EASTERN CHAD

22 December 2025

SUDANESE SITUATION – FLASH UPDATES #21

Key numbers

1,478,621
Refugees and asylum seekers – 15 December 2025[1]

900,893
New Sudanese refugee arrivals – 21 December 2025[2]

177,354
New Sudanese refugees registered since January 2025

Funding

$701.4 M requested for the Sudanese Emergency Interagency Regional Refugee Response Plan - Jan- Dec 2025 - **35%** of funding received

Update on Refugee Movements

Cross-Border Movements into Chad

Since the latest attack in El Fasher at the end of October, 17,665 new arrivals (6,835 families) have been registered along Chad's eastern borders, including 59% (10,372 individuals from 3653 families) entered through Oure Cassoni – Bahai and Kariari (Ennedi East), 31% (5,573 individuals from 2,387families) crossed via Tiné (Wadi Fira), and 10% (1,720 individuals from 795 families) arrived through Adré and Adikong (Ouaddaï).

Population Movements and Trends

Between 15 and 21 December, a total of 1,753 refugees were registered in Chad—a decrease of 650 people (12%) compared to the previous week (08 to 14 December, 2,403 arrivals) and slightly above the weekly average for November (2,021 individuals).

On 21 December alone, UNHCR registered 76 individuals (26 families), primarily from Berdick, El Fasher, Zamzam, and Karo. The newly arrived refugees belong to the Zaghawa, Fur, Masalit, and Maba ethnic groups.

Women and children represent 87% of the population, and 21% have specific needs, including 24 unaccompanied or separated minors, 2 persons with disabilities, 2 pregnant women, and 1 older adult. About 52% of families possess Sudanese documentation, such as birth certificates, passports, and nationality certificates.

Analysis of data

Despite persistent insecurity, severe movement restrictions, and significant protection risks along major routes—which continue to hinder safe passage—the influx persists. Escalating violence and increased protection violations in and around El Fasher and other parts of North Darfur remain key drivers of displacement.

Given the volatile and unpredictable security situation in Darfur, combined with worsening economic hardship and mass displacement, cross-border movements into Chad are expected to continue in the coming weeks. The scale and pace of these movements will largely depend on security conditions and road accessibility.

Newly arrived refugees—mostly women and children—reach the border in conditions of exhaustion and trauma, requiring urgent protection and life-saving assistance. The main drivers of displacement include widespread insecurity, sexual violence, forced recruitment, extortion, rampant criminality, movement restrictions, and ethnically driven tensions, all exacerbated by the broader conflict.

Response to the Crisis

Ongoing Response: At the border, life-saving interventions by UNHCR and partners include registration, distribution of household items such as jerrycans, soap, blankets, and mats, health screening (MSF), GBV referral services (Amana Wa Salama) for survivors, and assistance for persons with specific needs (Nirvana).

Relocation: Since April 2023, 599,362 refugees have been relocated from border areas to integrated sites and villages within the country, and the operation is ongoing. This week, nearly 1,700 refugees were relocated to Marassabré (Wadi Fira), Oure Cassoni (Ennedi East), and Dougui, bringing the total number of refugees relocated in December to nearly 13,000.

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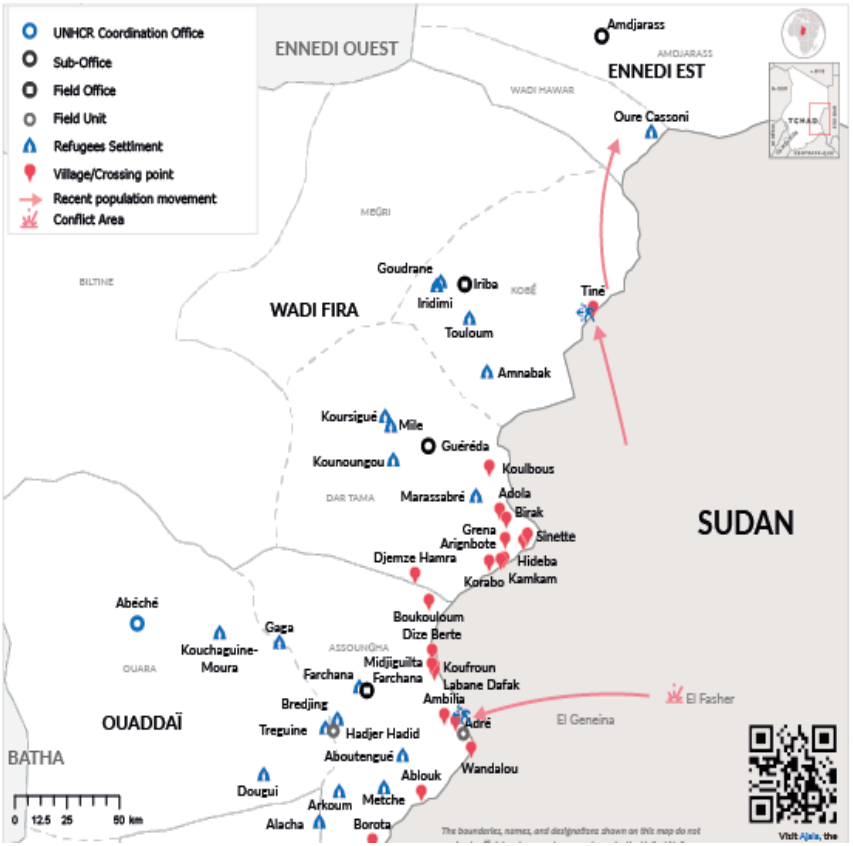
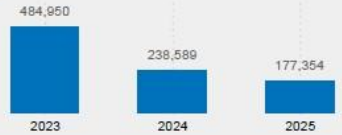


Updated on: 21/12/2025

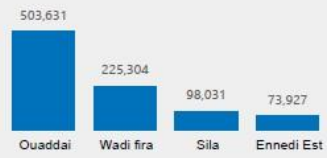
New arrival since april 2023

# Households	# Individuals
257,781	900,893

New arrivals by year



New arrivals by province



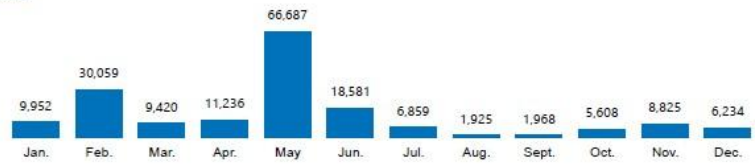
Trends in new arrivals over the part 7 days

250 *Individuals / day*
7-day daily average of arrivals

Trends in new arrivals over the past 4 weeks

2,021 *Individuals / week*
4-week weekly average of arrivals

Monthly trend of arrivals in 2025



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