## SUDAN FOOD SECURITY UPDATE
### SEPTEMBER 2012

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| North Darfur | - The harvest prospects this year are promising due to good rainfall performance.  
- Due to the expectations of a good harvest, sorghum prices are 19% below August 2012 prices, but 35% higher compared to September 2011.  
- Groundnut prices have been decreasing and are 20% below August 2012 prices and 7% below September 2011. |
| West & Central Darfur | - Both states received above normal rains in all localities in September.  
- In the anticipation of a good harvest, cereal prices in the major markets are decreasing.  
- Approximately 11,500 farmers in West Darfur have received the first instalment of their loan through the Farmers to Markets (F2M) programme. |
| South & East Darfur | - An average of 249.7 mm of rainfall was recorded in South Darfur, while East Darfur received an average of 97.6 mm.  
- Market monitoring shows that cereal prices have followed a downward trend now in the beginning of the harvest season.  
- Groundnut supplies have started arriving in Ed Dain and Nyala markets, and indicate the onset of the harvest period. |
| Blue Nile | - Good amounts of rainfall have been recorded in many locations across the state in September.  
- Sorghum prices are 4% below August 2012 prices, but 93% higher than in September 2011.  
- Groundnut prices have remained stable, but are 57% higher compared to same time last year. |
| South Kordofan | - The state received good levels of rainfall during the month of September.  
- In September 2012, sorghum prices are 8% below August 2012, but 83% above September 2011.  
- WFP has served approximately 72,500 beneficiaries with around 2,400 MTs of assorted food commodities. |
| North Kordofan | - Total accumulated rainfall levels up until the end of September 2012 are higher compared to last year across the state.  
- State Ministry of Agriculture conducted an agricultural assessment, where the preliminary findings indicate a good harvest.  
- Sorghum prices are 10% below August 2012 prices, but 121% higher compared to September 2011. |
| Red Sea | - A significant area under the traditional farming system along the eastern Khors has been cultivated as a result of the good summer rainy season.  
- Sorghum prices are 4% below August 2012 prices, but 80% higher compared to September 2011.  
- In September 2012, goat prices are 15% higher compared to August 2012, but 14% below same time last year prices. |
| Kassala | - Crop development is progressing well and most of the crops have reached the maturity stage, while sesame harvesting has already begun.  
- Dry spells in some parts of the state during September 2012 has led to partial crop failure in the small traditional farming zone.  
- In September 2012, sorghum prices are 8% below August 2012 prices, but 71% higher compared to September 2011. |
# Sudan Food Security Update: NORTH DARFUR

*Updated September 2012*

## Highlights

- The harvest prospects this year are promising, due to good rainfall performance.
- Due to the expectations of a good harvest season, sorghum prices are 19% below August 2012 prices, but 35% higher compared to September 2011.
- Groundnut prices have also been decreasing and are 20% below August 2012 prices and 7% below September 2011.

## Rainfall / Agriculture Situation

- The rainfall levels during the month were lower compared to last year but due to the early start of the rainy season in May and good distribution during the rainy months, the harvest season is already progressing well.
- In almost all localities, cereals (especially millet) have reached their maturity stage and are no longer vulnerable to pest infestations.
- Localized grass hopper infestation was reported in Kelemindo, Um Keddada, Al Lait, Kuma and Kebkabiya localities.
- Livestock conditions have improved due to improved access to water and rich pasture everywhere.
- Wild fires are expected threats to the good pasture. Therefore, the State Ministry of Agriculture has started supporting communities in the construction of fire lines.

## Food Availability

- WFP managed to dispatch food through seasonal support to the north-western parts of the state under UNAMID escort. These areas have not received food assistance since June 2012 lack of escorts.
- A wide variety of food commodities are now available in the markets and farmers in rural areas are no longer dependent of market purchase of cereal.

## Food Access/Prices

- Due to the expectations of a good harvest season, sorghum prices are 19% below August 2012 prices, but 35% higher compared to September 2011.
- Groundnut prices have also been decreasing and are 20% below August 2012 prices and 7% below September 2011.
- Goat prices are 6% higher compared to August 2012 and 22% above same time last year prices.

