

## Key figures

**4.2 M** Persons of Concern

**188,187** refugees and asylum seekers<sup>1</sup>

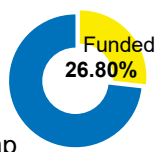
**51** newly arrived refugees from South Sudan (48) and Central African Republic<sup>2</sup>

**3M** IDPs<sup>3</sup>

**940,154** IDP returnees<sup>4</sup>

**152,020** Sudanese who have spontaneously returned from Chad (verification ongoing)

**45,977 households** (Approximately 230,000 individuals) affected by heavy rains and are in urgent need of non-food items and shelter assistance



Gap  
73.20%

*Darfur Operation Funding*

*1&2 UNHCR ProGres Report  
3&4 IOM-DTM August 2022*

## Key Highlights

**Security situation in Darfur** remained unpredictable with reported incidents of armed clashes, farm destruction, theft, cattle rustling, abduction, gender-based (GBV), high rates of criminality including armed and violent robbery, tensions between herders and farmers, demonstrations, & threats from unexploded ordinances. Through the Protection of Civilians Advocacy Briefs, the operation continues to highlight critical protection concerns to inform UN-wide advocacy, including with Government counterparts.

**Youth Peace Ambassadors:** UNHCR & UNDP facilitated Darfur Youth Peace Ambassadors participation in the International Day of Peace event in Khartoum. The youth shared their views on peaceful solutions to the Darfur conflict during meetings with peacebuilding & humanitarian stakeholders. The implementation of **Darfuri Youth Empowerment in Civic Spaces to Advance Peacebuilding** funded by PBF is ongoing in Central and West Darfur.

**UNHCR & UN-Habitat launched a Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) project ‘Peacebuilding & Human Rights in Support of Durable Solutions for IDPs & Affected Communities - The Right to Adequate Housing in West Darfur’.** The project will support durable solutions for displaced persons through peaceful coexistence activities in areas of return, provide technical assistance on land, housing & infrastructure planning, legal documentation, & counselling.

## Refugee Protection

**Registration of refugees** is ongoing across all refugee hosting states. So far 157,312 refugees in Darfur have been registered biometrically on UNHCR’s database, ProGres.

**UNHCR’s legal partner MUTAWINAT provided legal aid & consultation services** for refugees in camps & settlements for 134 cases. The partner also conducted prison monitoring visits.

**Child Protection:** Home visits were conducted for 152 separated refugee children in East Darfur, who received psychosocial support.

**GBV awareness raising & GBV case management:** UNHCR’s GBV partners conducted GBV awareness raising sessions for 1,032 refugees, provided psychosocial support for 217 refugees, & conducted 15 home visits. Lack of post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) kits for GBV survivors is a main challenge. UNHCR also organized Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) training sessions for camp committees, case workers, health workers, community volunteer members & community-based protection networks (CBPNs).

**Access to health services** continued in all states except in North Darfur where Ministry of Health (MoH) staff went on strike complaining of low salaries. In August, UNHCR supported MoH with medical equipment to improve health care access & allocated money for incentive worker payments. However, the continuing lack of medicine and trained personnel is affecting refugees access to healthcare. The rainy season has



*Refugee registration on East Darfur*

exacerbated malaria prevalence & cases of Monkeypox & Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever were reported in North Darfur. Malnutrition cases amongst refugee children under 5 is also high & mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) screening is ongoing in all refugee-hosting states.

**Multi-purpose cash assistance for refugees:** 250 vulnerable refugee households in El Fasher town received cash assistance, disbursed through UNHCR's Global Distribution Tool (GDT).

### Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and IDP Returnee Protection

**Physical and remote protection monitoring with partners,** were conducted to assess the protection situation, & prospects for durable solutions in IDP & returnee locations. Main concerns raised include criminality, lack of food & basic services, harmful cultural practices, challenges accessing farmlands, lack of civil documentation, lack of physical security, destruction of shelters due to heavy rains & lack of income-generating activities.

**Government plans to relocate IDPs from gathering sites in El Geneina are being developed:** HAC informed UNHCR & partners of plans to relocate secondarily-displaced IDPs from El Geneina's gathering sites to IDP camps, noting that 2,500 plots have been demarcated & that IDP consultations would start in the coming weeks. 500 HH who have returned to Krinding camp received cash assistance from UNHCR. The protection sector is developing guidance for both Government and humanitarian partners on minimum standards.

**IDP & Host community livelihood projects:** UNHCR's partner Africa Humanitarian Action (AHA), in coordination with El Fasher Technical School & El Fasher University have enrolled 45 youth (30M, 15F) from Abu Shouk and Al Salam IDP camps as well as host community members in a youth empowerment project to provide them with technical skills & enhance their economic independence.

**Community Support Projects in Darfur:** UNHCR & partners handed over classrooms & a borehole in Abu Hamra village, Mershing Locality, South Darfur State, to the Ministry of Education & local authorities to enhance access to education among IDP returnees. In West Darfur, UNHCR & War Child Canada handed over a multipurpose community centre to the residents of Al Jabal neighbourhood in El Geneina town. The centre will be used for recreational and social cohesion activities to address concerns & amicably resolve communal disputes. In collaboration with partners across Darfur, UNHCR has supported construction of over 100 community support projects such as schools, water yards, health centres, markets, police posts, rural courts, community multi-purpose centers since 2021, thanks to funding from Peacebuilding Fund (PBF), Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), PROSPECTS, Denmark & other donors.

### Rainy Season Response

**UNHCR & Shelter/NFI partners are conducting assessments to respond to the needs of 45,977 households** including refugees, IDPs & host communities severely affected by heavy rains & floods in Darfur. Heavy rains have led to destruction of houses & farmlands, schools, water sources, & latrines, as well as displacement and several deaths. South Darfur is the most affected with over 25,000 households in need of support.

The need for plastic sheets & other non-food items to assist affected families is dire across all five Darfur states. As the Shelter/NFIs cluster lead, UNHCR is coordinating with agencies to distribute available stocks to affected families. Current prepositioned kits can only cater for half the affected population.



*Distribution of materials in Abu Shouk IDP Camp to 65 families affected by heavy rains*

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