15th April -- conflict erupted between the RSF and SAF in the aftermath of escalated hostility from power struggle

- Areas most affected are Khartoum, Darfur and Blue Nile
- Over 600 reported deaths (actual much higher) and over 5000 injured
- 2.1 million people have been internally displaced (60% from Khartoum)
- 644,841 have fled as refugees into neighboring countries
- Humanitarian needs increased from 5.8m (Nov. 2022) to 24.7m by mid May - 57% increase.
- Access to critical lifesaving services & supplies - food, water, cash, fuel, health care, electricity is critically hampered
- 67% of hospitals located near conflict zones are out of service
- Funding required USD 2.6 billion of which only 17% has been funded
IMPACT ON WOMEN AND GIRLS

➢ According to UNFPA, almost 3.1 million women and girls are at risk

➢ Protection challenges for women and girls (GBV, SEA and CRSV) in conflict zones, in IDP/refugee camps and in transit

➢ Loss of livelihoods - increased risk of SGBV/SEA

➢ Food insecurity due to conflict and drought, an additional 5 million people need immediate emergency aid

➢ Before the crisis, 42% of female-headed households had less food compared to 31% of male-headed households

➢ In Khartoum alone, 219,000 are pregnant women and 24,000 will give birth in the coming weeks

➢ Millions of children are out-of-school, vulnerable to gender-based violence and negative social norms/harmful practices, child marriage & FGM
OPERATIONAL CHALLENGES

➢ Lack of accessibility of humanitarian corridor

➢ Reduced humanitarian and development footprints, with scarce operation from Port Sudan

➢ Bureaucratic impediments (logistics, visa, communications channels etc.)

➢ Collapse of the banking system, and money transfers jeopardizing the transfer of funds internally and externally

➢ Insecurity and looting of humanitarian offices and supplies (lack of respect for humanitarian laws)
UN WOMEN RESPONSE

Immediate allocation of Core funding to support humanitarian response and needs (USD$630,000)

1. Rapid Gender Assessment undertaken and in-depth RGA on course

2. Support for women led organizations to actively engage in the humanitarian response

3. Procurement of Non-Food Items

4. Recruitment of additional capacity (Security Specialist)

5. UN Women in collaboration with the Office of the AU Special Envoy on WPS, AWLN and IGAD jointly convened a solidarity meeting with women of Sudan
**Key Findings**

- Women and youth-led organizations provide life-saving aid (basic needs, SGBV response) with limited external support
- Emergence of female-headed households and increase burden, due to separation of families
- Increased SGBV against women in hotspots, in transit and in camps
- In the absence of camps in different States, IDPs are hosted by families and communities, exposing women and girls to SGBV
- Women IDPs have re-established small enterprises in IDP receiving States
- Leverage capacities of WLO and youth-led organizations and other CSO initiatives through training and funding

**Key Immediate Recommendations**

- Advance small grants to strengthen operational and programmatic capacity
- Create awareness on the principles of humanitarian response to support their participation in the humanitarian programme cycle, incl. PSEA & GiHA
- Integrate GBV prevention and mitigation measures across all response efforts, incl. in cluster-coordinated initiatives
- Undertake capacity assessment of new WLOs, youth-led organizations, CSO initiatives

**Key Mid-term Recommendations**

- Strengthen women’s leadership in GiHA through training and funding GiHA Curriculum
- Link Women and youth-led organization to the WPHF
- Resource the establishment of an online platform with database of women-led organizations offering humanitarian response options
- Establish a budget for continuous rapid gender assessments, regular production of Gender Alerts and UNW GBV strategy
Planned Actions

1. Enhance coordination among women, young women-led organizations, and rights holders (displaced women and girls) through women situation rooms.

2. Undertake protection risk assessments and provide training on the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse targeting frontline organizations and UN Staff.

3. Support UNFPA in raising awareness on the availability of services to women and girls in the targeted States.
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