## Nutrition, Health and Food Utilization

- Admission rates have increased in September to 1,784 cases compared to 990 in August. The increase this month is attributed to the increase in malaria cases and respiratory infections and most of the admissions are coming from the IDP camps.
- Growth monitoring was done for 5,850 children where results revealed that 4,062 children have gained weight.

## Comments

- Due to the end of the rainy season, nomads from South Darfur who were in Dar El Salam and Kalmendo have started moving southward - reducing the possible threat of animal roaming which again leads to the destruction of agricultural land.
- In Kutum, Kebkabiya and Saraf Omra localities, where the nomads are semi-settled and spend more time around their settlements, the threat of land destruction is higher.
- The harvest is expected to be good, unless the security situation in parts of the state prevents farmers from accessing their fields.
# Sudan Food Security Update: WEST & CENTRAL DARFUR

**Updated September 2012**

## Highlights

- In September, both states received above normal rains in all localities.
- In the anticipation of a good harvest, cereal prices in the major markets of both states are decreasing.
- Approximately 11,500 farmers in West Darfur have received the first instalment of their loan through the Farmers to Markets (F2M) programme.

## Rainfall /Agriculture Situation

- In September 2012, both states received above normal rains in all localities.
- Extensive localized pest infestations were reported by the State Ministry of Agriculture (SMoA) in West Darfur. In Central Darfur, only minor pest infestation has been reported so far, but precautionary measures have been taken to avoid a larger outbreak.
- By the end of September, approximately 11,500 farmers in West Darfur have received the first instalment of their loan (200SDG) through the Farmers to Markets (F2M) programme. The number of farmers enrolled in the project is expected to increase to 12,000 in October.
- State Ministry of Agriculture (SMoA) has started preparations for the first round of a monitoring exercise to cover the supported farmers associations.

## Food Availability

- Cereal is available in the market as the traders have been releasing some of their stock following the good rain, and in anticipation of a good harvest.

## Food Access/Prices

- In the anticipation of a good harvest, cereal prices in the major markets in both states are decreasing compared to August 2012.
- Sorghum prices are 7% below August 2012 prices, but 75% higher compared to September 2011.
- Expectations of a good harvest are also impacting the groundnut prices. In September 2012, groundnut prices are 8% below August prices 2012 and 12% lower compared to September 2011.
- Goat prices have remained stable compared to August 2012, but are 130% above same time last year prices.
- The Terms of Trade (ToT) are in favour of animal owners.

## Nutrition, Health and Food Utilization

- Preliminary results of a BSFP assessment indicate that the prevalence of malnutrition is slightly higher among children who have not been enrolled in BSFP. The GAM rate was lower than that reported in the baseline survey in 2011, though still above the emergency threshold.
- Admission trend for both moderately and severely malnourished children has increased in September, and is higher compared to same time last year.
- Preparations have been done to launch the IBSFP programme in Zalingei.

## Comments

- WFP participated in Darfur Joint Assessment Mission (DJAM) consultation workshops for West and Central Darfur states.
Sudan Food Security Update: SOUTH & EAST DARFUR

Updated September 2012

### Highlights
- In September, South Darfur state recorded an average of 249.7 mm of rainfall, while East Darfur received an average of 97.6 mm.
- The regular market monitoring shows that cereal prices have followed a downward trend now in the beginning of the harvest season.
- Groundnut supplies have started arriving in Ed Dain and Nyala markets, and indicate the onset of the harvest period.

### Rainfall /Agriculture Situation
- This month, South Darfur recorded an average of 249.7 mm of rainfall, while East Darfur received an average of 97.6 mm.
- The State Ministries of Agriculture (SMoA) in South and East Darfur continue to provide technical assistance to the farmers in all localities to enhance production, especially for groundnuts and cereals.
- The SMoA in South and East Darfur completed their training sessions to the small-holder farmers as part of the Farmers to Market (F2M) programme.
- WFP is supporting 5,000 farmers in East Darfur through Food for Training (FFT) activities in collaboration with the SMoA, under F2M.

### Food Availability
- Groundnut supplies have started arriving in Ed Dain and Nyala markets, and indicate the onset of the harvest period. As a consequence, groundnut prices have started to decrease.

