

Central African Republic (CAR) – SUDAN SITUATION

21-28 February 2024



Sudanese refugees in the Korsi neighborhood in Birao, CAR. @UNHCR.

Overview of the situation

- Ongoing clashes between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and Rapid Support Forces (RSF) have continued for more than 300 days since the outbreak of conflict in April 2023.
- On 20 February, [the Expanded Mechanism for the Resolution of the Sudan Crisis](#) convened a meeting at the level of Permanent Representatives to the African Union, in which members were introduced to the newly-appointed AU High-Level Panel for Sudan. The Participants all stressed the critical importance of working towards a ceasefire and expressed the imperative of ensuring coordination of the various mediation initiatives.

Situation and Operational Response

Highlights

- Korsi hosts 7,893 Sudanese refugees (3,817 households), primarily women and children. Some 5,124 refugees (2,416 families) arrived since 1 January. In addition, some 10,000 Sudanese refugees are reported to be living in other locations, in highly vulnerable conditions and very hard-to-reach areas. Since April 2023, CAR has hosted 28,785 Sudanese refugees, most of whom live in the Vakaga prefecture.

Population Movements and Registration

Population movements through the border area of Am Dafock to Birao in Korsi continue, with an average of 113 arrivals per day. There was a slight increase from last week's average of 103. If this trend continues, Korsi will reach 10,000 inhabitants by the beginning of March and 15,000 people by mid-April.

Protection

INTERSOS conducted 20 monitoring visits, including three in Birao neighbourhoods, three at the MINUSCA office, and 14 in Korsi, to collect and monitor protection incidents and coach community groups.

One hundred thirty people with special needs were registered during the reporting week, some of whom were referred to INTERSOS for support.

Prevention & Response against gender-based violence (GBV)

INTERSOS conducted three discussion group sessions in Korsi's safe space on the prevention of

violence against women and girls after food distribution. A total of 94 women and girls were reached.

Education

Forty-one refugee children arrived, including 16 girls and 25 boys, who were enrolled at the Nguerendomon school near Korsi. The children still need school supplies.

Shelter and Core Relief Items (CRIs)

UNHCR's partner, NOURRIR, is building 40 new emergency shelter structures in Korsi, which will be allocated to newly arrived refugees.

Health and Nutrition

NOURRIR and IMC conducted 816 curative medical consultations during the reporting week, including 87 from the host population (10.66%) and 729 from refugees (89.33%) living in Korsi. Three hundred eighteen of whom are new arrivals (39.97%).

Three births were documented during the reporting week. The cumulative total for 2024 is 15 deliveries for 16 newborns. Additionally, 13 children received multi-antigen vaccines. Ten tetanus vaccines were administered to pregnant women. A total of 30 children and 15 pregnant women were vaccinated against tetanus since the beginning of the year.

During the reporting week, six thousand nine hundred seventy-eight hot meals were served to refugees at Korsi. From 2 January to 23 February, UNHCR's partner NOURRIR served 62,580 hot meals. The quantities distributed during this period amounted to 24 tonnes of food, including rice, beans, oil, and salt.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

NOURRIR conducted awareness-raising activities on hygiene and sanitation promotion in Korsi, benefiting 500 refugees. The week's topics included good practices in drinking water (the water chain), treatment with organic products in emergency latrines, and disinfection.

Response Plans and Funding Situation

Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP) – January – December 2024

> On 7 February, UNHCR and 81 organisations launched the [Regional Refugee Response Plan](#), with an appeal for USD 1.4 Billion to provide essential aid and protection to 2.7 million people expected to arrive in five neighbouring countries by the end of 2024, fleeing the ongoing conflict in Sudan.

UNHCR Supplementary Appeal – January - December 2024

> UNHCR's total financial requirement for the 2024 Sudan Emergency Supplementary Appeal – in Sudan and neighbouring countries – amounts to USD 988.1 million. As of 14 February, the total available funding for the appeal is approximately 4% of the funding requirements.

Resources

- UNHCR's [Operational Data Portal \(ODP\) for the Sudan Situation](#) provides daily updates on the refugee and returnee arrivals in Sudan's neighbouring countries.
- [UNHCR Global Focus Sudan Operation page](#)
- [UNHCR Sudan Emergency website](#)

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