Chad – Sudanese Emergency

16 September 2024

Sixteen months into the Sudan conflict, **more than 10 million people have been displaced,** and **almost 2 million have fled** to neighbouring countries, including Chad.

As of 09 September, Chad has counted more than **600,000 new refugees from Sudan; 89% are women and children**. In support of the Government of Chad, **UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO and National**

UNICEF, UNFPA, FAO, and international NGOs provide protection and assistance in border sites and refugee settlements. UNHCR and IOM support the Government in coordinating the humanitarian response to refugees and returnees.

The most urgent needs remain to relocate refugees from the border to organized sites and ensure access to water, shelter, food, core relief items, health, and education.

KEY INDICATORS

640,593

New refugees counted as of 09 September 2024, i.e., 180,261 households

589,613 **pre-registered/registered biometrically** in Abéché, Adré, Am Nabak, Arkoum, Djabal, Farchana, Gaga, Goz Amir, Iridimi, Kounougou, Metché, Milé, Aboutengué, Oure Cassoni, Tissi, Touloum, Zabout, Dougui

89%

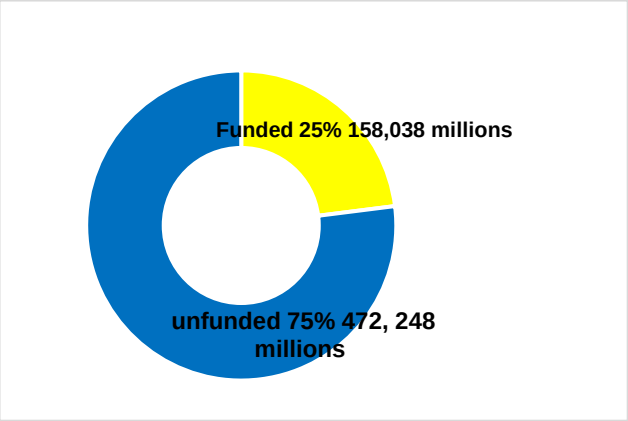
Registered are **Women and children**

14%

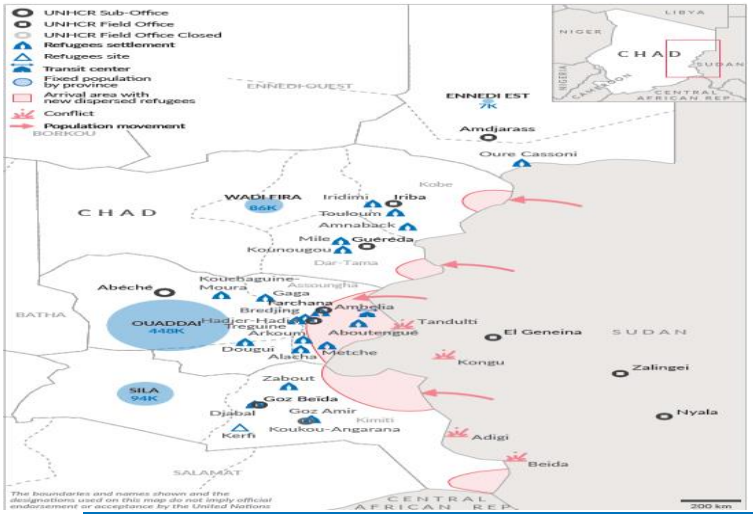
registered have **specific needs**

BUDGET REQUIRED FOR CHAD UNDER THE RRRP FOR THE SUDAN SITUATION (AS OF 16 SEPTEMBER 2024)

$630.2 million



The 2024 RRRP is financed at 25%. Microsoft Power BI



Election of refugee leaders in Abeche © UNHCR/Bienvenu Daldigue

Emergency Response Achievements

Coordination

- In response to the commitment made by the UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina J. Mohamed during her visit to Adré, a joint UNDP, UNHCR, and UNICEF feasibility mission was conducted this week, on 6 September 2024. The team met with the Secretary-General of Assounga Prefecture and women's leaders to discuss plans for constructing a vocational training centre. A site has been identified, and the technical design and cost estimate have been completed. The preliminary project summary is being drafted and submitted for the RC review on 20 September before sending it to the DSG's Office on 25 September 2024.
- On 5 September 2024, a joint UNHCR, local authorities, and technical teams mission visited the proposed Amzoer site for potential development to host Sudanese new refugees. The local authorities, including the Prefect and Mayor, guided the site tour, and the technical teams collected information on the site's potential for hosting refugees. A second follow-up mission will be conducted at a later date. The technical report will be shared shortly with the UNHCR Senior Management.

