

Chad

31 December 2017

606,595

Persons of concern - refugees, asylum seekers, IDPs and returnees - for UNHCR operations in Chad

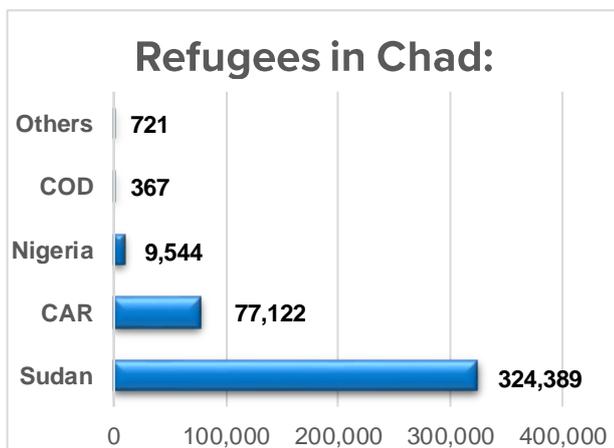
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Chadian refugees voluntarily repatriate from Darfur, the Sudan to Chad

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Supplemental Judgments rendered to deliver birth certificate to Nigerian refugees

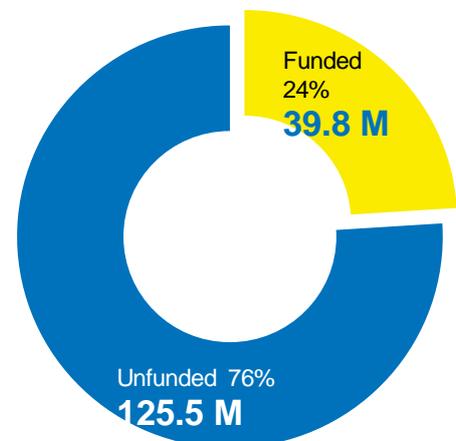
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FUNDING AS OF 12 DECEMBER 2017

USD 165.3 M

requested for the situation



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

295 National Staffs

98 International Staffs

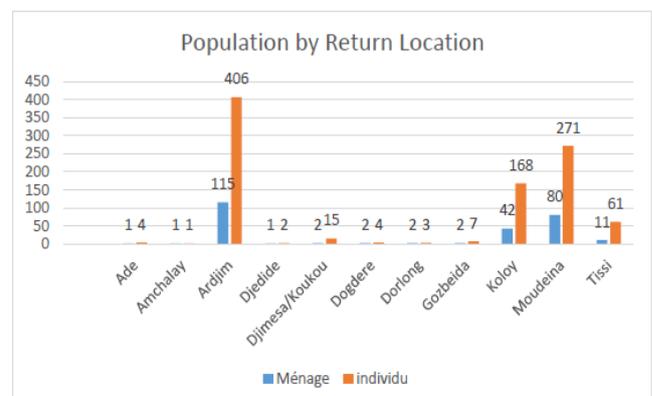
Offices: 13

01 Country Office in N'Djamena

04 Sub-Offices in Iriba, Goz-beida, Farchana and Goré

07 Field Offices in Bagasola, Guéréda, Amdjarass, Koukou, Hadjer-Hadid, Haraze and Maro

01 Field Unit in Abéché



Return location of Chadian refugees from the Sudan

Working with Partners

- UNHCR works closely with the Chadian Government to provide international protection, to coordinate and deliver assistance, and to seek durable solutions for refugees, IDPs and returnees in the country.
- Refugee response** ; the main Government counterpart is the *Commission Nationale d'Accueil et de Réinsertion des Réfugiés et des Rapatriés* (CNARR). UNHCR Chad collaborates with UN agencies (particularly WFP, UNFPA, UNICEF, FAO and IOM) to assist the refugee populations in eastern, southern and western Chad. UNHCR works directly with twelve (12) national and international NGOs partners throughout the country in providing a comprehensive refugee response namely: ACRA, ADES, AIRD, APLFT, CRT, HIAS, IRC, JRS, LWF, RET, SECADEV and WCDO.
- Prevention of statelessness**; UNHCR's main Government counterpart is the *Direction des Affaires Politique et de l'Etat Civil* (DAPEC).
- IDP response**; UNHCR implementing partner is the Chadian Red Cross (CRT). Within the cluster system, UNHCR is the Cluster lead for Protection as well as Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)/Shelter/Non-Food Items (NFIs).
- Mixed migration**; UNHCR works in collaboration with IOM, the Office of Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator and the UNCT. CNARR and Chadian Red Cross (CRC) are the operating partners.

