Chad – Sudanese Emergency

20 January 2025

Almost 21 months into the Sudan conflict, more than 12 million people have been displaced, and more than three million have fled to neighbouring countries, including Chad.

As of 6 January 2025, Chad has counted more than **700,000 new refugees from Sudan; 88% are women and children**. In support of the Government of Chad, **UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO**

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 protection services, water, shelter, food, non-food items, health, and education.

KEY INDICATORS

723,951

New refugees counted as of 6 January 2025, i.e., 201,531 households

652,591 **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%

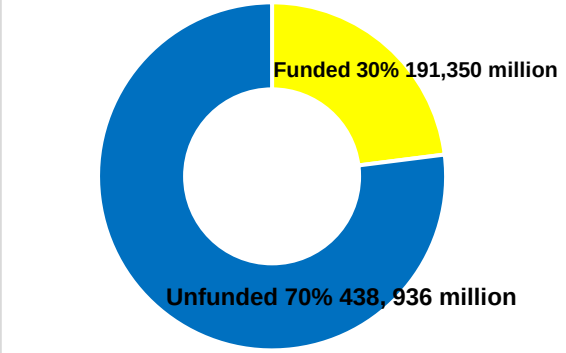
registered are **women and children**

15%

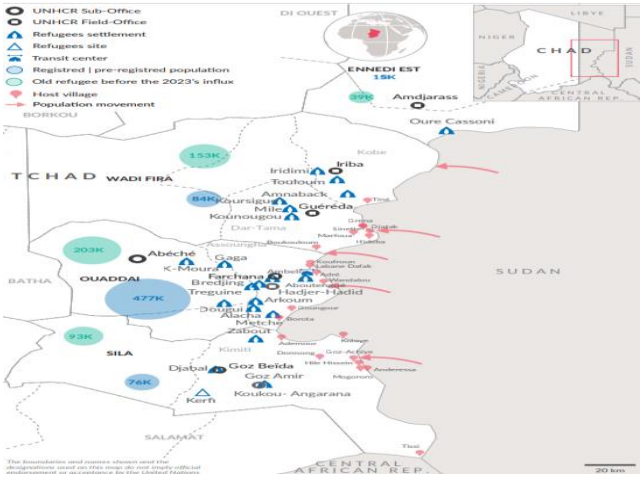
registered have **specific needs**

BUDGET REQUIRED FOR CHAD UNDER THE RRRP FOR THE SUDAN SITUATION (AS OF 20 JANUARY 2025)

$630.2 million



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



The Sudanese crisis continues to force families to seek asylum in Chad. In Tiné, Wadi-Fira, Fatime HARAM Acyl, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, the RC, the UNHCR Representative, and the Prefect of Tiné welcomed new refugee households and discussed with refugees waiting for relocation. ©UNHCR/Bienvenu Daldigue

Emergency Response Achievements

Coordination

- In a message, the Commissioner of the Commission Nationale pour l'Accueil et la Réinsertion des Réfugiés et des Rapatriés (CNARR) has invited partners to join the Prefect, CNARR, and UNHCR to raise awareness among refugees through refugee leaders to encourage them to relocate to consolidated refugee sites instead of staying at the Adré refugee spontaneous site at the border. He cited good reasons (significant increase in insecurity in the town, prolonged agricultural land occupation, with owners demanding its return, reasonable distance from the border: approximately 50 km from the border regarding acceptable standards) in support of the government's decision. He urged partners to cooperate.
- On 6 and 7 January, the Governor of Ouaddaï and the commander of the Chad-Sudan joint force visited Adré to mark the new prefect's appointment. The delegation met with humanitarian actors and refugee leaders in Adré, where the Governor ordered the relocation of refugees to consolidated refugee sites for better management and improved border security.

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RELOCATION

- 482 refugees (144 households) were relocated from the Adré spontaneous site to the Dougui refugee site and 14 individuals (5 households) to Abougoudam.
- On 8 January 2025, 577 new arrivals (191 households) were temporarily relocated from Tine to the Mile refugee site. This group will eventually be relocated to the new Koursigue refugee site pending the construction of additional shelters.

