2023<sup>2</sup>.**

The 2024 Sudan Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan (HNRP) is seeking US\$2.7 billion.

<sup>1</sup> Dire Plight of More Than 10 Million Now Displaced by Conflicts in Sudan Must Not be Ignored | International Organization for Migration (iom.int); <sup>2</sup> Sudan: Humanitarian Response Dashboard (as of 31 December 2023) - Sudan | ReliefWeb



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# ACTION AGAINST HUNGER RESPONSE IN SUDAN

Action Against Hunger has been operating in Sudan since 2018, expanding its work to four states in 2021. Humanitarian needs in the country are at an all-time high driven by conflict, a political and economic crisis, increased insecurity, localized violence in parts of the country, protracted internal displacement that is yet to find durable solutions, coupled with dry spells, floods, and disease outbreaks.

Action Against Hunger's team remains resilient despite persistent challenges related to the conflict. After suspending its activities, the organization redirected available funds toward emergency response efforts. As of today, we are present in 11 localities across the states of White Nile, Blue Nile, South Kordofan, and Central Darfur (all at Crisis level food insecurity-IPC 3). Operations have since resumed in the states, prioritizing interventions that meet immediate needs while also fostering sustainable well-being, and will be further extended to new localities (especially in Central Darfur and South Kordofan) and new states (especially Khartoum) by 2024.



## HEALTH AND NUTRITION

**Health and Nutrition services** are ongoing in 44 health facilities and 7 Hospitals, focusing on the prevention and treatment of malnutrition, providing outpatient medical consultations, and managing severe acute malnutrition (SAM); having successfully


treated cases. In collaboration with our local partners COMMUNITY ANIMATOR FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (CAFA) and MOBDEOON ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT (MOD), Action Against Hunger has conducted active mass screening at the community level and passive screening at 44 operational health facilities. This effort has reached a total of 77,377 children under the age of 5 (U5) and 24,611 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) for nutrition screening. Among the children screened, 21,109 were identified and treated for Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM), including 5,485 with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and 16,424 with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM). Additionally, 2,073 pregnant and lactating women received treatment for Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM). Skilled health workers have provided outpatient consultation and treated 99,465 children with common childhood illnesses including diarrhea, pneumonia, malaria, and measles.

Additionally, Action Against Hunger collaborates closely with the Federal Ministry of Health. As part of our strategy to reinforce capacities, the organization supports the capacity of States, Localities, and Health Facilities by providing nutrition supplies, Community Based-Management of Acute Malnutrition equipment, and emergency kits, along with delivering training and distributing essential medicines, medical and nutritional equipment. In partnership with UNICEF and WFP, Action

Against Hunger has played a crucial role in transporting and distributing a total of 2,854 cartons of Ready-to-Use Supplementary Food (RUSF) and 4,150 cartons of Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF).

Since the resume of the activities in CD, a specific supply has been set to support HF with medical equipments, essential medicines and 1,200 RUTF boxes. Others will follow all along 2024.



 Malnutrition screening training at community level in Sudan  
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Multi-purpose cash distribution at Kurmuk locality, in Blue Nile, Sudan © Action Against Hunger



## FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

In response to the pressing **food security and livelihoods (FSL)** challenges in Sudan, Action Against Hunger has been proactive in supporting communities in White Nile, Blue Nile, and South Kordofan, reaching around 23,922 people during the reporting period through various interventions. Access restrictions and security issues prevented the implementation of FSL activities in Central Darfur.

Agricultural inputs (including seeds and tools) were distributed to 692 households (4,152 people) in White Nile, Blue Nile, and South Kordofan states, helping them to produce food, avoid any shortfall in survival, and preserve their livelihoods. This intervention also included training in agricultural practices to improve the knowledge of beneficiaries and their families.

Action Against Hunger provided cash assistance to 3,295 targeted households (19,770 people) in White Nile, Blue Nile, and South Kordofan states, ensuring unconditional food support to meet their basic needs by enabling them to purchase diverse and locally available food items. This cash transfer guaranteed that beneficiaries had access to a varied and nutritious food basket in their households.

Despite challenges in certain areas, this integrated approach underscores Action Against Hunger's commitment to addressing immediate needs and building community resilience for long-term sustainability. Action Against Hunger remains dedicated to supporting vulnerable populations and fostering lasting positive impacts on food security and livelihoods in Sudan.

## WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Despite a challenging operational environment, Action Against Hunger and its partners were able to make progress in the provision of basic water and sanitation services for the most vulnerable targeted communities in White Nile, Blue Nile, and South Kordofan states. The project aimed to increase access to safe clean drinking water and improve sanitation services and hygiene promotion practices. During this reporting period, 184,197 were reached with water, sanitation services, hygiene promotion, and WASH NFIs in South Kordofan, Blue Nile, and White Nile.

