

This Assessment Report is a product of Inter-Agency Assessment mission conducted and information compiled based on the inputs provided by partners on the ground including; government authorities, affected communities/IDPs and agencies. The Mission was composed of participants from different agencies and government institutions including UNHCR, UNICEF, WHO, IOM, WFP, FAO, Sustainable Action Group (SAG), Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS), Anhar Organization, Water, Environment and Sanitation (WES), Ministry of Health (SMoH), Ministry of Social Affairs, and Ministry of Education.

Situation overview

Violent inter-tribal clashes that took place in En Address and Hillat Ahmed Shayib villages on 07 and 10 July 2015 respectively displaced residents from their homes forcing them to seek refuge in various locations, particularly Mellit town.

Therefore, the purpose of this inter-agency (IA) assessment mission was to establish the humanitarian situation and needs of the newly displaced IDPs in Mellit town. The mission visited the IDP sites in Mellit town and interviewed IDPs, community leadership and local authorities.

Key findings of the mission are as follows:

- The tribes that were involved in the clashes are Beni Omran, Berti and Bederia;
- The clashes are believed to be retaliatory and related to recent incidents (4 & 5 July) in Goz laban and Hilat Abdelrahim involving Berti and Zayadia tribes;
- Homes and other properties in both villages, En Address ((Beni Omran) and Hillat Ahmed Shayib (Bederia), were burnt down while livestock were looted. A UN team that visited En Address confirmed that 90 per cent of the homes in the villages were burnt.
- As a result, the residents of both villages estimated at 670 households (3,350 individuals) have been displaced and are being hosted by relatives in Mellit town. Of these, 604 households are Beni Omran from En EI Address while the rest 66 households are Bederia Hillat Ahmed Shayib. It is to be noted that these figures are initial and are yet to be verified.
- The most urgent needs listed in order of priority and to be considered for urgent interventions by the sectors are as follows: shelter and NFIs; food; health services; and psychosocial support.

Based on the above-outlined findings, the IA and sectors came up with a list of recommendations and follow-up actions including:

- Verification and registration of the IDPs to be followed by immediate food and NFI/ES support;
- Immediate WASH, Nutrition, Health and Protection support.