### Food Access/Prices
- Market monitoring shows that cereal prices have followed a downward trend now in the beginning of the harvest season.
- In South Darfur, sorghum prices are 18% below August 2012 prices, but 30% above September 2011.
- In East Darfur, sorghum prices are 10% below August 2012 prices, but 71% higher compared to September 2011.
- Groundnut prices in South Darfur are 29% below August 2012 prices and 31% below same time last year prices. In East Darfur, prices are 27% lower compared to August 2012 and September 2011.
- In South Darfur, goat prices in September are 4% above August 2012 prices and 88% higher than September 2011, while in East Darfur they have remained stable from last month, but are 46% higher compared to last year.
- The Terms of Trade (ToT) is in favour of animal owners.

### Nutrition, Health and Food Utilization
- NTR.

### Comments
- NTR.
**Sudan Food Security Update: BLUE NILE**

**Updated September 2012**

| Blue Nile |  
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| • Good amounts of rainfall have been recorded in many locations across the state in September.  
| • Sorghum prices are 4% below August 2012 prices, but 93% higher than in September 2011.  
| • Groundnut prices have remained stable, but are 57% higher compared to same time last year.  |

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| • Good amounts of rainfall have been recorded in many locations across the state in September 2012.  
| As a result, the agricultural season has started and is progressing well.  | • Food is available in the markets, but poor families are having accessibility problems due to high prices.  | • Similar to trends in other states, sorghum prices have decreased compared to last month.  
| • Sorghum prices are 4% below August 2012 prices, but 93% higher than in September 2011.  
| • In September, goat prices are 11% above prices in August 2012 and 43% above prices from same time last year.  
| • Groundnut prices have remained stable, but are 57% higher compared to September 2011.  | • During this month approximately 550 institutional feeding patients were supported through vouchers.  | • NTR.  |
Sudan Food Security Update: SOUTH KORDOFAN
Updated September 2012

**Highlights**
- The state received good levels of rainfall during the month of September.
- In September, sorghum prices are 8% below August 2012, but 83% above September 2011.
- WFP has served approximately 72,500 beneficiaries with around 2,400 MTs of assorted food commodities.

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<td>- The state received good levels of rainfall during the month of September.</td>
<td>- WFP food distribution in some parts of the state has had a positive effect on the food availability in these areas.</td>
<td>- In September, sorghum prices are 8% below August 2012, but 83% above September 2011.</td>
<td>- Around 2,500 beneficiaries have been supported through SFP in 15 operational health centres run by Save the Children Sweden in 7 localities across the state.</td>
<td>- WFP has served approximately 72,500 beneficiaries with around 2,400 MTs of assorted food commodities.</td>
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<td>- State Ministry of Agriculture (SMoA) is expecting large numbers of bird and tree locusts in the western and eastern parts of the state. Preparations to control the expected pests are on-going.</td>
<td>- In combination with expectations of a good harvest this year, cereal prices in markets across the state have decreased compared to last month.</td>
<td>- Goat prices are 13% below August 2012 prices but 75% higher compared to September 2011.</td>
<td>- Around 400 beneficiaries have also been supported through SFP in 3 Health centres run by State Ministry of Health (SMoH) in Kadugli and Elref Elshargi localities.</td>
<td>- The majority of these beneficiaries have been supported through GFD, with a small portion being supported through SFP.</td>
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<td>- No animal diseases have been reported during September.</td>
<td>- Groundnut prices have remained stable, but are 7% above same time last year.</td>
<td>- However, sheep prices have increased by 23% in September compared to August 2012, as Eid Eladha is approaching.</td>
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The table above provides an overview of the current food security situation in South Kordofan, including rainfall levels, food availability, prices, and nutrition status.
**Sudan Food Security Update: NORTH KORDOFAN**

**Updated September 2012**

### Highlights

- Total accumulated rainfall levels up until the end of September are higher compared to last year across the state.
- State Ministry of Agriculture conducted an agricultural assessment, where the preliminary findings indicate a good harvest compared to 2011.
- Sorghum prices are 10% below August 2012 prices, but 121% higher compared to September 2011.

