The NFI Common Pipeline (CP) is a successfully managed inter-agency project, ensuring the timely provision of essential non-food items and emergency shelter to populations who have lost their household possessions as a result of conflict or disaster. It provides approximately 90 percent of the Sector requirements in Darfur. Maximizing economies of scale, the Pipeline promotes supply chain efficiencies by reducing costs, avoiding duplication of efforts, standardizing items distributed, and thus promoting effectiveness. UNJLC acts as overall manager of the NFI CP, which is a partnership comprised of UNJLC, UNICEF, IOM, OCHA, RCO and national and international NGOs. In addition, UNJLC also manages NFI CP warehousing operations, with warehouses in El Obeid, El Fasher, Nyala and Geneina.

The items provided through the NFI CP are designed for emergency response only and are not intended to be a permanent solution to the population’s losses. NFIs provided to targeted populations are selected based on needs established during assessments.

Funding Requirements for Referendum Contingency Planning 2011

As of now, the only funding committed for procurement of NFIs for 2011 beneficiary caseload was 1 million Euros via ECHO. UNICEF, the NFI Common Pipeline procurement partner, expects to have NFI items for 25,000 households in country by January. However, this figure excludes the procurement of cooking sets which were left out from procurement due to the expense and the fact that local procurement of cooking sets is possible if funding is made available. Total immediate funding requirements for the NFI Common Pipeline referendum contingency planning are estimated to be 2.8 million USD. This figure encompasses the initial funding for the most likely scenario and is based on the assumption that the NFI CP will cater for the full case load. The cost for catering for the worst case scenario has also been estimated as part of the contingency preparation work. See table 1 below for details.