Chad – Sudanese Emergency

13 December 2024

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

As of 09 December, Chad has counted more than **700,000 new refugees from Sudan; 89% are women and children**. In support of the Government of Chad, **UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO FAO and national 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 need remains to relocate refugees from the border to consolidated refugee sites and ensure access to water, shelter, food, core relief items, health, and education.

KEY INDICATORS

721,707

New refugees counted as of 09 December 2024, i.e., 200,862 households

640,222 **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

88%

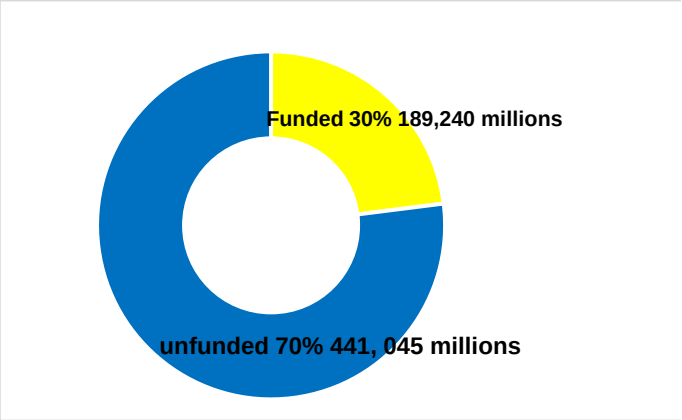
Registered are **Women and children**

15%

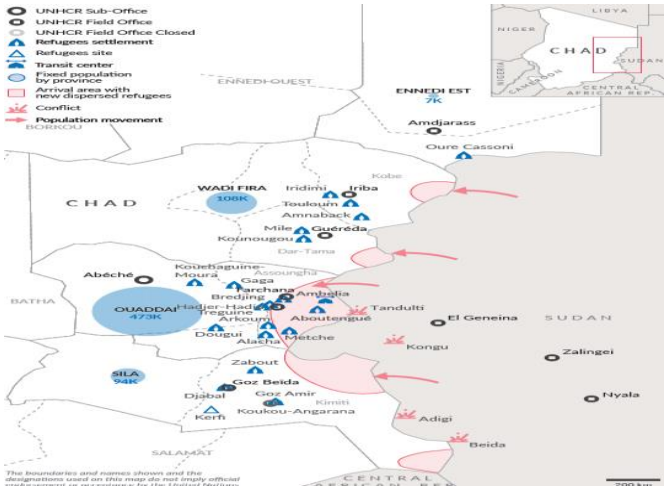
registered have **specific needs**

BUDGET REQUIRED FOR CHAD UNDER THE RRRP FOR THE SUDAN SITUATION (AS OF 13 DECEMBER 2024)

$630.2 million



The 2024 RRRP is financed at 30%. Microsoft Power BI



Nettoyage de la rue à Abéché par les réfugiés urbains dans le cadre des activités de 16 jours d'activisme contre les violences basées sur le genre.©UNHCR/Bienvenu Daldigue.

Emergency Response Achievements

Coordination

- The United Nations system, composed of UNHCR, OCHA, UNFPA, and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, organized a joint training/awareness workshop on UN Civil-Military Coordination, protection, human rights, and gender for defence and security forces, humanitarian actors, civil authorities, civil society organizations and community leaders from 3 to 6 December 2024. Fifty (50) participants were equipped on the above-mentioned themes, including 20 military personnel.
- From 4 to 5 December 2024, the Program Unit organized a retreat on reporting and partner management tools to strengthen the capacities of especially the new partners selected for UNHCR programme implementation in 2025. The retreat took place in Abeche.

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RELOCATION

- 191 individuals (67 households) were relocated from Adré to Dougui. On 5 December 2024, the 332 refugees (106 households) temporarily accommodated at the Kounoungou transit centre were transferred to the Koursigué site.

PROTECTION

- From 2 to 8 December 2024, a total of 2,555 individuals (852 households) fleeing insecurity in Sudan entered the Chadian territory through the Tine, Adré and Bahaï border entry points. The new arrivals are mostly women and children and come mainly from Al Fasher and other towns and villages in North Darfur. Chad has since received 721,707 new arrivals (200,862 households), including 236,757 in 2024 alone.
- During the week under review, 1,606 newborns were registered in Breidjing, Aboutengué, and Farchana. Since the continuous biometric registration launch, 6,414 newborns have been registered in five refugee sites; 6,172 asylum seekers have also been registered in the Oure Cassoni refugee site.
- The 2024 edition of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities was organized on 5 December 2024 across the various refugee sites. The day was commemorated under the theme “Amplifying the Leadership of Persons with Disabilities for an Inclusive and Sustainable Future” and aimed to demonstrate that people with disabilities have the same rights as other community members.
- Seventy-three (73) protection incidents were documented during the reporting period. The cases were mostly criminal in nature. The victims benefited from legal advice and guidance from UNHCR and protection partners.
- During nine protection monitoring visits at detention centres, four minors were found in police custody at the Territorial Brigade of Iriba accused of aggravated thefts. UNHCR and its partner

discussed the question of respecting the rights of the minors with the brigade. Another refugee was released due to a lack of evidence in the charge (arson) brought against him.