Main Activities

Protection – Refugees

- Registration and profiling of the refugee population**: As of 31 December, the number of refugee and asylum seekers in Chad is 412,143 individuals of 103,928 families. This increase of 1,433 compared to November 2017 is due to natural population growth as well as UNHCR continuous registration system. They live in 19 camps, hosting villages and urban areas of N'Djamena and Bongor. The refugees originate from Sudan 324,389 – 78.8%; CAR 77,122 – 18.6%; Nigeria 9,544 – 2.3%, DRC 367 – 0.1% and other countries 721 - 0.2%. Overall, 57.35% are minors; 56% are women; 4% are older adults, and women represent 68.60% of head of households and 0.36% of minors are heads of households.
- Newly arrived refugees From CAR**: Hundreds of CAR refugees fled violence into the border areas of southern Chad. On 30 December 2017, 487 new refugees were registered in the Departments of Nya Pende, Monts De Lam and Barh-Sara where an estimated 13,000 people are reported to have crossed the border. The newly arrived are in majority children and women. According to information gathered, this new influx of CAR refugees followed clashes between the SELEKA and the Revolution and Justice (RJ) rebel groups, which erupted on Wednesday 27 December in northern CAR. UNHCR and its partners are providing assistance including immediate medical check-up for the new arrivals who trekked by foot to reach Chadian villages. Given the proximity of the canton of Bekan to the border (less than 7 km), the refugees registered there will be relocated further away in villages where they will have access to fertile land for their livelihoods activities. Already from April to July 2017, 1,949 Central Africans fled the recurring violence in their country to seek refuge in Chad and were relocated in the villages of Diba and Vom where they joined more 1,757 of their compatriots, arrived in June and July 2016. Upon their arrivals, the refugees were received by the local population that shared their food ratio with the refugees.
- Refugee Law**: The draft of the national refugee law is at an advanced stage. The document was reviewed in collaboration with CNARR and the Ministry for Territorial Administration and Local Governance [MATGL] to reflect recommendations from the July 2017 Forum on the Socio-economic inclusion of refugees in Chad. It is foreseen the draft law will then be submitted to the Council of Ministers for consideration before its goes to Parliament.
- Verification exercise for urban refugees** was carried out by UNHCR from November 23 to December 08, to verify the physical presence of urban refugee and asylum seekers in N'Djamena and distribute for the first time individual plastic ID card them. The exercise was done also to update information on new births, to enroll new ones, to gather intention of returns and the needs for durable solutions. 3,576 (74%) of the expected 4,826 registered population were present. Of the physically present population, 85% originate from CAR, 6% from DRC, 5% from Sudan and 4% from others. According to the refugee's leader, the 26% absents were due either to their housing distance from the city center or they migrated to Europe. The exercise results showed that women represented 50% of the population and 42% are head of families. Women and children are the 2/3 of the population. Of the 908 persons with specific needs, those with medical needs are the highest (341) followed by women at risk (202). In terms of education, 17% were uneducated, 67% had primary or secondary education, 9% university level and 8 persons a post graduate level. According to the socioeconomic profiling 22% are unemployed. 49% received no medical or financial assistance the previous six months. Finally, according to the durable solutions profiling (return intentions) 45 families opted for voluntary repatriation, 49 families for local integration (10 in camps), and 731 families for resettlement.

- **The profiling of the displaced (IDPs) population in the Lake Region:** After adjustment, as of 11 December, 157,734 population have been registered in 147 sites located in 7 administrative sub-divisions of the Lake Regions by IOM. These populations included 99,983 IDPs, 15,960 returnees and 361 third country nationals. An estimated 41,430 are pending registration. This information does not include the 4,634 population in the site of Dar El Kher whose status remained undermined. In addition to the IDPs of the Lake region, others UNHCR population of concern included 16,718 Chadian returnees from CAR in risk of statelessness and 20,000 others returnees from CAR awaiting CNARR Screening.

Durable Solutions

- **Voluntarily Repatriation of Chadian refugees from the Sudan:** from 18 to 28 December 2017, UNHCR organized three convoys for the voluntary repatriation of 259 families of 942 Chadian refugees living in the Sila region of Eastern Chad in the transit centre of Mudeina. Once in Chad, the returnees assisted to go to their villages of origin or transported there by UNHCR's partner AIRD. Prior to their return, UNHCR works with both governments to ensure that they were well prepared for their reintegration in their country of origin, and that both their legal and physical protection needs were ensured. This includes proper health screening, safeguards from sexual and gender based violence and other protection risks while in transit and during reintegration. Besides transportation, returnees were assisted with return packages which include a combination of cash and in-kind assistance. In Sum, an equivalent of \$150 per person and \$180 for vulnerable as well as building materials were provided. UNHCR, the Governments of Chad and the Sudan are planning to hold a cross-border meeting in January to assess this first stage of the voluntary repatriation of the Chadian refugees from Darfur and plan for the next steps. According to the intention survey done in Sudan in 2017, 4000 Chadian refugees in Sudan had expressed the will to return to Chad.
- **Resettlement:** As of 31 December 341 cases of 1,127 individuals representing 112% of the 1,000 individuals targeted for 2017 were submitted to resettlement countries. The breakdown were as followed: USA- 127 cases of 412 individuals; Canada - 59 cases of 250 individuals; France - 139 cases of 402 individuals; Sweden – 8 cases of 39 individuals; Finland – 3 cases of 8 individual; Netherlands 1 case of 4 individuals. UNHCR facilitated the departures from Chad of 46 cases of 165 refugees in the course of the year as followed: USA- 25 cases of 99 persons; France – 9 cases of 30 persons; Canada – 5 cases of 19 persons; Sweden - 3 cases of 11 persons; Norway- 3 cases of 5 persons and Finland 1 case of 1 person.
- **Statelessness Prevention: Lake Region - Child Protection:** From 4 to 15 December, 657 supplementary judgments (347 girls and 310 boys) were rendered allowing the Civil Status Administration of Bagasola to register and establish birth certificates to Nigerian refugee children born on Chadian territory.

