# Sudan Food Security Update

**March 2013**

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## West & Central Darfur
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## South & East Darfur
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- The current escalation of insecurity in South Darfur is affecting the food security situation due to blockage of the main supply roads and reduced supply to the main markets in the state.
- WFP has distributed emergency rations to new arrivals in Bulbu Abujazu, Kalma and Alsalam camps.

## Blue Nile
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- WFP has distributed around 400 MT of food to approximately 12,500 conflicted affected people in Geissan locality.
- In March 2013, WFP and HAC have carried out a rapid assessment and verification mission to five localities in Blue Nile state.

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## Red Sea
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- Food commodities are available in main markets of the state, but at high prices.
- Sorghum prices are 12.5 percent higher compared to February 2013 and March 2012.

## Kassala
- Availability of staple food commodities is good in the main markets in the state.
- Sorghum prices have remained stable compared to February 2013 while goat prices are 7 percent higher.
Sudan Food Security Update: NORTH DARFUR
Updated March 2013

**Highlights**
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<td>• The tribal conflict in the state has resulted in the burning and destruction of parts of the harvest in the area.</td>
<td>• The area office has dispatched 707 MTs of assorted food commodities to different distribution points across North Darfur state.</td>
<td>• Prices of sorghum and millet have remained relatively stable in March compared to February, although at high levels. • Cereal prices usually start to increase in March following the harvest period (November – February), but this year the prices are similar to the post-harvest period in line with the good harvest. However cereal prices are still higher than the 5 year average. • Livestock prices have remained relatively stable. Supply to <em>El Fasher</em> market has increased substantially during the last couple of weeks, especially supplies of camel and cattle, which could be due to the tribal conflict in <em>El Serief Beni Hussein</em>. • The current stability is considered as short term phenomena and prices are expected to rise in the coming months.</td>
<td>• Around 6,300 SFP beneficiaries received approximately 40 MTs of food across all SFP sites in North Darfur. • Around 8,000 women received health and nutrition education sessions in March. The training was focusing on weaning food, personal hygiene, breast feeding, food groups and complementary feeding. • In addition, breast feeding training was conducted in 8 locations, reaching around 1,400 participants. • During March, approximately 21,550 BSFP beneficiaries received around 16 MT of food. • A field monitoring visit to Tawilla IDP camp for the IBSFP programme was conducted.</td>
<td>• In March, the tribal conflict between Aballa and Bani Hussien in <em>El Serief</em> locality is still having a serious impact on food availability and access in the area as the supply roads to <em>El Seraif</em> town remains blocked off.</td>
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Sudan Food Security Update: WEST & CENTRAL DARFUR

Updated March 2013

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<td>The cereal supply to the markets is lower compared to February 2013, and prices are still high.</td>
<td>Despite the good harvest of this year in West and Central Darfur, March cereal prices for Geneina, Habila and Zalingei markets remain high compared to same time last year.</td>
<td>In both West and Central Darfur, the health and nutrition situation in March 2013 has remained stable with no epidemics reported.</td>
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<td>Savings and Social Development Bank (SSDB) has started collecting loans through the Farmers to Markets (F2M) project. Up until now, SSDB has collected around 6,500 bags of cereal and is expected to reach 15,000 bags by the end of April. This represents around one third of the amount to be repaid.</td>
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<td>In comparison to February 2013 the average price of sorghum remained stable in Geneina, Habila and Mukjar. In Zalingei market, the sorghum prices have increased slightly compared to February.</td>
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<td>Terms of Trade (ToT) of sorghum sack purchased for male goat has remained stable compared to February 2013 and are still in favour of livestock owners in West and Central Darfur.</td>
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Sudan Food Security Update: SOUTH & EAST DARFUR
Updated March 2013

**Highlights**

- Cereal prices have remained stable compared to February 2013; however, prices on other commodities have increased due to the deteriorating security situation.
- The current escalation of insecurity in South Darfur is affecting the food security situation due to blockage of the main supply roads and reduced supply to the main markets in the state.
- WFP has distributed emergency rations to new arrivals in Bulbu Abujazu, Kalma and Alsalam camps.

### Agriculture Situation

- In South and East Darfur, the State Ministries of Agriculture (SMoA) have completed the data collection and data entry for the post-harvest assessments. The results are expected to be out in mid-April 2013.
- The current escalation of conflict in South Darfur is expected to result in loss of livelihood for the affected population.

### Food Availability

- Food availability has increased noticeably over the month with the majority of households having satisfactory access to food from own production.
- However, the current escalation of insecurity in South Darfur is affecting the food security situation due to blockage of the main supply roads and reduced supply to the main markets in the state.
- WFP has distributed emergency rations to new arrivals in Bulbu Abujazu, Kalma and Alsalam IDP camps.

### Food Access/Prices

- Cereal prices have remained stable compared to February 2013.
- However, prices on other commodities have increased due to the deteriorating security situation.
- Compared to last month, groundnut prices have increased due to high demand by the oil producing factories.
- The Terms of Trade (ToT) in Nyala market has increased in March 2013 compared to February 2013 and is in favour of the livestock owners.

