

National Joint Shelter and NFI Cluster & Site Management Cluster Meeting Minutes

Date: 18 November 2025

Time: 14:00–15:35 (Khartoum time)

Format: Online (Zoom)

Chaired by: National Cluster Coordinators – Shelter/NFI & Site Management

Participants: UNHCR, IOM, WHO, Qatar Charity, Human Appeal, IMPACT-INITIATIVES, SAVETHECHILDREN, DRC, LMINTERNATIONAL, WEAREALIGHT,

MERCYCORPS, NRC, SOLIDARITES-SUDAN, ACTED, HDPOINTINTERNATIONAL, WELTHUNGERHILFE, SD. MHWORLDWIDE, CRS and other national and international partners

1. Opening and Housekeeping

- The meeting opened with a reminder on active participation; AI-based automated joiners were removed.
- Meeting recording confirmed. Participants were encouraged to share full name and organization in the chat.
- The agenda was presented and adopted without objections.

2. Updates from IOM-DTM: Displacement Trends in North Darfur and North Kordofan

Presented by: IOM DTM (Perry, Yaeen)

Key Points:

- **IDP Snapshot:** 9.58 million IDPs across Sudan (17% decrease from January 2025 peak).
- **Returns:** 2.6 million returnees (80% internal returns, 20% from abroad), including over 1 million to Khartoum.
- **AI Fasher Displacement (Post-26 October):**
 - Over 100,000 new displacements observed.
 - 70% were already IDPs, now facing secondary or multiple displacements.
 - Most remain in rural areas within AI Fasher locality; only 8% have moved to Tawila.
- **North Kordofan Escalation:**
 - 40,000 displaced across multiple localities since late October.
 - Primary displacement routes: El Obeid to White Nile, Khartoum, Gezira.
- **Needs Identified:**
 - Plastic sheets, blankets, mats, cooking items (NFI).
 - Emergency health care, malnutrition treatment, protection support.
 - Movement restrictions and limited market capacity flagged in Tawila and AI Fasher.

Follow-Up:

- DTM committed to sharing datasets and reports, including MSNA findings.
 - Partners were reminded of the MSNA dashboard and access protocols for granular (admin 2/3 level) data.
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3. Joint Response Plan: North Darfur and Kordofan

Presented by: Shelter/NFI Cluster Coordinator

Key Points:

- Rapid joint response plan developed following escalation in Al Fasher.
- Total estimated needs: **USD 30 million** (250,000 people targeted).
- Available resources: **USD 5 million**.
- In response, a **tiered/phase-based approach** was introduced:

Tier 1 – Immediate Mobilization

- Partners reported 22,500 NFI kits, 3,396 ESKs, and 3,335 tents available in-country.
- Approx. **29,273 households** (146,000 people) to be covered under Tier 1.
- Distribution sites, timelines, and logistics tracked in an internal matrix.

Tier 2 – Strategic Scale-Up

- Dependent on increased access and funding.
- Would include NFI kits and ESKs, and coordinated site improvements.

Reminders:

- Accurate, forward-looking reporting through Stock & Pipeline is essential for planning and advocacy.
 - Pipeline contributions should be forecasted, not retroactively reported.
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4. Emergency Response Guidance and Framework

Presented by: National SM and SNFI Coordinators

Purpose:

To align partners on a harmonized two-phase emergency response approach for Shelter, NFI, and Site Management.

Phase 1: Life-Saving Response (First 12 Weeks)

- Focused on **available stock**, **rapid distributions**, and **basic site management** functions.
- Activities include: complaint and feedback mechanisms (CFM), rapid site profiling, and temporary committees.
- **Mobile Site Management Teams** recommended to manage fluid displacement dynamics.

Phase 2: Stabilization and Standards

- Transition to **Sphere-aligned shelter**, transitional upgrades, formal site governance, and capacity-building.
- Conditional cash or voucher assistance to be considered where markets allow.

Guidance Document: A short checklist-format guide will be shared for partner review and feedback.

5. October 2025 Achievements & Stock Snapshot

Presented by: Cluster IM Team

Highlights:

- 44 active Shelter/NFI partners, with operational presence in 13 states.
- Achievements:
 - Shelter/NFI reach: 1.1 million people.
 - Site Management: 940,000 people reached through site mapping and CFM.
- Key Gaps:
 - Funding coverage remains at **51% for Shelter**, only **7.5% funded** against needs.
 - Some areas (North Kordofan, White Nile) show no reported activities.

Dashboard:

- Partners encouraged to use the public dashboard for data visualization and validation.
 - Monthly updates; activityinfo data must be submitted on time for accurate representation.
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6. 2026 Humanitarian Programme Cycle (HPC) Overview

Presented by: Cluster Coordination Team

Shelter/NFI:

- People in Need (PiN): 15.4 million.
- Cluster Target: 1.8 million people.
- Financial requirement: USD 179 million.
- Priority localities: 7 at severity level 5, 34 at severity level 4.

Site Management:

- PiN: 4 million (IDPs in camps/gathering sites only).
- Target: 1.7 million.
- Financial requirement: USD 15 million.
- Prioritization based on access and displacement severity.

7. AOB and Announcements

- **Common Pipeline (IOM):** New stocks expected within 4–6 weeks:
 - Port Sudan: 10,000 NFIs, 10,000 HKs, 32,000 tents.
 - Chad cross-border: 7,000 NFIs, 7,000 HKs, 3,000 tents.
- **Upcoming Assessments:**
 - National site assessment to be launched shortly to track new arrivals in collective centres.
 - Partners encouraged to use existing KIs or available site teams to complete assessments quickly.
- **HPC Logframe Review:** Session planned for December to review and align 2026 activity design and indicators.

Action Points

Action	Responsible	Deadline
Circulate Tiered Response Guidance (draft)	National Coordinators	Within 1 week
Share updated DTM datasets and MSNA dashboard links	IOM DTM	Completed
Partners to update Stock & Pipeline accurately (Nov–Dec)	All partners	Ongoing
Common Pipeline stock arrival notification	IOM	Once stock is warehoused
Launch national site assessment for new IDP arrivals	Cluster Coordination Team	Ongoing
Prepare HPC 2026 logframe training and partner session	Cluster SAG & IM Team	Mid December

Next Meeting

Date: [To be confirmed – tentatively mid-December]

Focus: 2026 HPC Activity Design & National Site Assessment Update

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