- In a bid to prevent statelessness, the Sub-prefecture of Guereda Rural issued eighty (80) birth certificates to refugee children in Kounoungou through the Agence Nationale des Titres Sécurisés du Tchad (ANATS).
- On 5 December 2024, a "Say No to Sexual Misconduct" training session was held in Goz Beida for PSEA focal points and managers of organizations working in the Sila Province. Twenty-four representatives from various organizations were in attendance. At the end of the session, all participants signed the Code of Conduct and committed to opposing sexual misconduct. A similar session will be held the following week for the Commission Nationale pour l'Accueil et la Réinsertion des Réfugiés et des Rapatriés (CNARR) and Détachement pour la Protection des Humanitaire et des Réfugiés (DHPR) staff.
- One hundred and forty-five (145) children at risk, including separated children with serious medical conditions and children with disabilities, were identified and documented by the Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS), the Association pour la Promotion des Libertés Fondamentales au Tchad (APLFT) and the Hebrew Immigrant Aid (HIAS). The cases were referred to health partners to assess their best interests and ensure care.
- On 3 December 2024, the humanitarian team in the Kouchaguine Moura refugee site organized elections to establish refugee community governance structures. The elected leaders will now be the primary contacts between humanitarians and refugees and will help administer the refugee site.

HEALTH/NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION

- 985,086 medical consultations have been conducted since the start of the emergency, including 15,129 new consultations over the past week. Malaria, acute respiratory infections (ARI), watery diarrhoea and malnutrition are the main diseases.
- 70,349 cases of moderate acute malnutrition (Mam) and 31,140 cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) have been treated among children aged 6 to 59 months screened.
- Over the past week, 14,380 children were screened, including 710 MAM and 318 MAS.
- 107,171 pregnant and breastfeeding women were screened; 8,084 cases of MAM were treated.
- Over the past week, 1,313 pregnant women were screened, including 77 women with moderate malnutrition.
- 18,047 mental health cases were received for consultation and treatment, including 160 new cases.
- 13,206 births attended by qualified health personnel have been recorded since the start of the emergency, including 299 births last week.
- A training on capacity building for integrated TB-HIV-Malaria management was organized by the Ministry of Health through the Sectoral Program for the Fight against AIDS and sexually transmitted infections, in collaboration with the UN Joint Team on HIV in Adré, with support from UNHCR. A total of 33 healthcare providers participated in the training.

- There was a progressive decline in activity during week 48, with 250 children screened, showing a MAG rate of 10%, including 2.8% SAM and 7.2% MAM. These rates remain higher than those observed in previous weeks. From January to date, a total of 50,510 children have been screened at the Sudanese border, of whom 653 were diagnosed with SAM (1.3%) and 1,713 with MAM (3.4%), resulting in an overall acute malnutrition rate of 4.7%, which is considered acceptable.
- 165 children were vaccinated with BCG, Penta 3, VAT and against measles.
- Since 2 December, the World Relief partner deployed a team of 7 staff members (2 nurses, 1 midwife, 1 ATS nutritionist, 1 social worker, and 1 nursing assistant) at the new Koursigué refugee site.
- 58,718 individuals (15,774 households) received WFP's food in Adré and Dougi during the reporting period.

CBI

- WFP's cash distribution at the Kounougou refugee site occurred from 3 to 6 December 2024. 1,642 households (12,687 beneficiaries) were served. The distribution continues in Touloum, with 2,625 households (7,607 individuals) served so far.
- The Projet d'appui aux réfugiés et aux communautés d'accueil (PARCA) – a World Bank project for refugees and host communities - assisted 502 vulnerable households of new refugees at a rate of 60,000 XAF francs per household. As 1,181 households of Sudanese refugees received 45,000 XAF.

Environment/livelihood

- To promote environmental protection and reduce firewood consumption, improved stoves were distributed to 1,080 refugees and to 120 host community beneficiaries in Dougui.

SHELTER / WATER, HYGIENE AND SANITATION AND CRIS

- To manage the increasing influxes that Oure Cassoni is experiencing following the deadly attack on five Sudanese villages near the border, UNHCR and partners ADES and IRC are preparing to construct transit centres, including WASH facilities near the border entry points. The number keeps increasing from one province to another. Recently, the Ennedi Est has received an upsurge in the number of new arrivals compared to the previous months.
- Secours Catholique Développement (SECADEV) distributed sanitation kits to 789 new refugee households in Mile and Kounougou. The distribution will continue next week for the remaining households.
- Of the 1,000 family shelters planned to be built in the new Koursigué refugee site, 481 have been completed, and 205 are occupied.
- As part of the fight against the hepatitis E epidemic, MSF-Waca commenced distributing hygiene kits (20-litre jerrycans and powdered soaps) to the 6,715 households in the Touloum refugee extension site during the reporting period. This activity targeted all households in the site's extension.

- ACF has drilled three (03) boreholes to benefit the Koulbous community. The boreholes with flow rates of 03.3 m3/h, 06.21 m3/h, and 06.42 m3/h, and 109 m3 of water were pumped, treated with chlorine, and distributed.
- During the period under review, the Red Cross, in collaboration with UNHCR, CNARR and AIRD, distributed core relief items to 1,367 individuals (458 households), including 10 vulnerable households at the Dougui refugee.

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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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