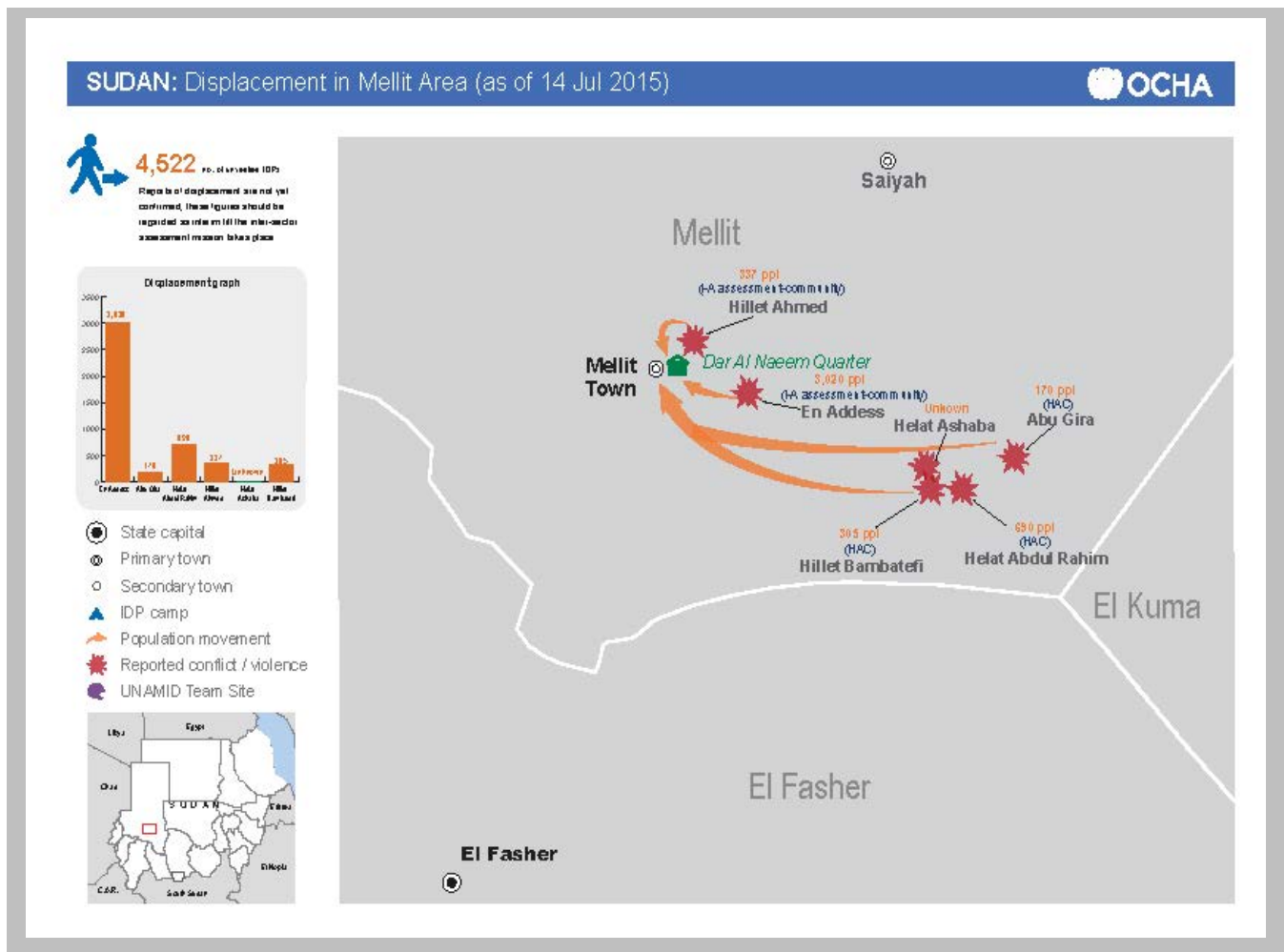
Site overview

Pictures indicating IDPs inside Mellit town:



IDPs from En Address village sheltering under small bush (left) and inside mosque (left) in Dar El Naeem quarter of Mellit town (Photo by SAG, 14 July 2015)

Location map indicating IDPs movement from their original villages towards Mellit town:



Drivers and underlying factors

Mellit Locality has been experiencing violent inter-communal clashes since February 2015. The violent inter-tribal clashes that took place in En Address and Hillat Ahmed Shayib villages on 07 and 10 July 2015 respectively are therefore, believed to be retaliatory and related to recent incidents (4 & 5 July) in Goz laban and Hilat Abdelrahim that involved Berti and Zayadia tribes. These communal conflicts, if not expeditiously resolved, is likely to be the reason for another clashes which will be more devastating with more casualties, displacement of locals; resulting in humanitarian concerns.

Although the Berti and Zayadiya signed an agreement, it is unlikely that retaliatory and criminal acts will stop immediately. The IDPs from En Address and Hilat Ahmed Shayib will likely continue to stay in Mellit town for a while, at least, until security in their places of origin improves.

Humanitarian assistance to be provided based on assessed needs should be carefully executed in such a way that aid does not contribute adversely to the inter-tribal violence.

Scope of the crisis and humanitarian profile

According to the community leaders, the residents of both villages estimated at 670 households (3,357 individuals) have been displaced to Mellit town and are being hosted by relatives in Dar Al Naeem, Sd Al Aali, Al Imtidad and Al Thanawi parts of the Town. Of these, 604 households are Beni Omran from En El Address while the rest 66 households are Bedaria Hillat Ahmed Shayib. It is to be noted that these figures are initial and are yet to be verified. HAC reported additional 1165 individuals (305 from Bambi Tafi, 690 from Hilat Abdelrahim and 170 from Abu Gira villages) who were displaced to the same area. These reported 1165 individuals whose areas of origin are illustrated in the map (above) were not found by the assessment team while the community leaders met in Mellit suggested that they might have been displaced to other surrounding villages or other parts of Mellit town. The planned verification exercise might provide further information about their whereabouts and actual numbers.

