EASTERN CHAD

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SUDANESE SITUATION – FLASH UPDATES #45

Key numbers

1,517,616
Refugees and asylum seekers in Chad as of 8 february 2026[1]

913, 537
New Sudanese refugee arrivals from April 2023 – 16 February 2026[2]

10,138
New Sudanese refugees registered since January 2026

Funding

$701.4 M requested for the Sudanese Emergency Interagency Regional Refugee Response Plan - Jan- Dec 2025 - **24 %** of funding received

Update on Refugee Movements

Sudanese Conflict Reaches Chadian Territory

The crisis in Sudan is increasingly spilling over into Chadian territory, with authorities reporting a series of armed incidents along the border. According to media sources, a drone attributed to the Sudanese army struck a position held by the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in Adikong, near in Adré, on Sunday, 15 February 2026. The provisional toll indicates 21 injured individuals, all transferred to Adré for treatment. Three of them, in critical condition, were later evacuated to the provincial hospital in Abéché. No information has yet been released regarding the nationalities of the wounded.

In separate incident, on 13 February 2026, another drone attack reportedly targeted a family traveling by motorcycle from Abgamra (Sudan) toward Tiné (Chad). Tragically, both parents were killed, while their one-year-old daughter miraculously survived. She was rescued by passengers in a passing public transportation and brought safely into Chadian territory.

These incidents highlight the growing risk of the Sudanese conflict spilling into Chad at a time when persistent insecurity in Sudan continues to drive large-scale population movements across the border. Chadian authorities have expressed deep concern over the increasing frequency of drone attacks, which have previously struck areas of eastern Chad - particularly the Tiné zone in Wadi-Fira.

Cross-Border Movements into Chad

Since the attack in late October 2025 in El Fasher, a total of 30,540 new refugees (12,377 families) has crossed into eastern Chad. Arrivals are distributed across three main corridors: **Ennedi East (Oure-Cassoni):** 16,120 individuals (53%) from 6,095 families, **Wadi Fira (Tiné):** 10,563 individuals (35%) from 4,447 families, and Ouaddaï (Adré and Adikong): 3,857 individuals (13%) from 1,835 families.

Population Movements and Trends

Between February 10 and 16, 2026, Chad recorded 1,150 new arrivals. On February 16 alone, 231 people (92 families) enter Chad through Tiné border points (34%) Oure Cassoni (37%) and Adikong (29%). The number of persons assessing the country through Adikong have risen the last seven day from 7% on 10 February to 29% on 16 February.

The new arrivals come mainly from El Fasher, Berdick, Ambaru, Zamzam, Kornoi, Mousbate, Orchi, and Abgamara, and belong mainly to the Zaghawa and Birtawi ethnic groups.

Demographic profile: 86% of the new arrivals are women and children, while 11% are persons with specific needs, including older persons, unaccompanied or separated children, individuals with gunshot wounds, and persons with disabilities. Pregnant and lactating women are also among the new arrivals.

Additionally, 22% of families arrived with Sudanese civil documents, such as identity cards, birth or marriage certificates, passports, and nationality certificates.

Humanitarian assistance: At the border, partners continue to register new arrivals and provide emergency assistance to the most vulnerable. This week, UNHCR relocated 4,860 refugees from the Tiné transit center to Touloum site (4,232 individuals) and Oure Cassoni (481 indiv.) and from Adre to Dougui (147 indiv.) for better protection and access to services.

