



MONTHLY UPDATE

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Returnees Board Barges Home

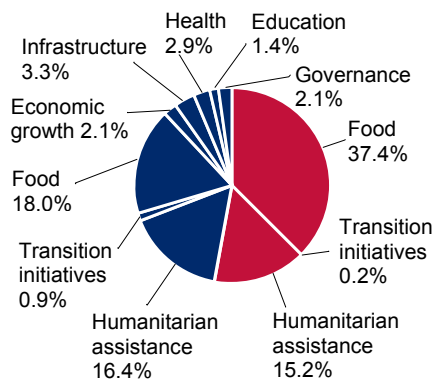
"I have been waiting this day for 16 years," said 60-year-old Mayen Marial Deng, as she boarded a barge with her two children in Kosti. "My family and I will soon be back home. This is an old dream that finally comes true."

On June 20, Mayen's family started its three-week journey down the Nile to Jonglei and Lakes states with 451 other people, who were finally able to return home years after being displaced by Sudan's civil war. With support from USAID, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is collaborating with the Government of National Unity, the Government of Southern Sudan, and UN partners to undertake the first barge operation ever organized to return displaced people from Northern to Southern Sudan. Passengers on the two barges will receive two hot meals a day during the journey, provided by USAID partner Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), and on arrival, each family will receive a three-month food ration from USAID partner the UN World Food program.

By the end of August, IOM is expected to complete six barge rotations between Kosti and key towns along the Nile in Southern Sudan. Since February, IOM and its partners have helped more than 42,000 displaced people return to their homes in Southern Sudan, Blue Nile, and Southern Kordofan. USAID is providing \$3.5 million to support IOM's return and reintegration program. ♦



USAID ASSISTANCE TO SUDAN FY2006, ESTIMATED



Darfur 52.8%

Humanitarian assistance:	\$108.270 million
Transition initiatives:	\$1.400 million
Food:	\$266.110 million
Darfur:	\$375.780 million

South, East, and Three Areas 47.2%

Humanitarian assistance:	\$116.520 million
Transition initiatives:	\$6.660 million
Food:	\$127.807 million
Economic growth:	\$15.120 million
Governance:	\$14.850 million
Health:	\$22.692 million
Education:	\$10.250 million
Infrastructure:	\$23.350 million
South, East, and Three Areas:	\$335.249 million
Countrywide Total:	\$711.029 million

The Three Areas are Abyei, Blue Nile, and Southern Kordofan.



Southern Sudanese board barges at Kosti that will take them to Jonglei and Lakes states. Photo: Husham Ahmed



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implementing a strategy to meet the demand for the thousands of new primary teachers that will be needed over the next few years. With support from USAID, the ministry is also working closely with state education ministries to build capacity in logistics and administration, financial management, and training that emphasizes active and student-centered learning.

During Fast Track's initial phase, AED and UNICEF worked together to implement a "training-of-trainers," which created a pool of 150 teacher educators, who then went on to train teachers in the states. One key to the success of the program was the training of a mobile team of supervisors who monitored and supported the state-level training. Made up of 18 experienced educators who recently returned to Southern Sudan from Kenya's Kakuma Refugee

Camp, the team proved invaluable in building capacity and supporting the states' ability to implement a complex program. USAID's primary school and English language interactive radio programs were integrated into the training programs where possible, and in the future USAID may distribute radios and teacher guides to every teacher completing the Fast Track training.

Most of the training sites saw a low level of participation from women, except Raga in Western Bahr el Ghazal, which had 50 percent female participants, and Juba in Central Equatoria, which had 37 percent female participants. To encourage more women to enter the teaching profession, the ministry may consider a separate Fast Track cycle designated only for women. ♦

World Food Program Sudan Distributions



Food distribution, Kalma camp. Photo: USAID

USAID is the world's leading donor of food assistance to Sudan. Since October 1, 2006, USAID has provided 388,020 metric tons of emergency food aid worth more than \$389 million to Sudan and Eastern Chad. Approximately 75 percent of this total goes toward feeding displaced people and refugees in Darfur and Eastern Chad, where conflict continues to disrupt food security. The remaining 25 percent is allocated to people in Southern Sudan, Eastern Sudan, Abyei, Blue Nile, and Southern Kordofan, where food aid continues to play a vital role in supporting returnees to Southern Sudan and helping communities recover from two decades of civil conflict.

WFP Distributions May 2007	
Region	Beneficiaries
Darfur	2,236,499
South	600,036
East	168,611
Three Areas*	188,007
Central	16,300
Total	3,209,453

* The Three Areas are Abyei, Blue Nile, and Southern Kordofan.

WFP Target vs. Actual
Food Aid Distributions - Darfur

