A.19 Sudan, Darfur - 2004 (ongoing) - Conflict

Case study: Update - Material distribution

Project type:
Darfur shelter materials pipeline,
Multi-agency common logistics system,
Distribution of shelter materials and non-food items.

Emergency:
Displacement due to conflict in Darfur, Sudan, 2004 (ongoing).

Number of people displaced:
May 2004: over one million people in Darfur had been affected and around 700,000 were internally displaced.

Project target population:
The initial target was 1,000,000 people (167,000 families), increased to 1.4m people in September 2004.

Occupancy rate on handover:
80% of target population reached by December 2004. Further 8% of beneficiaries reached by other organisations.

Shelter size
One 4mx5m plastic sheet was provided per family.

Summary
A joint distribution mechanism, which would later include joint procurement, was set up by a consortium of NGOs and UN agencies to standardise procurement and distribution of basic shelter materials to those displaced in Darfur by conflict.

Update
In 2008 the NFI Common Pipeline was the source for around 90% of all distributions of NFIs and shelter materials. The pipeline served over a million people in the Darfur region. Distributions are ongoing both due to newly displaced populations and the need to replenish used or worn-out items to previous recipients. A monitoring report from 2008 showed plastic sheeting to be the most valuable commodity. Affected families expressed their concerns about the quality of some of the plastic sheeting and the quantity (one sheet is distributed per household). A survey showed that just 4% of non food items and 20% of plastic sheets distributed more than a year previously were still used by the recipients.