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RELOCATION

- The relocation of new arrivals from border areas has been suspended temporarily due to bad weather conditions, making the refugee sites inaccessible by road.

PROTECTION

- From 2 to 6 September 2024, a total of 4,730 new arrivals (1,196 households) crossed the border at the entry points of Adré, Tiné and Birak in eastern Chad. This is the highest number of new arrivals in several weeks due to conflict-related issues such as bombings and threats related to conflicts between Arabs and Massalites. The refugees came mainly from Saraf Djidad, El Geneina, Sirba, Kondobe, Mornei camp, Ardamata, Tendelti, Al Fasher, Nyala, and Kreinik. Since April 2023 and the start of the crisis in Sudan, 640,593 Sudanese refugees have been registered in Chad, including 153,842 new arrivals in 2024.
- There are plans to relocate more than 300 new arrivals from the transit centres at the Tine border crossing point to the Mile refugee site by next week, pending meteorological conditions.
- UNHCR's partner Association pour la Promotion des Libertés Fondamentales au Tchad (APLFT) recorded twenty-eight (28) new protection cases, mainly of criminal and civil nature. Seven follow-up cases were made, which helped assess the victims' conditions and resolved one. Some criminal cases were postponed due to the absence of civil parties.

- Four visits were made to detention centres in Bredjing, Arkoum, Allacha, and Hadjer-Hadid to assess refugee conditions. Eight refugees, including two minors, were held in custody in Allacha, Treguine, and Hadjer-Hadid for various crimes. The visit led to the release of those with minor crimes while the others were transferred to the brigade for further investigation.
- UNHCR and APLFT organized a training session for 30 staff members as part of the Engaging Men through Accountable Practices (EMAP) pilot project in Farchana. This project aims to prevent violence against women and girls by involving men in accountable practices. Additionally, on 2 September 2024, a total of 45 people (22 women) received training on preventing sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), anti-corruption, and anti-fraud in the Aboutengue refugee site.
- Following the training of senior managers on PSEA in Ndjamena by a team from Geneva, the roll-out of the training continued in two UNHCR offices during the reporting period. The training reminds colleagues of the organization's "zero tolerance on PSEA."
- A total of 25 gender-based violence (GBV) survivors received psychosocial and medical support, including physical protection from law enforcement officers.
- Five awareness sessions were held on "the causes and consequences of physical aggression," reaching 1,125 people.
- On 2 September 2024, the UNHCR office in Goz-Beida held a validation workshop for two Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) concerning the Best Interest Determination of the Child (BID) and Persons with Specific Needs (PSNs). The session included partners responsible for protection, health, and state representatives. The SOPs were validated and will help in managing BID and PSN cases.
- In the fight against statelessness, 58 birth certificates were issued for refugee children during the reporting period.
- Community-based child protection structures identified 39 new children-at-risk cases, including severe physical disability, hearing and vision impairments, mental disabilities, unaccompanied minors, and children not in school. The children have been referred to various protection facilities for appropriate assistance.
- 458 consultations/complaints were received. The complaints related to various WASH, health, food assistance, shelter, physical security, and resettlement. Of these, 164 complaints received feedback, and the others are pending.
- 111 new cases of persons with specific needs (PSNs), primarily women, were identified. These PSNs received individual counselling, and those in poor health were referred to the health center.

HEALTH/NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION

- 755,293 medical consultations have been carried out since the beginning of the emergency, including 15,974 new consultations over the past week. Malaria, acute respiratory infections (ARI), watery diarrhoea and malnutrition are the main diseases.
- 59,013 cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and 27,032 cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) were treated among children aged 6 to 59 months screened.
- During the past week, 9,730 children were screened, including 609 MAM and 286 MAS.

