



1.6M
Cluster Target.
HRP 2024

970K
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various site management
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USD 14M
required to meet Cluster
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Overview

As 2024 draws to a close, Sudan remains at the center of a worsening displacement crisis, with **over 11.5 million individuals displaced nationwide**, including **8.7 million internally displaced persons (IDPs)** since April 2023 (IOM/DTM). Between **20 October to the end of December, 343,473 individuals** were newly displaced from **Aj Jazirah State**, placing significant strain on response capacities in neighboring **Gedaref, Kassala, and River Nile States**. The **Site Management (SM) Cluster's Aj Jazirah Flash Updates 2.0** highlighted the critical secondary displacement patterns and underscored the urgent need for **shelter, food, and WASH support**.

Despite severe underfunding of the **2024 Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan (HNRP)**—with only **9.2% of the plan funded**—the SM Cluster demonstrated **remarkable efficiency and adaptability**, reaching **960,972 individuals** in 2024, including **136,361 IDPs** in December alone. This achievement reflects the **prioritization of resources, targeted interventions, and close collaboration with partners** to maximize impact in a constrained funding environment.

SM partners focused on critical interventions such as **site assessments, community committee formation, and capacity building**, ensuring efficient use of available resources to address the most pressing needs. However, challenges remain significant across IDP sites. Areas such as **site maintenance, improvements, and flood mitigation** were either deprioritized or insufficiently scaled up due to funding gaps, leaving displaced populations vulnerable to climate-related shocks. As we move into 2025, sustained and increased donor support is crucial to strengthen these critical areas and provide displaced populations with more sustainable and safer living conditions.

2024 Achievements: Annual and December Highlights

- **Capacity Building:** Conducted **88 capacity development training sessions** for NGO staff working in IDP sites, authorities, and IDP communities, strengthening site management capacity. *(No trainings were conducted in December.)*
- **Community Engagement:** Established **3,223 functional community self-organizing committees**, ensuring inclusive participation, with **300 committees** set up in December.
- **Feedback Mechanisms:** Implemented **168 complaints and feedback mechanisms** to ensure responsive and accountable service delivery, including **2 new mechanisms** in December.
- **Mass Information Campaigns:** Conducted **215 campaigns** to enhance awareness and outreach, with **13 campaigns** completed in December.
- **Site Tool Kits:** Distributed **7,320 site tool kits and materials** throughout the year to support site maintenance, safety, and hazard prevention. *(No distributions were carried out in December.)*
- **Site Assessments:** Completed **1,060 site assessments** in 2024, including **38 in December**.



Community Engagement and Participation

In December, significant advances were made in community engagement and site management activities across several states, aimed at addressing the needs of displaced populations and fostering accountability.

In **White Nile State**, **UNHCR/SRCS** prioritized community consultations and protection awareness. A key meeting with community representatives at **Khor Ajwal camp** focused on assessing IDP conditions and identifying actionable solutions. Group discussions on **preventing sexual abuse and exploitation** engaged **23 SRCS volunteers** in **Rabak locality**, while **coffee sessions on general protection** reached **49 beneficiaries** at **Alshawal Primary School**. Additional sensitization efforts targeted **11 individuals** at **Alshohadaa School for Boys** in **Aldewaim locality**, while **peacebuilding sessions** in **Rabak** and **Kosti gathering sites** benefited **176 participants**. Health education campaigns on **cholera** reached **361 individuals** in **Rabak**, supported by the distribution of **12 cartons of soap** and **300 awareness leaflets**. Children received special attention through **five psychological first aid (PFA) days** in **Tendalty** and **Kosti**, benefiting **130 children**. Furthermore in **Red Sea**, **UNHCR** successfully restored water access at the **Philip gathering site** during the Christmas holiday, in collaboration with **WHH**.

In **Blue Nile State**, **ACTED** strengthened site-level governance by **assessing four sites** and establishing **four Site Management Committees (SMCs)** comprising **17 members**. These committees actively participated in **safety audits**, identifying and mitigating risks within displacement sites.

In **Gedaref State**, **NRC** facilitated a **site-level coordination meeting** at **Alhori IDP settlement** in **West Galabat locality** and conducted a **technical assessment** for a proposed **community center** in **Almafaza locality**. Fire prevention and mitigation awareness sessions reached **957 individuals** in **West Galabat** and **Gedaref settlements**. Community mobilization efforts included **mosquito net distribution awareness campaigns** at **Kajara, Wad Kaborus, Alhuri, and Zeriga gathering sites**, with a **seven-member committee** formed at **Sasib gathering site** to strengthen local participation.

Coordination and awareness activities were prioritized across states. **ACTED** convened an **area coordination meeting** in **Gedaref**, engaging **23 participants** from **seven partners and community structures**. Two new SMCs were established at **Alsalmi site**, adding **12 members** to governance frameworks. In total, **29 SMC meetings** in **White Nile** and **Gedaref** brought together **90 participants** to discuss roles, responsibilities, and service delivery gaps. **Complaints and Feedback Mechanism awareness sessions** reached **1,663 individuals**, with **464 complaints** (mainly assistance requests and inquiries) effectively addressed. **Safety audits and focus group discussions** in **White Nile** engaged **54 participants**, while **area committees** were formed in **White Nile** and **Karari**, comprising **10 members each** (**White Nile: 4 women, 6 men; Karari: 3 women, 7 men**).