In addition to the above-described new displacement, Mellit hosts other IDPs (not covered by this assessment & report) including:

- 6,272 persons displaced from Ba'shim, Sani Hayi and Um Sider in April 2014 following the armed violence. The caseload was registered, verified and given assistance (one-off). They continued to stay at Abassi B, which next to the old Abassi camp.
- 5,511 persons (second group) also from the same areas stated in the above bullet point arrived in the same year due to reported presence of armed groups in their places of origin. They too were registered, verified and supported, at least, with NFIs.
- A third group, late comers, from the same areas estimated at 8,000-12,000 individuals (according to the sheikhs); have never been registered. Concern is that this caseload include many of those who were registered under group one (6,272) and two (5,511) and thus, the need for avoiding double dipping.
- In February 2015 the Berti-Zayadiya tribal conflict broke out and led to new displacement. Figures of this caseload are yet to be established, as the humanitarian community continued to receive inflated and conflicting lists from the two rival communities, thus, the delay in registration and verification exercise.

Current population figures¹

Locality	Location	Host population	Displaced population	Source	Notes
Mellit	Mellit town	191,915 (locality pop)	4522	Community leaders & HAC	Verification pending

¹ Based on best available figures for initial planning purposes, valid until independent registration is completed.

Status of the population in the affected area

The IDPs from En Address village and Hillat Ahmed Shayib have settled with relatives in the eastern part of Mellit town, particularly in Dar El Naeem, Sd Al Aali, Al Imtidad and Al Thanawi parts of the town. Displaced families are distributed among the host community at the rate of 5 – 2 families per resident household. The resident household shares their food with them. As their villages were torched, the IDPs have reportedly lost most of their belongings both food and non-food. Of the displaced 3350 people, some 1,539 are children under 18 years. The IDPs also include women and elderly people who are vulnerable.

Assistance provided to date is limited and include two tankers of water; 4305 kg of assorted food, 53 pieces of blankets and 53 pieces of plastic sheets. The water was provided by UNAMID while the remaining items came from HAC.

Key findings & response priorities by Sector:

KEY FINDINGS	RESPONSE PRIORITIES
Education	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some 250 students among the new IDPs need urgent education support. ▪ In En Address although the school remain intact, it has been closed following the displacement and torching of its teachers' residence quarter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students to be accommodated at the existing schools, if that is not possible, new temporary learning spaces will be constructed and provided with other essential learning materials including textbooks, blackboards, sitting mats, teacher kits and recreation Kits.
ES/NFI	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IDPs are accommodated with relatives at rate of 2 – 5HHs per host family who share their limited shelter with the IDPs. ▪ Some of the displaced women and children were observed staying in a private communal shelter while the men are occupying the mosque to avoid heat and rain. ▪ Urgent need for full basket of NFIs as they came without their belongings at the time when they flee the villages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NFIs distribution subject to IOM verification and partners assessment in coordination with other sector. ▪ Construction of communal shelter (s) to be considered mainly for women and children. ▪ ES/NFI Sector will coordinate with UNICEF/ WASH on the provision of Plastic Sheet and Jerry cans.
Food Security and Livelihoods	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ On average two IDP households are being hosted by single resident household of the same tribe. ▪ Resident households are sharing food with the IDPs. ▪ HAC ND delivered and distributed some food items: 1890kg of millet; 1890kg of sorghum; and 525kg sugar. ▪ Need for urgent food assistance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Speedy registration and verification of the new IDPs and earlier caseloads that are pending; ▪ Provision of one month assistance. ▪ Continuation and expansion of Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSFP) in Mellit town (German Red Cross & WFP). ▪ Livelihood support- livestock vaccination and treatment; and distribution of agricultural tools. ▪ Support for programs that promote improved natural resource management (NRM) and conflict prevention mechanisms.
Health	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The health unit in En Address was burnt down completely in addition to one midwife who died along with her medical box. ▪ During the attack 5 people were killed while 4 others were wounded. The later were referred to Mellit Rural Hospital for treatment. ▪ Health situation of IDPs generally stable but unpredictable due to existing congestion and shortage of essential drugs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensuring adequate health services are provided; monitoring health situation regularly; and filling any gaps in response (SMOH, WHO). ▪ Replacing two (2) delivery bags (UNFPA)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Common diseases among IDPs include diarrhea, eye infections, acute respiratory infection (ARI), and skin diseases. The average consultations range from 30 to 40 per day. ▪ ANHAR (NNGO) provides health services for IDPs and Mellit Rural Hospital. 	
Nutrition	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Partners confirmed availability of sufficient health and nutrition supplies except BP5 for SAM and MAM treatment; consultations; and routine vaccination at their stores. ▪ A total of 157 MAM children in the programme but most of them shift to Mellit with their families in addition to 22 SAM children in OTP and all of them report to Mellit ▪ GRC and SMOH already are partners in the ground and already start giving some medication to new IDPs by referring to Mellit main hospital. ▪ GRC has enough supplies for both TSFP and OTP in addition to quantity of BP5 which might cover 15 days ration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Additional BP5 supplies to be prepositioned, as current stock is inadequate (only 6 cartoons). ▪ Health team from En Address to be provided a space in the place of displacement for them to resume nutrition services for children. ▪ Distribution of supplies for children on nutrition program to resume (starting from 14 July). ▪ Continuation and expansion of Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme in Mellit town in collaboration with German Red Cross. ▪ GRC and SMOH with support from community mobilizers from En Address villages to follow-up closely all SAM and MAM cases reported with their families in Mellit and assess them. ▪ Provide Emergency ration to all U5 years and PLW (pregnant/lactating women) at least for two months
Protection	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All the dead bodies were transferred to El Fasher and buried after consultation with the health authorities. The case was reported to GOS police. ▪ IDPs prefer to receive assistance at their current places, due to concerns of insecurity in their places of origin. ▪ UXOs reported to be inside En Address village. ▪ Mellit UNAMID-TS's visited En-Address village and confirmed that up to 80% of the village was completely burnt down. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ UXO assessment and clearance (UNAMID-ODO); ▪ Awareness raising on conflict resolution and promotion peaceful coexistence among the tribes (Government, UNAMID-CA).
WASH	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IDPs travel a kilometer to fetch water from the nearest water source. ▪ UNAMID provided them trucked water at least twice and then stopped. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sanitation and hygiene promotion activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Constructing emergency latrines (160); ○ Providing jerry cans (604); ○ Distributing soap (6040 bars) to IDPs. ○ Training of community members (30) on household water treatment and hygiene; ○ Promoting household water treatment and distribution of chlorine tablets (33mg). ▪ Improving water supply by rehabilitating two (2) non-functioning hand pumps (WES/UNICEF).

