



Stand-By Partnership Surge Request Form

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Requesting Country/Regional Office:	Sudan	Emergency Country:	Sudan
CRD Geographical Branch:	Africa I	Emergency Declaration:	IASC Scale-Up
Modality of Deployment:	In-Person	Duty Station:	Port Sudan
P Level:	P3	Profile Requested:	Humanitarian Affairs Officer
Duration in Months:	6	Proposed Start Date:	01/07/2026

CONTACT DETAILS

Name of Head of Office:	Markus Werne
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Consulted OCHA Technical Sections:	False

DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY

Brief Description of Emergency Outbreak/Upsurge and the Consequences for OCHA:

Sudan is the world's largest humanitarian crisis, where more than three years of conflict have plunged the population into extreme levels of need and deprivation. In 2026, 33.7 million people require humanitarian assistance, including 9 million people who are internally displaced. Protection risks are extreme, including alarming levels of conflict-related sexual violence and child rights violations, especially in conflict hotspots in Darfur, Kordofan and Blue Nile. Hunger is rampant, with famine conditions having been confirmed in 2025 in parts of North Darfur and South Kordofan, and almost 29 million people are in need of food assistance and livelihoods support. While the conflict remains the main driver of need in Sudan, other shocks including flooding, disease outbreaks, economic deterioration and the breakdown of basic services are further exacerbating people's suffering.

Brief Surge Need Justification:

The scale of the crisis in Sudan – along with the ongoing impact of funding cuts to humanitarian budgets – has stretched the humanitarian system and elevated the need for coordination support. The Strategic Coordination Unit currently supports multiple key coordination bodies, including the Operational and Strategic Humanitarian Country Teams (HCTs), the national Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) and a growing number of thematic working groups. Over the coming months, the team will also be responsible for a set of critical tasks, including a system-wide review of the humanitarian architecture, the extension of the IASC scale-up and the 2027 Humanitarian Programme Cycle, requiring reinforced capacity to ensure effective, timely and quality delivery.

OCHA's Role and Key Challenges:

The humanitarian community in Sudan is working to strengthen collective response efforts amidst an increasingly complex operating environment and growing funding gaps. Bolstered by an IASC scale-up that has been in place since August 2023, OCHA has worked across the humanitarian system to promote a principled, effective and prioritized response focused on assisting those in most dire need. It has also supported collective work to expand field presence and strengthen operational enablers, while driving key workstreams including accountability to affected people and localization. Increased coordination capacity is needed to further advance these efforts at a critical time in the Humanitarian Reset, including for the upcoming humanitarian architecture review and preparation of the 2027 HNRP.

Main Partners and Stakeholders in the Field:

HCT members, cluster coordinators, cluster lead agencies, cross-cutting advisors, working group chairs, international, national, local NGOs and donors among others.

Long-Term Plan After SBP Deployment Ends:

The deployee will provide timely support to advance critical and time-bound strategic coordination functions. Efforts will be made to bolster the unit's capacity following the end of the deployment.

Will Other Surge Resources Be Requested?

No

ROLE REQUIREMENTS

Main Tasks and Duties to be Executed:

- In consultation with the Head of Unit, assists in the design and preparation of studies on humanitarian, disaster, emergency relief and related issues, including analysis of humanitarian needs, operational trends and coordination challenges. - Researches, analyzes and presents information gathered from diverse sources to support strategic humanitarian analysis and planning processes, including the Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan (HNRP) and other inter-agency planning frameworks. - Supports the functioning of national humanitarian coordination mechanisms, including the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG), the Strategic and Operational Humanitarian Country Teams (HCTs) and clusters. - Supports efforts to strengthen linkages between national-level strategic coordination processes and field-level coordination structures, to ensure coherent information flow and alignment of operational priorities. - Assists in the organization of meetings with UN agencies, NGOs, clusters and other partners to facilitate information sharing, planning and coordinated responses to humanitarian needs. - Contributes to the preparation of various written documents, including drafts of analytical reports, briefing notes, background papers, policy guidance and other coordination products. - Develops and maintains reference and resource information on humanitarian coordination priorities, operational developments and policy-related issues; responds to various inquiries and information requests internally and externally. - Performs other duties as required

Expected Outcome of the Deployment:

Strengthened support to key national-level coordination structures, including the Strategic and Operational HCTs, ICCG, clusters and thematic working groups; enhanced linkages and information flows between national and sub-national coordination mechanisms and stakeholders; improved research, analysis, monitoring and reporting to support key processes including the humanitarian architecture review and the 2027 Humanitarian Programme Cycle.

Language(s) Required:

English

Language(s) Desired:

Arabic

Specific Required Skills:

Education: Advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in political science, social science, international studies, public administration, economics, engineering, earth sciences or a related field. A first-level university degree in combination with an additional two (2) years of qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of the advanced university degree. Experience: A minimum of five (5) years of progressively responsible experience in humanitarian affairs, emergency preparedness, crisis/emergency relief management, or other related area is required. Experience supporting inter-agency coordination in a humanitarian setting is required. Experience with the Humanitarian Programme Cycle at country level is required. Experience with localization and/or accountability to affected people at country-level is desirable. Fluency in English is required. Knowledge of Arabic is desirable.

OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

Security Level:**Overall Security Situation:**

3 - Moderate

Duty Travel:

Based in Port Sudan; limited possibility of travel to field locations

Visa Requirements:

Visa to be supported by the office

Please confirm workstation & communication/MOSS equipment will be provided:

True

R&R Cycle and Location/Destination:

6 weeks / Nairobi

Is SSAFE Training Required?

False

Arrangements for SSAFE Training (if required):**Medical Requirements (e.g. Vaccinations):**

Yellow fever

Medical Facilities Available:

UN and private clinics are available in Port Sudan

Living Conditions:

Port Sudan is a non-family duty station, and all UN staff must reside in designated guesthouses

Accommodation Provision:

Guesthouse: individual rooms in shared apartments

APPROVALS

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