## SUDAN FOOD SECURITY UPDATE
### MAY 2012

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- Cereals prices have remained high in all the markets and are more than 50% higher compared to May 2011.  
- Compared to April 2012, goat prices in May 2012 have remained stable, but are nearly 70% higher compared to May 2011. |
| **West Darfur** | - All localities in West and Central Darfur received rainfall during May 2012.  
- In May 2012, both cereal and goat prices are higher compared to April 2012.  
- The Integrated Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (IBSFP) project implementation has started in Kerenik. |
| **South Darfur**| - South Darfur State Ministry of Agriculture has obtained 350 MT of assorted crop seeds to be distributed this farming season.  
- In all parts of the state, cereal prices have remained high. In May 2012, sorghum prices are 5% above April prices and nearly 70% higher compared to May 2011.  
- During May, South Darfur State recorded an average rainfall of 47.3 mm. |
| **Blue Nile**   | - The rainy season has already started in many locations in the state.  
- Cereal prices and prices on other food commodities continued to increase.  
- Compared to the prices in April 2012, sorghum prices have increased by almost 25%, and are 145% higher compared to May 2011.  
- The general security situation in Blue Nile remains calm, but unpredictable. |
| **South Kordofan**| - WFP, together with HAC and SRC, conducted a food security verification mission to the eastern parts of the state.  
- Sorghum prices in May 2012 are 40% higher than last month and around 160% higher compared to May 2011.  
- Goat prices have decreased by 5% compared to April 2012, but are 65% higher than in May 2011. |
| **North Kordofan**| - In May 2012, 11 out of 14 localities in the state received rain (between 9-34 mm.).  
- Sorghum prices are about 10% higher than in April 2012 and 145% higher compared to May 2011.  
- Goat prices in May 2012 are 5% higher than the previous month and 45% higher than May 2011.  
- Data collection for North Kordofan Comprehensive Food Security Assessment was completed in May 2012, covering 173 villages in 9 localities. |
| **Red Sea**     | - In May 2012, sorghum prices are 15% higher than last month and 125% above the prices in May 2011.  
- Goat prices increased by 20% compared to April 2012 and are 30% higher than this time last year. |
| **Kassala**     | - Cereals prices have been continuously increasing during the reporting month with sorghum prices in May being 25% higher than last month and 120% higher compared to May 2011.  
- In May 2012, goat prices are about 10% lower compared to April prices but 125% above May 2011.  
- The southern part of Kassala state has experienced little rainfall during May 2012. |
Sudan Food Security Update: NORTH DARFUR
Updated May 2012

Highlights
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<td>In May 2012, early showers were recorded in El Fasher, Kalimendo, Kebkabiya and Saraf Omra towns. However, the first rains were only sufficient for planting in some pockets in Dar El Salam locality.</td>
<td>North Darfur is dependent on cereal supplies (particularly sorghum) from central Sudan. Disruptions in supply pipelines rapidly affect the availability in the markets. In May 2012, there are low supplies of cereals to most of the markets across the state. This is especially affecting local markets that are not directly connected with the main markets in Sudan. New production is not expected until October. Until then, more efforts are needed from the Strategic Reserve to supply additional cereals.</td>
<td>In May 2012, sorghum prices are 7% below the already high price levels of April and 56% above May 2011. By the end of May, sorghum prices in Dar El Salam and Mellit markets reached more than 300 SDG per sack. These areas usually supply the Fasher market. The current prices are higher than those of Fasher town market which is a strong indication of depletion of local supplies and considerable dependence on other states and mostly central Sudan. Compared to April 2012, goat prices in May 2012 have remained stable, but are 67% higher compared to May 2011. Groundnut prices have also remained stable compared to April 2012.</td>
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**Sudan Food Security Update: WEST DARFUR**

*Updated May 2012*

### Highlights
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- In May 2012, both cereal and goat prices are higher compared to April 2012.
- The Integrated Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (IBSFP) project implementation has begun in Kerenik.