In **Wadi Halfa**, **IOM** facilitated community engagement activities within gathering sites by collaborating with community representatives to identify appropriate areas for tent setup, prioritizing vulnerable groups during the distribution process. A **Complaints and Feedback Mechanism (CFM)** was established by IOM to address community feedback and enable tailored assistance for new arrivals. Female engagement was emphasized, with specific discussions held to address protection concerns faced by women in gathering sites such as **Byt Alshabab**. Additionally, IOM conducted focus group discussions and awareness sessions to ensure community participation and ownership of site management activities.



Coordination and Capacity Sharing Programme (CSP)

In December, capacity building and coordination efforts were scaled up to empower community structures and enhance site governance across Sudan. **World Vision International** facilitated **anti-corruption training sessions** for two **Community-Based Protection Networks** in **Mershing** and **Belail**, engaging **58 participants** from **SSR and CMC members** at the **MPCC**. Similarly, **UNHCR/SRCS** conducted a **Community Engagement and Accountability training** in **Aldewaim locality**, targeting community leaders, government officials, and SRCS volunteers from **Aldewaim** and **Algetaina (Alkawa Area)**, with **30 participants**. Additionally, a lecture on **prevention of sexual abuse and exploitation** was delivered to **23 SRCS volunteers** in **Rabak locality**.

ACTED enhanced site management capacities through **two CCCM training sessions** in **Gedaref**, focusing on roles, responsibilities, and the code of conduct for SMCs and Area Committees in **Umshigiart** and **Abu Naja sites**, reaching **43 participants**. In **Karari**, **ACTED** trained **108 members** from SMCs and Area Committees on **CCCM principles**, further strengthening their capacity.

DRC intensified coordination efforts across **Wasat Al Qadaref, Al Fashaga, and West Galabat localities**, working in collaboration with partners such as **NCA, UNICEF, Lezanfa, and PUI**. Key activities included the establishment of **communal kitchens** in **Wad Daief** and **Wad Alhuri villages**, benefiting **529 households**. DRC also distributed **hygiene kits, menstrual hygiene management (MHM) kits, and emergency shelter kits (ESKs)**, alongside providing essential health services. To enhance coordination and service delivery, DRC facilitated meetings with IDP units to identify **new gathering sites**, monitor **IDP influxes from East Al Jazirah**, assess needs, share information, and streamline the delivery of assistance across the affected areas.

IOM implemented capacity-building efforts within gathering sites, including **awareness campaigns** to train beneficiaries on proper tent setup to enhance living conditions. Training sessions were also provided to six implementing partners on the use of the **Common Pipeline system** and **KOBO-collect** for registering and distributing emergency shelter materials, non-food items (NFIs), and hygiene kits. These initiatives by IOM ensured efficient and effective delivery of assistance tailored to the needs of residents in gathering sites.

UNHCR further supported **capacity-building** for Site Management partners during an **SM meeting**, with a session on the use of **SM tools**, facilitated by the **UNHCR IM unit**, aimed at improving operational efficiency.



Figure 1: SRC, Meeting with Site committees in West Airport site

Site Planning and Site Improvements

In December, site planning and improvement efforts addressed critical needs across IDP settlements. In **Darfur**, **World Vision International** provided **cash assistance of 298,200 SDG (150 USD) per person to 340 at-risk individuals** in **Kalma, Otash, Deraig IDP camps, and Belail refugee camp**. Cleanup campaign tools, such as **plastic rakes, wheelbarrows, shovels, and wheat baskets**, were distributed in **Otash and Kalma camps** to enhance hygiene conditions.

UNHCR/SRCS implemented site management activities in **Rabak** (monitoring **Ali Mohammed Nour camp**, housing 575 households), **Sports City camp in Tendalty**, and six gathering sites in **Kosti locality**. Emergency interventions included the installation of **70 family tents** and the construction of **25 latrines at Goz Al Salam camp (B)**, supported by the **Spanish Red Cross**. In **Aljazeera Aba**, **150 family tents (UNHCR)** and **40 from HAC** were installed for flood-affected households. Additional efforts by **Danish Red Cross** included **cash assistance of 210 SDG per person for 386 individuals** and relocating **700 households by boat**. A **mobile clinic**, supported by **UNHCR/SRCS White Nile Branch**, provided essential health services over three days.

In **White Nile**, **ACTED** rehabilitated a **Community Resource Centre**, scheduled to open in January, and conducted **14 site assessments** across **Gedaref, White Nile, and Blue Nile**. Meanwhile, **DRC** completed assessments for newly established sites in **Western Gallabat locality**, facilitating relocations to enable Sudanese high school examinations.

In **Wadi Halfa**, **IOM** undertook significant site planning and improvement activities within gathering sites. **Family tents** were distributed and erected for **1,366 households (7,000 individuals)**, while **plastic sheets** were provided to **500 individuals** to enhance privacy and improve living conditions. Additional improvements included the establishment of **mobile clinics** within gathering sites to provide essential health services. These interventions by IOM aimed to address urgent needs, ensuring safety, dignity, and better living conditions for displaced populations residing in gathering sites.



Figure 2: DRC CCCM/SMS team Successfully facilitated NFIs distribution at Rouffaa village



Figure 3: DRC CCCM/SMS team Successfully facilitated distribution of hygiene kits and MHM kits, in collaboration with NCA

Contributing Partners:



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