- 81,508 pregnant and lactating women were screened; 6,442 cases of MAM were treated. For the past week, 1,796 pregnant women were screened, including 69 women with moderate malnutrition.
- 16,680 mental health cases were received for consultation and treatment, including 102 new cases last week.
- 10,127 births attended by qualified personnel have been recorded since the start of the emergency, including 194 births last week.
- 2,891 Hepatitis E suspected cases have been recorded, with seven deaths, including two pregnant women.
- IRC handed the health services to IMC at the Dougui refugee site. MEDAIR will manage the health facility's nutrition aspect.
- A cholera contingency plan preparation meeting was held with the district, health partners, and the WASH working group to review and update the plan and assess the capacities of the different actors.
- The ACF has finalized the analysis of the Standardized Monitoring and Assessment for Relief and Transition (SMART) nutritional survey results at the Metché refugee site. The preliminary report will be shared during week 37.
- WFP food distributions for August at the Allacha and Arkoum sites benefited 57,625 refugees (15,133 households). Additionally, each household in Allacha received an impregnated mosquito net. In Dougui, food distribution was delayed for ten days because WFP trucks were stocked in the mud caused by the seasonal floods.

CBI

- WFP's cash distribution at the Milé and Kounoungou refugee sites assisted 2,616 households (12,529 refugees). A total of 200,460,000 XAF (approximately 338, 848 USD) was distributed.
- Cash distribution at the Zabout site resumed on 5 September 2024 after being interrupted due to funding issues. A total of 48,345 individuals (11,785 households) received 774,312,000 XAF (approximately 1,308,861 US dollars).
- WFP launched a seasonal cash assistance program for vulnerable households in the Iriba Department, providing each household 72,000 XAF (122 US dollars) for 45 days with nutritional supplements for pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, and children. WFP also coordinated with CRT and CNARR to distribute cash to 6,193 households (12,125 individuals) for August and September.

Livelihood

- On 3 September 2024, UNHCR launched the distribution of 3,000 plants (2,100 forest plants and 900 fruit plants) produced by CIAUD at the Kounoungou refugee site. This aligns with UNHCR's plan to rehabilitate the environment by planting more trees.
- FAO launched a twelve-month resilience project titled "Emergency support to mitigate the impact of the pastoral lean season and strengthen the resilience of livestock farmers in the Ouaddaï Province of Chad." The project, funded by FAO, will be implemented in the Guergné and Bardé

cantons. It aims to support livestock vaccination, distribute agricultural inputs, and establish farmer field schools, village savings, and credit associations. The initiative will also involve collaboration with national NGOs and government bodies to enhance the resilience of livestock farmers.

- 587 forest and fruit seedlings were distributed in the Farchana extension site, bringing the total number of seedlings distributed in the site and surrounding villages to 883.

SHELTER / WATER, HYGIENE AND SANITATION AND CRIS

- An evaluation of latrines damaged by floods revealed that 292 in Goz-Amir and 260 in Kerfi have collapsed. In Farchana, 288 damaged shelters have been rebuilt, and an additional 58 shelters have been rehabilitated.
- Efforts are underway to convert all boreholes to hybrid mode in response to the reduced productivity of solar pumps during cloudy weather. Additionally, the rehabilitation of nine water tanks, including eight Oxfam tanks of 95 m³ and one tank of 11 m³ at the CDS, is ongoing due to significant leaks. The discharge network in the Djabal refugee site needs to increase its capacity or build a second one to better serve the site.

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Working in partnership

As part of this emergency response, UNHCR is working with the following partners:

- **Coordination and Registration**: CNARR
- **Relocation :** AIRD, CIAUD, CNARR, CRT, IRC
- **Protection:** ADES, ADRA, ANATS, ASTBEF, CNARR, COOPI, CRT, UNFPA, HIAS, KITES, OXFAM, UNICEF, APLFT
- **Health and nutrition:** ADES, IRC, ACF, Health and food security, Concern Worldwide, French Red Cross, CRT, MSF (France, Holland, Switzerland), Première Urgence International (PUI), Solidarités International/ACHDR, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP, and WHO
- **Food distribution:** WFP, CRT
- **Shelter, water, hygiene, and sanitation:** ADES, CRT, INTERSOS, IRC, LMI, SECADEV, in collaboration with ACTED, ADRA, ADRO, ACAFDI, ACF, AFDI, CARE, FLM, HELP TCHAD, MSF France, OXFAM, SAHKAL, Solidarités International/ACHDR, UNICEF, WFP and WORLD VISION

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