Action Against Hunger team in Sudan has successfully reached over 8,000 individuals in Sudan, providing hygiene kits and training on Baby WASH/WASH'Em<sup>3</sup> and WASH NFIs in White Nile, Blue Nile, and South Kordofan. The comprehensive effort includes targeted messages and training for diverse groups, such as pregnant women, WASH committee members, and community health workers. Specialized training for community health workers in White Nile is notable, contributing to the broader goal of promoting hygiene and sanitation in the region.


Additionally, Action Against Hunger constructed 4 Solar systems in South Kordofan and 2 boreholes and equipped them with hand pumps in Blue Nile benefiting 11,000 people. 14 existing hand pumps were rehabilitated to restore their functionality, serving 7,000 people in Blue Nile, as well as a water distribution point at a stabilization centre serving 50 peo-

ple in White Nile. Action Against Hunger distributed chlorine tabs to 13,027 households, and 78,162 individuals for drinking water treatment in South Kordofan, Blue Nile, and White Nile.

**Sanitation** activities included the construction of latrines and waste incinerators, with 113 latrines built in South Kordofan and 4 in White Nile, benefiting a total of 878 people. Hygiene promotion activities, including the training of community health workers and the distribution of hygiene kits, reached 27,841 people in White Nile, Blue Nile, and Southern Kordofan, with a focus on improving WASH practices and raising awareness. In South Kordofan, 113 latrines were built for safe waste disposal. Community health workers were trained in the baby WASH approach.

3. <https://www.washem.info/en>



 Upgrading water yards to solar system in Al Tadamon locality, Blue Nile, Sudan  
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## GENDER AND PROTECTION

Action Against Hunger recognizes the importance of **addressing protection and gender-based concerns in humanitarian response efforts**. Initiatives in this realm include providing assistance to victims of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) through a Trau-

ma hotline and offering companionship to GBV patients.

Action Against Hunger is actively involved in training religious and community leaders on gender equality, a critical step toward fostering inclusive and equitable communities. Ongoing efforts encompass continuous train-

ing programs and the establishment of women's centres. Community-Based Protection Networks are also in the pipeline, reflecting Action Against Hunger's forward-looking approach to addressing the multifaceted challenges faced by vulnerable populations. Awareness sessions, training for women's groups, and the initiation of GBV awareness school clubs

underscore Action Against Hunger's commitment to promoting gender equality and creating a protective environment for the most vulnerable.



Community-based protection network in Sudan  
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# SUDAN RESPONSE: A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS



## WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE

**11,000** (South Kordofan) and **7,000**

(Blue Nile): Safe Clean Drinking Water Beneficiaries

**400** people use 4 facility Latrines (White Nile), 6,808 HHs Latrines providing access to **40,848** people (South Kordofan, Blue Nile, White Nile)

**8,390** people received Hygiene Kit (7,800) and Dignity Kit (590)

**38,022** People, Hygiene Promotion Messages Recipients

**78,162** people: received chlorine for water treatment

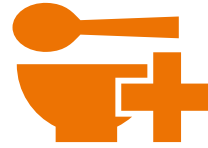
**375** people trained on various WASH topics



## FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

**4,152** people (692 HHs) Distributions of Agricultural Inputs (Seeds and Tools)

**19,770** people (3,295 HHs), Food Assistance through Cash Transfer



## HEALTH AND NUTRITION

**77,377** Under Five (U5) Children Reached for Nutrition Screening

**24,611** Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW) Reached for Nutrition Screening

**21,909** Children Identified with GAM (Global Acute Malnutrition)

**5,485** SAM (Severe Acute Malnutrition) cases were identified

**16,424** MAM (Moderate Acute Malnutrition) cases were identified

**2,073** PLW Identified with MAM

**8,881** U5 Children with Acute Malnutrition Receiving CMAM Treatment

**99,465** Outpatient Medical Service Beneficiaries

**3,872** Children Immunized

**7,062** Pregnant Mothers with Focused ANC Service

**1,439** Pregnant Women Supported by Skilled Birth Attendants

**3,950** cartons of RUSF, 4,450 cartons of RUTF, Nutrition Supplies Distributed (RUSF and RUTF)

**36** Health Facilities Visited, Field Visits, and Supportive Supervision

**311** Health Workers and CHWs Trained, 8898 Mothers Trained, Basic and In-service Training Provided



## GENDER AND PROTECTION

**960** (men 68,48 Boys, 317 Girls, and 527 Women) people were reached through MHPSS counseling (Phone)

**680** health committee members trained in gender and protection

**41** health workers trained on GBV case management

**3011** youth and **2682** men reached by youth and men forums

**193** women trained in protection and GBV risk mitigation as (IGA, VSLA) group members


**66** religious and community leaders trained on gender equality and women's participation

**41** Community-Based Protection Networks are restructured /supported and refresher training

**2800** community members attended 16 days of activism, a community advocacy campaign

**200** women: reached through the women's center in South Kordofan



 Upgrading water yards to solar system in Al Tadamon locality, Blue Nile, Sudan  
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# OUR PARTNERS IN SUDAN



