

NFI Common Pipeline Referendum Funding Requirements

NFI Common Pipeline: Background

The NFI Common Pipeline (CP) is a successfully-managed inter-agency project, ensuring the timely provision of essential non-food items and emergency shelter to populations who have lost their household possessions as a result of conflict or disaster. It provides approximately 90 percent of the Sector requirements in Darfur. Maximizing economies of scale, the Pipeline promotes supply chain efficiencies by reducing costs, avoiding duplication of efforts, standardizing items distributed, and thus promoting effectiveness. UNJLC acts as overall manager of the NFI CP, which is a partnership comprised of UNJLC, UNICEF, IOM, OCHA, RCO and national and international NGOs. In addition, UNJLC also manages NFI CP warehousing operations, with warehouses in El Obeid, El Fasher, Nyala and Geneina.

The items provided through the NFI CP are designed for emergency response only and are not intended to be a permanent solution to the population's losses. NFIs provided to targeted populations are selected based on needs established during assessments.

NFI Common Pipeline items for:

NEWLY DISPLACED

- Plastic sheeting (1/HH)
- Cooking Sets (1/HH)
- Blankets (2/HH)
- Sleeping mats (2/HH)
- Jerry cans (2/HH)

2011 Planning & Early Funding Requirements

Expected Caseload

The table to the right shows NFI CP Referendum Contingency Planning figures, which focuses on the need of newly displaced populations. The figures are based on the inter-agency planning scenarios developed by RCO and OCHA in coordination with other stakeholders. The RCO scenario represents the most likely scenario, and is the basis for the actual preparations for the NFI CP. Based in the planning the NFI CP requires to preposition NFI stocks for 46,000 households.

Operational Set Up

The NFI CP estimates that it will have the capacity to serve 60,000 households on 9 January 2011. ECHO has provided early funding to cover 25,000 households (except cooking sets) and the remaining 35,000 households will be taken from normal operational stocks for Darfur and Rest of North Sudan, as an emergency measure. By using this mechanism, most of the initial and urgent requirements can be covered by the NFI CP. The stock, however, need to be replenished immediately to sustain critical support to the on-going humanitarian crisis in Darfur.

Referendum – Likely Scenario (RCO Contingency Planning)

Darfur	
Referendum Related Displacements	21,000
Rest of Sudan (Three Transitional Areas)	
Referendum Related Displacements	25,000
Case Load (Households)	46,000

Referendum – Worst Case Scenario (OCHA Contingency Planning)

Darfur	
Referendum Related Displacements	5,000
Rest of Sudan	
Referendum Related Displacements	142,500
Case Load (Households)	147,500

Funding Requirements for Referendum Contingency Planning 2011

As of now, the only funding committed for procurement of NFIs for 2011 beneficiary caseload was 1 million Euros via ECHO. UNICEF, the NFI Common Pipeline procurement partner, expects to have NFI items for 25,000 households in country by January. However, this figure excludes the procurement of cooking sets which were left out from procurement due to the expense and the fact that local procurement of cooking sets is possible if funding is made available. Total immediate funding requirements for the NFI Common Pipeline referendum contingency planning are estimated to be 2.8 million USD. This figure encompasses the initial funding for the most likely scenario and is based on the assumption that the NFI CP will cater for the full case load. The cost for catering for the worst case scenario has also been estimated as part of the contingency preparation work. See table 1 below for details.

Table 1: Funding requirements for likely scenario and worst case scenario.

Funding Requirements for the NFI CP (Core Partners) Likely Scenario (46,000 HH)			
Description	Cost (USD)	Funds Secured (USD)	Funding Required (USD)
Procurement (UNICEF)	\$3,637,247	\$1,300,000	\$2,337,247
Transportation (IOM)	\$460,000	\$0	\$460,000
Coordination and Warehousing (UNJLC)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$4,097,247	\$1,300,000	\$2,797,247
Funding Requirements for the NFI CP (Core Partners) Worst Case Scenario (147,500 HH)			
Description	Cost (USD)	Funds Secured (USD)	Funding Required (USD)
Procurement (UNICEF)	\$11,662,911	\$1,300,000	\$10,362,911
Transportation (IOM)	\$600,000	\$0	\$600,000
Coordination and Warehousing (UNJLC)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$12,263,911	\$1,300,000	\$10,963,911