EASTERN CHAD

22 January 2026

SUDANESE SITUATION – FLASH UPDATES #25

Key numbers

1,502,265
Refugees and asylum seekers in Chad as of December 2025[1]

905,480
New Sudanese refugee arrivals from April 2023 – January 2026[2]

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

Sudanese Conflict Reaches Chadian Territory

The Sudan crisis is increasingly spilling over into Chad, with the Chadian government denouncing a series of armed attacks on its territory. According to media reports published, seven Chadian soldiers were killed during a new incursion by Sudan's Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in eastern region near Tiné. The government condemned the incident as a grave and repeated violation of national sovereignty, recalling that a similar attack along the same border on 26 December had already resulted in the deaths of two Chadian soldiers.

These developments highlight the growing risk that Sudan's internal conflict may extend into Chad at a time when ongoing insecurity in Sudan continues to drive large-scale population movements across the border. Chadian authorities are expressed deep concern over these incursions and have stated they reserve the right to respond.

Cross-Border Movements into Chad

Since the late-October 2025 attack in El Fasher, a total of **25,192 newly arrived refugees** (10,090 families) has been registered along Chad's eastern borders. The influx is distributed across three key entry corridors: Ennedi East (Oure Cassoni) - 13,367 individuals (53%) from 4,958 families, Wadi Fira (Tiné) – 9,015 individuals (36%) from 3,721 families, Ouaddaï (Adré and Adikong) - 2,810 individuals (11%) from 1,311 families.

Population Movements and Trends

Between 15 and 21 January 2025, Chad recorded 1,792 new refugee arrivals. On 21 January alone, **204 individuals (109 families)** fled into Chad, distributed as follows: Oure Cassoni: 128 individuals (52%) from 67 families, Tiné – 67 individuals (27%) from 23 families, Adré/Adikong – 49 individuals (20%) from 19 families.

The newly arrived population originates primarily from El Fasher, Berdick, Ambaru, Zamzam, Kornoi, Mousbate, Orchi, and Abgamara. Refugees are predominantly from the Zaghawa and Birtawi ethnic groups.

Among newly arrivals in Iriba (Ennedi East) Women and children represent 86% of the population and persons with specific needs make up 11 %, including: 4 older adults, 3 unaccompanied and separated children, 2 individuals with gunshots wounds and two persons with living disabilities.

Additionally, 21 % of families arrived carrying Sudanese civil documentation, such as identity cards, birth and marriage certificates, passports, and nationality certificates.

Notable returns: Among those recently crossing into Chad, three families (eight individuals) are former refugees from 2003–2004. They were previously settled in established sites, including Touloum and Iridimi.

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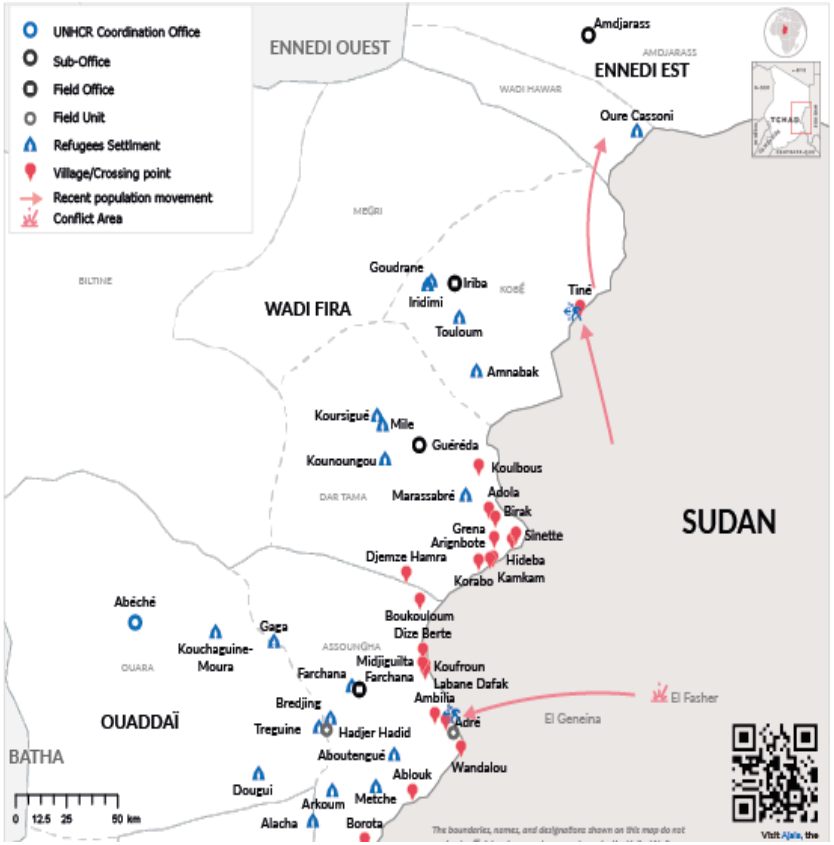
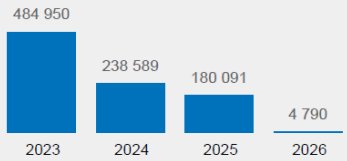


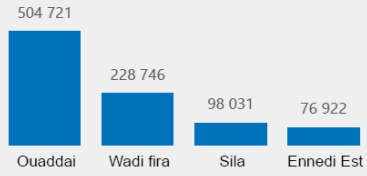
New arrival since april 2023

# Households	# Individuals
261 036	908 420

New arrivals by year

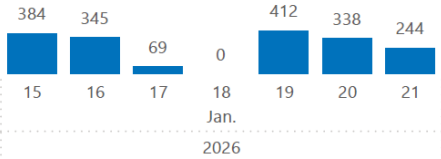


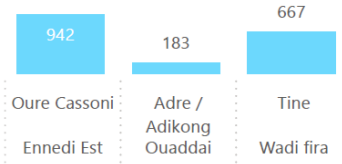
New arrivals by province



Trends in new arrivals over the part 7 days

Daily



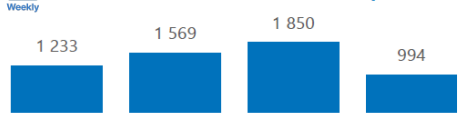


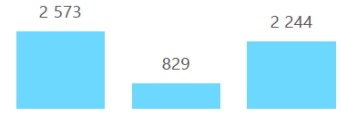
256 ***Individuals / day***

7-day daily average of arrivals

Trends in new arrivals over the past 4 weeks

Weekly



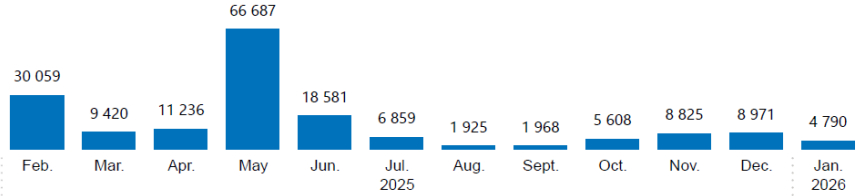


1 580 ***Individuals / week***

4-week weekly average of arrivals

Monthly trend of arrivals over the last 12 months

Monthly



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