Community Service

- **Eastern Chad:** To strengthen community mobilization and to reinforce communication, UNHCR through the partner HIAS, distributed 450 smartphones to refugees in the camps of Iriba on 15 December 2017 and 16 others to refugee leaders in N'Djamena on 26 December 2017. This is an objective of the Abéché workshop organized in September 2016 to strengthen Community Protection. These smartphones were part of the 1,150 smartphones donated by Microsoft in partnership with Nethope to the refugees of Eastern Chad.

Mixed Migration

- UNHCR continues to work with the Chadian Government and the Chadian Red Cross to implement a mixed migration monitoring project. The international consultant firm Altai was engaged to collect data, to refer refugees and migrants towards appropriate services need, and to analyse the situation and make recommendation on the effective way to manage the mixed migration situation.

Thus far, the 160 mixed migration monitors across the country registered 1,266 migrants in the four monitoring zones set up in the area of N'Djamena (BoI, Dar es Salam, Bagasola and N'djamena), Southern (Moundou and Gore), Eastern (Abeche, Farchana, Goz Beida, Iriba) and Northern Chad (Kalait, Fada, Faya Largeau and Bardai). These migrants were provided with advice and counselling on the impending danger of migrants crossing the Mediterranean. With the help of IOM of the 12 migrants on their way to Libya encountered, 9 returned to their country of origin (Ethiopia/Eritrea) and 3 applied and obtained asylum in Chad.

Education

- The academic year 2017/2018 started on 02 October in Chad, including in refugee camps and sites. Due to the prevailing socio-economic crisis, the school year started timidly after the official launch by the Minister of Education. Of the 193, 872 refugee children at school age, 86,295 (44.5%) are registered to attend school in the 79 primary and 33 middle and high schools in the camps.

Water and Sanitation

- Water accessibility range varied in UNHCR operation in Chad; in the south, CAR refugees receive 47 l/p/d and in Nigerian refugee camp in the Lake, 27 l/p/d; both are above the standard of 20 l/p/d. A cost recovery and a regular maintenance system with refugees' participation is in place to maintain the main water points. In the east, however, water is extremely scarce and the refugees receive on average 15 l/p/d or less.

Livelihood:

- Lake Region: 50 households of 372 small farmers and fishermen divided in five groups (2 fishing and 3 small farmers) were each assisted with tools of their trade. The two fishing groups made of 20 households of 156 people including refugees (12 households 87 persons), internal displaced population (4 households of 32 persons) and local communities (4 households of 37 persons) received kits including: 2 100-yard nets, 1000 hooks, two No. 06 Coil Rolls and two No. 21 Coil Rolls, 10 No. 60 Coil Rolls and 20 No. 120 Coil Rolls, and one fishing license. The three small farmers made up of 30 households of 216 persons - refugees (25 households of 150 persons) and local communities (5 households of 66 persons) - received 1 bag of wheat seed, 1 bag of onion seed. In addition, each farming groups received 1 motorcycle pump, fuel and suction hoses for the motorcycles pumps, 1 sprayer, discharge hoses, excavators, rakes, 1 wheelbarrow, hoes, products for treatments, three water drilling holes on the farm sites.

Energy:

- On 14 December, refugees in Iridimi in eastern Chad light up the night with solar lamps distributed by UNHCR thanks to a donation IKEA Foundation. The Solar lamps distributed to 16,205 refugee households in camps in Iriba area including Iridimi, and to 2,600 local population households. In addition, 286 lampposts were also installed on sites chosen by the refugee communities. This is part of the UNHCR initiative to promote access to renewable energy. 13 young refugees received 9 months of training in electricity and renewable energy at the Farchana Vocational Training Center to ensure the maintenance the equipment and their sustainability.

Cash Based Intervention

- Girls and women aged 13 to 49 received hygienic kits vouchers in Sub-Offices of Eastern and Southern Chad. This distribution allowed them to purchase hygienic kits from traders and suppliers identified by UNHCR and based in their camps. In the Sub Office of Iriba, of the 31,402 expected in the four camps, 30,008 women received the coupon with 1,393 absent. In the SO Farchana 25,753 out of the 34,096 planned received the hygienic kits. There was a low number of recipients in the camp of Farchana; despite the sensitization, refugees from this camp remained reluctant to the CBI modality and of the 8,369 beneficiaries planned, only 454 accepted to take the voucher. In SO Gore, 18,794 out of the 19,971 planned received the vouchers.

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