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Dear Friends of FAR,

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These pictures show some of the hundreds of returnee families currently staying at the transit centre in Kosti, including Augustina Joseph with her newborn baby Mary, born at the centre only hours before the photo was taken.

Arriving with all that they own, these families are often exhausted, dehydrated, hungry and impoverished. FAR has been leading the emergency response to provide shelter, health care, water, food, and other non-food items. Over 6,000 people, two thirds of them children, are now staying at the way station, originally designed for 800 people. With their onward travel uncertain due to pockets of insecurity in parts of the country, and the limited availability of trains, buses and barges, many of these people have been staying several weeks at the transit centre, with no means to earn money to support their families. In the month of January alone, the transit centre was home to 10,000 people. FAR is drawing on its emergency reserves to feed the returnees and deliver the key services they so urgently need.

Although institutional funders are continuing to provide support for water supply, medical assistance and food, as well as towards FAR's running costs, there remains a gap in providing essential non-food items like shelter materials, and jerry cans. Below is a list of the unit costs of essential items for one family.

Essential Items given to returnees by FAR Sudan

Plastic sheets for shelter: \$26

Bamboo poles (set of 10): \$12

Bucket for washing: \$4

Jerry Can for collecting water: \$3

One week of Nutritious Meals: \$16

Total cost for helping one family: \$61

Anything which you can provide to help will go entirely to Providing these items straight to those who need them most. Thank you,

Leticia Thomas, Communications Officer
FAR Sudan



To make a donation online go to www.canadahelps.org. Selecting the Emergency Response Fund will help replenish our stock of these items and will go a long way to ensuring that FAR can help all those in need, no matter how many there are. For other ways to support FAR, please visit our website or contact us in Sudan or Canada.