PROTECTION

- Between 6 and 12 January, Chad received 1,972 new arrivals, bringing the total to 2,384 in 2025. Since the start of the conflict on 15 April 2023, 725 923 new Sudanese new arrivals have sought refuge in Chad. General violence and human rights abuses, including forced conscription of children into fighting forces, remain the main reasons for flight. During the border monitoring, all the household heads informed the team that entering Chadian territory was no difficulty compared to the Sudan side of the border, where individual documents and precious items were confiscated by the fighting forces. They also informed of family separations and forced recruitment of men and adolescents into the ranks of Rapid Support Forces.

- From 7 to 10 January 2025, a joint UNHCR-CNARR-ADES-AIRD-NIRVANA-CRT mission visited the Tine border crossing point. The mission facilitated the screening and pre-registration of new arrivals. In total, 1,578 new arrivals (517 households) were pre-registered.
  On 11 January 2025, UNHCR facilitated a capacity-building session in Guereda on "civil status: issues and challenges of birth registration." The session, attended by 64 participants from various sectors (protection, justice, education, health, social workers, religious and community leaders), aimed to enhance knowledge on civil status issues. Discussions covered international, regional, and national standards, birth certificate issuance for refugees and host community children, the importance of birth registration, and the risks of non-declaration. A presentation on the birth registration process was also made.
- NRC facilitated a mobile hearing with the president of the ADRE court and the judicial staff for the issuance of birth certificates to children outside the legal deadline by supplementary judgments in Aboutengué. A total of 320 refugee children benefited from birth certificates.
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- 13 refugee students at El Geneina University received 460,000 XAF (approximately $744) each to cover educational and internship needs. More than 1,400 students in Abéché, N'Djamena, Adré, and Iriba benefited from either the Mixed Migration Scholarship or the Mastercard Foundation Scholarship between December and early January. These scholarship recipients comprise 80% refugees and 20% Chadian nationals. The establishment of these scholarships was made possible through a tripartite partnership agreement signed between UNHCR, JRS, and the various academic institutions in the country. In order to honour the commitment, UNHCR and its educational partner JRS continue to support selected young refugees and Chadian nationals, based on excellence, in pursuing higher education.
- UNHCR, through the Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS), supported 1,300 students at Adam Barka University, the Higher Normal School, and the National Institute of Science and Technology in Abéché with 460,000 XAF each. This initiative aims to facilitate access to higher education for young refugees and local Chadian students in eastern Chad and reduce migration in high-risk areas.
- Three refugee groups, consisting of Central African and Sudanese refugees in Abéché, received materials and financial support from UNHCR through its partner APLFT to initiate income-generating activities. This initiative is designed to promote the integration and empowerment of refugees in urban environments. Establishing two hairdressing salons (for both men and women) and a tailoring workshop will provide livelihood opportunities for over 40 refugees.

CBI

- WFP’s cash distribution started in the Djabal refugee site on 7 January 2025 for two months. In total, 8,185 individuals (2,283 households) have been served cash at 16,000 XAF (approximately 26 USD dollars) per person at a rate of 8,000 XAF for the 30 days.
- The Chadian Red Cross, in partnership with WFP, CNARR, and Express Union, completed the cash-based food assistance distribution in Tréguine; 2,321 households were assisted, and in Bredjing, 4,075 households received support.

HEALTH/NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION

- 336 children were vaccinated for all antigens combined, and 70 were vaccinated against measles.
- From 30 December 2024, health centres in Bredging and Tréguine, with the help of refugee leaders and management committees, began distributing nutritional products (plumpy nut, super cereals, etc.) to children aged 6 to 23 months and pregnant and breastfeeding women. Bredging assisted 4,950 individuals, and Tréguine 3,700.
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SHELTER / WATER, HYGIENE AND SANITATION AND CRIS

- On 9 January 2025, UNHCR and partners completed the distribution of non-food items to 5,283 new arrivals (1890 households) in the Oure Cassoni refugee site.
- 415 shelters out of 600 have been completed in the Mile refugee site, of which 268 have already been allocated to the new arrivals.
- From 06 to 08 January 2025, a total of 5872 flood victims (971 households) in the Goz-Amir refugee site received non-food items.

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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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