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<td>• Local sorghum is in short supply in most of the markets in West and Central Darfur.</td>
<td>• Sorghum prices in May are 12% above April prices and 80% above same time last year prices.</td>
<td>• WFP in collaboration with Save the Children Sweden started implementation of the IBSFP project in Kerenik camp for around 4,000 children under 3 years of age.</td>
<td>• Farmers to Markets consultation meetings were held with key stakeholders, In 2012/2013, 20,000 farmers will be targeted under the project in West and Central Darfur.</td>
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<td>• During the data collection for the 13th round of the FSMS SMoA teams confirmed that good rains in Azum, Kerenik, Mukjar, Beida, Habila and Furbaranga localities have encouraged people to plant in the last week of May 2012.</td>
<td>• Due to the enforcement of the ban on export of cereals out of West Darfur state by the authorities, millet availability in West Darfur markets has improved.</td>
<td>• Goat prices are going up by 13% in May compared to April prices and 101% above same time last year prices.</td>
<td>• A Survey of Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD) has started in collaboration with the State Ministry of Health (SMoH).</td>
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<td>• SMoA in West Darfur received part of the seeds they are planning to distribute (50 mt of millet and 75 mt of sorghum).</td>
<td>• FAO is planning to distribute 69 mt of millet, 34 mt of sorghum and 31 mt of groundnut seeds in West Darfur.</td>
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**Sudan Food Security Update: SOUTH DARFUR**

**Updated May 2012**

### Highlights
- South Darfur State Ministry of Agriculture have obtained 350 mt of assorted crop seeds to be distributed this farming season.
- In May 2012, sorghum prices are 5% above April prices and 68% higher compared to May 2011.
- During May, South Darfur State recorded rainfall of an average of 47.3 mm.

### Rainfall /Agriculture Situation
- State Ministry of Agriculture has obtained 350 mt of improved seeds with the support of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and the Arab Organization for Agricultural Development in addition to fertilizers and pesticides.
- The SMOA along with WFP managed to register about 395 farmers associations for loan disbursements under Farmers to Markets. These associations cover all the localities and include 11 women groups.
- In May 2012, South Darfur experienced erratic rainfall all over the state with an average of 47.3 mm.
- FAO is targeting 16,000 households to be supported with agricultural inputs and tools for the 2012 season. The package of seeds consists of 6 kg millet, 3 kg sorghum and 10 kg groundnut per household.

### Food Availability
- Food stocks have deteriorated substantially over the month with the majority of households involved in land preparation for farming having inadequate access to food in the beginning of the lean season.
- Poorer households are under pressure to meet their food needs through market purchase.
- Agricultural Bank of Sudan injected some quantities of millet in state markets in an effort to stabilize the cereal prices.
- Furthermore, 135 train wagons loaded with millet have arrived in Nyala from Khartoum in order to bridge the food gap in the state.

### Food Access/Prices
- In all parts of the state, cereal prices have remained high. In May 2012, sorghum prices are 5% above April prices and 68% higher compared to May 2011.
- Goat prices have remained stable compared to April 2012, but are 94% above the prices in May 2011.
- Groundnut prices have also remained stable compared to April 2012, but are 28% higher compared to May 2011.

### Nutrition, Health and Food Utilization
- UNICEF and Merlin carried out a nutrition screening in Adilla camp to monitor the nutritional situation at the start of lean season. Preliminary results have not yet been released.
- Findings from a nutrition assessment conducted in Dereij camp During March 2012, show global acute malnutrition (GAM) rates of 9.6% and severe acute malnutrition (SAM) rates of 0.7%.