### Nutrition, Health and Food Utilization

- In East Darfur, the State Ministry of Health (SMoH) in partnership with Tearfund has successfully conducted a nutrition survey in areas of Aldeoain, Bahr Alarab and El Firdous.
- In March, Merlin carried out nutrition survey in Adilla locality.
- The results of the two surveys are not yet released.

### Comments

- The inter-agency assessment of newly displaced persons in Al Salam and Kalma camps is ongoing.
- A team from WFP and WVI conducted a verification exercise for the new arrivals in Kalma IDP camp.
- In Belei camp, leaders reported the arrival of 310 households displaced by the Hamida inter-tribal conflicts and 70 households from Silia inter-tribal conflicts in South Darfur.
- WVI distributed relief rations to the new arrivals in Kalma and Alsalam IDP camps.
Sudan Food Security Update: BLUE NILE
Updated March 2013

**Highlights**
- Sorghum prices have remained stable compared to last month, but are 70 percent higher compared to March 2012.
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| - The harvest in Blue Nile State was relatively good due to good rains during the last 2012 growing season. | - Food supplies to the market is good, but still at high prices.  
- The good cereal production has had a positive impact on the food security situation.  
- WFP has distributed around 400 MT of food to approximately 12,500 conflicted affected people in Geissan locality. | - In March 2013, sorghum prices have remained stable compared to last month, but are 70 percent higher compared to March 2012.  
- Livestock supplies to the market are normal, but the prices are still high compared to same time last year | - State Ministry of Health (SMoH) in collaboration with WHO has conducted a Nutritional Surveillance in the northern parts of the state. The results have not yet been published. | - In March 2013, WFP and HAC have carried out a rapid assessment and verification mission to five localities in Blue Nile state. |
# Sudan Food Security Update: SOUTH KORDOFAN

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<td>• In March 2013, cereal, cash crops (groundnut and sesame) and livestock prices have remained stable compared to February 2013.</td>
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<td>• ARIAF organization has distributed 3,000 female goats and 300 male goats to 1,000 households in Elraef Elshargi, El Abassya, Talodi and Rashad localities.</td>
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<td>• The goal of this exercise is to avoid overlapping of activities by partners within the same locations.</td>
<td>• The distribution was a two months food ration to cover March and April 2013.</td>
<td>• The stability of cereal prices is due to food aid distribution by WFP and the government.</td>
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<td>• NFC has constructed three community nurseries to produce 6,000 seedlings.</td>
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**Sudan Food Security Update: NORTH KORDOFAN**

**Updated March 2013**

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### Agriculture Situation

- State Ministry of Agriculture (SMoA) has published the Post-harvest assessment report indicating a food deficit of around 7500 MT.
- The highest deficit percentages are found in Geibaish, Wad Banda, and rural El Obeid localities – ranging from 6 to 16 percent.

### Food Availability

- WFP, through CPs, distributed around 300 MTs of food aid and food voucher sheets to approximately 210,000 Food for Education (FFE) and FFT/FFW beneficiaries during March 2013.
- The flow of cereal supply from production areas in Gezira, El Gadaref, and White Nile to El Obeid crop sale market is stable.

### Food Access/Prices

- In March 2013, cereal prices have remained stable compared to February 2013.

### Nutrition, Health and Food Utilization

- NTR

### Comments

- Farmers to Market (F2M) loan disbursements for the livestock project have not started because the Bank of Sudan has not yet approved the funds.
- SMoA is planning to conduct a follow up assessments to update the food security situation in areas with high cereal deficit percentages.
Sudan Food Security Update: RED SEA
Updated March 2013

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<td>In March 2013, the average price of a 90 Kg bag of sorghum in the Port Sudan market is 12.5 percent higher compared to February 2013 and March 2012.</td>
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<td>Heavy winter rains have been observed by WFP monitoring team in Grora in the southern parts of the state. The rains have improved the pasture for nomads’ livestock in the area.</td>
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<td>Goat prices have remained stable compared to February 2013, but higher than last year.</td>
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**Updated March 2013**

### Highlights
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<td>• FAO has signed a letter of agreement with partners, aiming to implement a livestock restocking project for 330 households in Kassala and Red Sea. The targeted households will receive 4 sheep, fodder package and a training package on livestock management.</td>
<td>• Availability of staple food commodities is good in the main markets in the state.</td>
<td>• Sorghum prices have remained stable compared to February 2013 (90 kg – 180 SDG).</td>
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<td>• FAO is also planning a water harvest project targeting 40 households during the coming growing season. The project will assist farmers to adopt the water harvest system through which improved seeds and fertilisers will be provided to improve the households’ food production.</td>
<td>• Cereal supplies to the market remained regular during the month, although traders reported that sorghum export to Eretria has negatively impacted the flow in to the local markets.</td>
<td>• Goat prices in March are 7 percent higher compared to February 2013.</td>
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<td>• In addition, 200 farmers will be supported by sunflower and sorghum inputs in the Gash area.</td>
<td>• Livestock supply to the local market is good during March. However, the demand for export was also high, impacting the livestock prices.</td>
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