Humanitarian access

Physical access

The area is accessible physically by road and air. No major physical constraints that could affect response.

Humanitarian access

No humanitarian access problem to Mellit town. In En Address village the community reported presence of unexploded ordinances (UXOs). UNAMID ODO (Ordinance Disposal Office) is planning a mission to clean the area.

Next steps

Cluster	Priority actions	Human and material resources needed	SA	By when
Registration/verification	Verification of the reported IDPs	IOM team; armed escort from UNAMID	IOM	29 Jul to 05 Aug 2015
WASH	Rehabilitation of 2 HPs	Spare parts	WES	Within 2 weeks
	Construction of 160 emergency latrines	Materials	ESHPP(SMOH)	Within next week
	Distribution of 500 Jerri cans to 500 HHs	Jerri cans	WES	completed
	Distribution of Jerri cans to the remaining 170 HHs	Jerri cans	ESHPP (SMOH)	within 2 weeks
	Training of community on household water treatment.	training	ESHPP(SMOH)	within 2 weeks
E/NFIs Project	Distribution of full NFIs package	Full NFI kits	SAG, UNHCR-UNOPS	After verification
FSL	Food distribution- one month	Food	WFP	After verification
	Distribution of agricultural tools and seeds	hand tools and seeds	FAO	
Health	Adequate health services	Monitoring and follow up	SMOH/WHO	ongoing
	Replace 2 delivery bags	2 delivery bags	UNFPA	within next week
Protection	Cleaning of UXOs	UNAMID ODO Unit to start cleaning	UNHCR/ODO	ASAP
	Awareness raising on conflict resolution			ASAP
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prepo of additional BP5 supplies ▪ distribution of supplies for children on nutrition program ▪ Expansion of Targeted Supplementary 	Children supplies	UNICEF	2-7 August
				completed
			SMOH/GRC	ongoing

Nutrition	<i>Feeding Programme</i>			
	▪ Follow all SAM, MAM cases reported in Mellit	EBSFP/ PB5 and Plumpy nut SAM/MAM cases	WFP/SMOH/GRC SMOH/GRC	ongoing
Education	Students to be accommodated in the existing schools, and supplied with teaching materials	Space in existing schools to accommodate 250 student Teaching equipment's	UNICEF/SMOE	completed

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