### Comments
- The hike in the prices of staple foods is worsening the situation for low-income households that mainly depend on markets for food access.
- In May 2012, a significant proportion of rural households were unable to earn incomes due to limited job opportunities leading to reduced purchasing power.
- The cereal market prices are expected to follow an upward trend during the forthcoming weeks which is attributed to seasonal patterns coupled with the limited or complete lack of access across the main marketing routes.
Sudan Food Security Update: BLUE NILE
Updated May 2012

**Highlights**
- The rainy season has already started in many locations in the state.
- Cereal prices and prices on other food commodities continued to increase.
- Compared to the prices in April 2012, sorghum prices have increased by 23%, and are 145% higher compared to May 2011.
- The general security situation in Blue Nile remains calm, but unpredictable.

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Sudan  Food Security Update: SOUTH KORDOFAN
Updated May 2012

**Highlights**
- WFP, together with HAC and SRC, conducted a food security verification mission to the eastern parts of the state.
- Sorghum prices in May 2012 are 41% above April 2012 prices and 158% higher compared to May 2011.
- Goat prices have decreased by 4% compared to April 2012, but are 66% above May 2011.

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<td>The State Minister from the Ministry of Agriculture has created a Food Security Forum, where one WFP staff was selected as one of 11 members. The Food Security Forum is dealing with food security data and information collection, analysis and early warning systems on state level.</td>
<td>For two consecutive months, the markets have experienced lack of cereals because of limited supply due to high prices in other supplying markets. Approximately 522 MT have been distributed under GFD for around 33,000 people.</td>
<td>Sorghum prices in May 2012 are 41% above April 2012 prices and 158% higher compared to May 2011. Goat prices have decreased by 4% compared to April 2012, but are 66% above May 2011. In May 2012, groundnut prices are 7% higher compared to April 2012 and 78% above May 2011. Prices on other food commodities are continuously increasing, which makes food access very difficult for poor families.</td>
<td>SCS and Almanar Organization reported nutrition screening figures under their coverage area to be 2.8% and 10.4% and 1.25 % and 7.3% for GAM and SAM respectively.</td>
<td>WFP conducted a food security verification mission to the eastern parts of the state jointly with HAC and SRC, where 13 sites in six localities were covered. A total of 108,000 affected people were identified and are planned to be assisted with food distribution during June to October 2012.</td>
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<td>• The State Ministry of Agriculture (SMOA) has provided 348 mt of groundnut, sesame and sorghum seeds to be distributed to small farmers in different localities (area specific).</td>
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<td>• In May 2012, there has been continuous supply of cereal from Gezira, Rabak and Kosti to El Obeid main crop market. Compared to April 2012, a 5% increase in the quantities received has been reported.</td>
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**Sudan Food Security Update: RED SEA**  
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- Goat prices increased by 20% compared to April 2012 and are 29% above May 2011.

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**Goat prices have increased by 20% compared to April 2012 and are 29% above May 2011.** | **Preparation for launching of the recent legislation on banning the production of non-iodized salt is ongoing.**  
**The launch will take place in Port Sudan on June 13 2012. A federal mission headed by the State Federal minister of Health together with relevant UN agencies representatives will attend.** | **•** |
### Highlights
- Cereals prices have been continuously increasing during the reporting month and sorghum prices in May are 23% above April prices and 121% higher compared to May 2011.
- In May 2012, goat prices are 12% lower compared to April prices but 123% above May 2011.
- The southern part of Kassala state has witnessed minor rainfall during May 2012.

### Agriculture Situation
- The southern part of the state has witnessed minor rainfalls while no rainfall has been reported in the rest of the state according to SMoA.
- Farmers all over the state continues land cleaning in preparation to the upcoming planting season.

### Food Availability
- Despite the high prices of cereals in the main supplying areas, market supply to Kassala market is good.

### Food Access/Prices
- Market prices of food items in general continue the upward trend during May 2012. Sorghum prices in May are 23% above April prices and 121% higher compared to May 2011.
- The high prices of the staple food have created food access problems for vulnerable families.
- In May 2012, goat prices are 12% lower compared to April prices but 123% above May 2011.

### Nutrition, Health and Food
- WFP and the State Ministry of Health are preparing for a community training in June for the expansion of the ongoing blanket supplementary feeding programme in Kassala state.

### Comments
- NTR.