### Agriculture Situation

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<td>Total accumulated rainfall levels up until the end of September 2012 are higher compared to last year across the state.</td>
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<td>Due to the expectations of a good harvest, sorghum prices in September are 10% below August 2012 prices. However, compared to September 2011, prices have increased by 121%.</td>
<td>WFP, through Cooperating Partners (CPs), distributed food vouchers to 7,500 Institutional Feeding (IF) beneficiaries in 24 health centres in North Kordofan.</td>
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<td>State Ministry of Agriculture (SMoA) conducted the first agricultural assessment of the season to update on cultivated area, crop establishment and production forecast.</td>
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<td>Goat prices are 5% above August 2012 prices and 46% higher compared to September 2011.</td>
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<td>Preliminary findings from this assessment indicate a good harvest compared to 2011.</td>
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<td>Groundnut prices have decreased by 14% compared to August 2012.</td>
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<td>No major pests have been reported so far.</td>
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Sudan Food Security Update: RED SEA
Updated September 2012

**Highlights**
- A significant area under the traditional farming system along the eastern Khors has been cultivated as a result of the good summer rainy season.
- Sorghum prices in September are 4% below August 2012 prices, but 80% higher compared to September 2011.
- Goat prices are 15% higher compared to August 2012, but 14% below same time last year prices.

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<td>According to the State Ministry of Agriculture (SMOA), a significant area under the traditional farming system along the eastern Khors – such as Khor Arab - has been cultivated as a result of the good summer rainy season. However, long dry spells in September are expected to reduce the productivity in many parts of these eastern Khors.</td>
<td>Food commodities are still available in main markets of the state; however economical accessibility for poor households remains a challenge. WFP Port Sudan is running a selective feeding programme of approximately 120 mt of assorted food commodities reaching approximately 22,000 of the most vulnerable groups in the state on a monthly basis.</td>
<td>Sorghum prices in September 2012 are 4% below August 2012 prices, but 80% higher compared to September 2011. In September 2012, goat prices are 15% higher compared to August 2012, but 14% below same time last year prices. The increase in goat prices could be attributed to the current high export demand from Saudi Arabia for the Pilgrimage season.</td>
<td>Following the banning of non-iodized salt, only iodized salt is now being produced in Red Sea State. The salt producers are positive to this change, and are supportive of establishing quality control on the production. The monitoring system of the salt production is functioning well, and WFP has now contracted two salt producers for local purchase of iodized salt. The current 113 targeted feeding centres under selective feeding programmes (SFP and IBSFP) are showing positive nutritional outputs.</td>
<td>Ground preparations for the upcoming Comprehensive Food Security Assessment in Red Sea State are on-going</td>
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Sudan Food Security Update: KASSALA
Updated September 2012

**Highlights**

- Crop development is progressing well and most of the crops have reached the maturity stage, while sesame harvesting has already started.
- Dry spells in some parts of the state during September 2012 has led to partial crop failure in the small traditional farming zone.
- In September, sorghum prices are 8% below August 2012 prices, but 71% higher compared to September 2011.

**Agriculture Situation**

- During September, there have been long dry spells in some parts of the state. This has led to partial crop failure in the small traditional farming zone.
- Crop development is progressing well and most of the crops have reached the maturity stage.
- Sesame harvesting has already started.
- WFP distributed food to approximately 10,330 beneficiaries through Food for Training (FFT) to small scale farmers involved in Farmers to Market (F2M). The aim of the project is to increase production and productivity to improve the food security situation in the state.

**Food Availability**

- Availability of food commodities is good in the main markets as the cereal supply has remained stable also during September.
- This is mainly due to traders now selling their old stock of cereal following the promising rainfall during the reporting month, and the expectations of a good upcoming harvest.
- The good pasture conditions have contributed to a reduction in the demand of cereals for animal feed, which again has positively affected cereal availability and prices.
- In September, sorghum prices are 8% below August 2012 prices, but 71% higher compared to September 2011.
- Goat prices have remained stable, but are 16% above same time last year prices.

**Food Access/Prices**

- The state health and nutrition sector continue its efforts to mitigate the impact of floods in the affected areas of Girba and New Halfa localities, where contingency stock of life saving supplies were prepositioned in early August in order to ease the response to the projected floods.
- WFP in collaboration with the State Ministry of Health (SMoH) has conducted an impact assessment for the IBSFP project in Mukram that ended in December 2011.
- WFP in collaboration with the State Ministry of Health (SMoH) conducted a KAP survey targeting 5 locations in North Delta locality, in order to assist in the planning of nutrition interventions in 2013.

**Nutrition, Health and Food**

- NTR.