## COMMUNITY ANIMATOR FRIENDS ASSOCIATION (CAFA):

is a non-profit, voluntary, non-governmental organization founded in 1996 and officially registered by the Humanitarian Aid Commission in 2001. Its organization's mission is to create positive changes in the lives of communities through participation and partnership with individuals, communities, and stakeholders. Respect for human rights, accountability, transparency, equality, and non-discrimination are core values of the organization. With its Decentralized offices in South Kordofan and White Nile state, CAFA has been a long and strong partner with Action Against Hunger Since 2019 and throughout the conflict period, implementing FSL, WASH, GBV, and health and Nutrition activities at grassroots level. Owing to its community acceptability, easy accessibility, and capacity, CAFA has covered over five localities and 31 Facilities catchment population conducting community outreach activities including early detection and referral of malnourished children, selection and verification of vulnerable populations for cash distribution and WASH assistance, awareness creation, community capacity building including training of Community health workers, lead mothers, establishing community groups (youth, male forum, WASH committee). Since April 15, 2023. CAFA has reached over 165, 432 people through different sectors and activities in South Kordofan and White Nile state covering five localities.



## MOBDEOON ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT (MOD):

Mobdeoon Organization for Development (MOD): is an independent organization for development with a mission to shift the way the world deals with Conflict aiming to resolve conflict and prevent violence. The organization's core values include humanity, interdependence, respect, demonstrating integrity, compassion, and authenticity. Registered as a local humanitarian organization in Blue Nile since 2015, and within a short period of partnership with Action Against Hunger, MOD has shown remarkable capacity to implement multi-sector community activities and commitment to reach conflict-affected IDPs, refugees, and host communities in the last nine months. Since April 2023, MOD has reached 97,267 people in Blue Nile state covering 2 localities and 6 Facilities. The beneficiaries were reached through FSL, Nutrition and Health, WASH, and Protection sectors by implementing activities at the community level including active screening and referral of undernourished children and mothers, awareness creation, beneficiary selection and verification, community mobilization, community-led total sanitation and community capacity building.



CAFA: Community Health Workers ToT on Family MUAC approach, El Dweim locality, White Nile © Action Against Hunger

# OUR MESSAGES

## MESSAGES TO PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY:

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We call on the Sudanese **Armed Forces and the Rapid Support Forces to guarantee the protection of civilians** and welcome regional and international efforts for the permanent **cessation of hostilities in the short term whilst also looking into a durable, long-term solution**. It is key that both sides avoid the impact of violence on civilian populations notably by **allowing access to humanitarian assistance**.

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We call on all parties to the conflict to maintain **humanitarian corridors/ pauses or cessation of hostilities** to enable civilians to find safety and access basic services as well as critical humanitarian assistance. We urge both parties to guarantee that humanitarian organizations have **free and unimpeded access to assess communities' needs, replenish supplies, and deliver aid swiftly and effectively**.

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We call also on the international community to **consider the humanitarian impact of any political measures to be taken on parties to the conflict**. For instance, if international or regional sanctions are imposed, **it is imperative to ensure that humanitarian actions and actors are exempted** to guarantee that the swift and effective delivery of humanitarian aid is not impacted.

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We urge both parties to take all possible measures to avoid harm to civilians, civilian structures, and to humanitarian workers. **The humanitarian space must be preserved** to enable safe and timely response.

We deplore the **killing of humanitarian staff in as well as the attacks on critical civilian infrastructures such as health facilities**. It is also important to protect critical infrastructure such as water, telecommunications, and electricity services. Ensuring the proper functioning of markets is vital for populations to cover basic needs as well as to manage the increasing prices of staple foods.

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We also recall the international community that before the ongoing crisis, **Sudan was facing a dire humanitarian situation affecting 30% of the population**. We are currently deeply concerned that the ongoing violence may continue to exacerbate the rapid and dramatic deterioration of the humanitarian situation and we **urge the international community to anticipate these needs and swiftly mobilize the necessary resources to save lives and protect affected communities**.

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# STRATEGIC ALLIES

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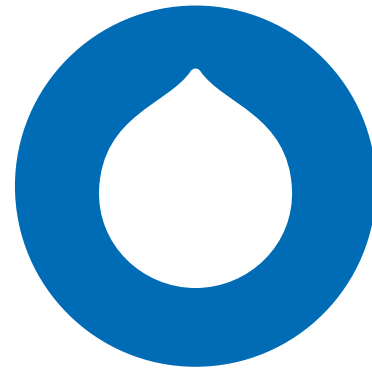


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