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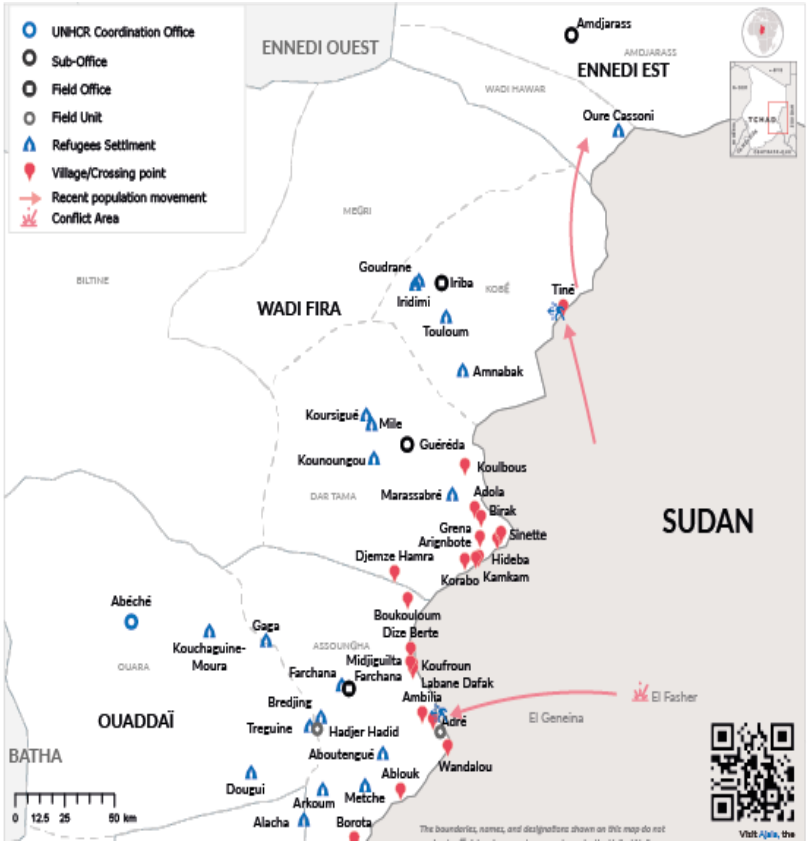

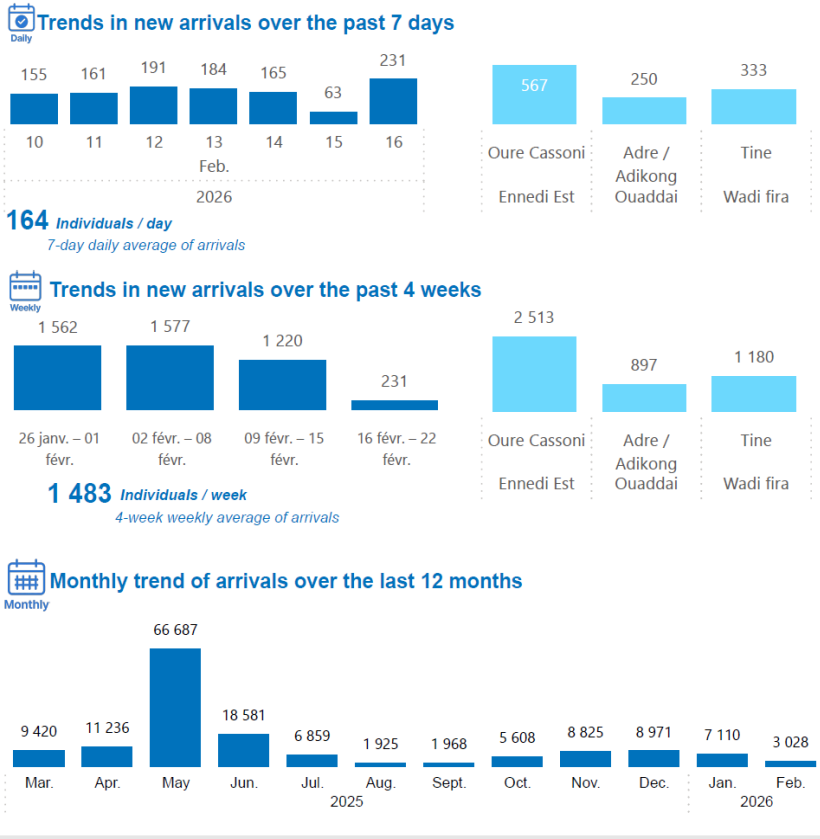

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