Context and methodology
Following the outbreak of armed conflict in Sudan on 15 April 2023, Ethiopia is receiving thousands of forcibly displaced people at three main points of entry along the land border between Sudan and Ethiopia. The Government’s Refugees and Returnees Service (RRS) and UNHCR are coordinating the response to the new refugee inflows, including daily border monitoring, screening for asylum-seekers and refugees, and coordinating the provision of basic services, such as food, water, temporary shelter as well as emergency healthcare, together with partners.

RRS and UNHCR screen Sudanese and Non-Sudanese new arrivals who are seeking international protection in Ethiopia and Ethiopian refugees returning to Ethiopia. Data is collected at household level, while individual registration procedures will be conducted with biometrics. Category of persons screened and recorded by RRS/UNHCR include:

- **Ethiopian refugee returnees**: previously registered as refugee in Sudan. UNHCR collects evidence like refugee ID number, camp names, etc.
- **Sudanese refugees/asylum seekers**: UNHCR identifies both Sudanese previously registered as refugees in Ethiopia and Sudanese newly arrived in need of international protection
- **Non-Sudanese refugees/asylum seekers** in need of international protection include mainly Eritreans and South Sudanese.

The methodology and tools developed by UNHCR and RRS help among other to: i) profile new arrivals (intention of return, persons with specific needs..), ii) record refugee ID numbers of all forcibly displaced previously registered as refugees in Sudan with the purpose of reconciling data to ultimately help in maintaining its integrity across the 2 countries and iii) identify Ethiopian refugee returnees from Sudan in order to provide the necessary return assistance.

Key figures

- **Total new arrivals**: 33,808
- **Sudanese and Non-Sudanese refugees/asylum seekers**: 33,417
- **Ethiopian refugee returnees**: 391

Gender breakdown

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Monthly arrival trends | April - August 2023

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Nationality breakdown

- **23,577 Sudanese**
- **8,246 Eritreans**
- **1,522 South Sudanese**
- **391 Ethiopian refugee returnees**
- **72 Other**

Relocation

- **9,094 Individuals relocated from Metema TC to Kumer site**
- **1,319 Individuals relocated from Kurmuk TC to Sherkole camp**

Partnership

- **27 Organizations responding to the emergency**

- **Health & Nutrition**: 16
- **Protection**: 14
- **Shelter & CRs**: 9
- **Food Security**: 7
- **WASH**: 6

Sources: UNHCR - Ethiopia, Refugees and Returnees Service (RRS), UNESCO, UNHCR, PARTNERS

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New population movements from Sudan

Sector | Response | Priorities / Challenges | Partners
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Protection | • 1,070 persons screened in Metema are found to be at different stages of a third-country solution processing, mainly under private sponsorship and family reunification schemes. • Protection counselling was provided to over 590 refugees at Metema entry point, Transit Center and in Kumer site, around issues such as registration and documentation, family reunification, resettlement and other alternative pathways, as well as food and shelter assistance. • The total number of Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC) in Metema reached 169. So far, two children have been reunified with their families, with the support from UNHCR’s partner Innovative Humanitarian Solutions (IHS). 22 UASCs were referred for registration, health and psychosocial support, receiving dignity kits, material and legal services. 30 Best-Interest Assessments (BIAs) were conducted; foster care arrangements were made for 21 children at the Metema TC; others are dwelling in groups in family tents at Kumer site. • More than 2,000 children benefitted from education and sport activities, incl. alphabet learning, indoor and outdoor activities in Child- Friendly Spaces at the Metema TC and Kumer site. • In Metema TC and Kumer site, 576 persons with specific needs were identified and referred for appropriate services to: UNHCR for shelter, and RADO for rehabilitation, mobility appliances, and NFIs. • Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission (DICAC) distributed dignity kits and provided psychosocial support to 55 women-at-risk in Kumer. A total of 12 GBV cases (10 at Kurmuk and 2 at Metema) were supported by the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and DICAC respectively. • Gender-based violence, child protection, Protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), and Code of Conduct awareness-raising sessions were organized jointly by UNHCR, RRS, IRC and Plan International Ethiopia (PIE) in Kurmuk TC. In Metema TC, 210 individuals attended GBV and fraud awareness sessions. • At the Metema entry point, transit center, and in Kumer site, 550 flyers with GBV and PSEA-related messages in Arabic and Tigrinya were distributed to refugees and asylum-seekers. • RRS, UNHCR and Refugee Central Committee (RCC) members in Kumer agreed to establish a Peace Committee including host community, Eritrean and Sudanese communities’ members, with delegated roles and responsibilities. • In collaboration with the Zonal Office for Women, Children and Social Welfare, and all protection partners, UNHCR held a meeting of the protection working group in Metema. Partners were requested to provide materials including dignity kits, child-friendly tents and recreational kits to the one-stop center at the Metema referral hospital. • UNHCR has been ensuring protection presence in Kurmuk transit center. Access to basic needs and health services were provided. Food (hot meal) and shelter among other needs were prioritized. Roving protection desk with capacity to counsel 80-100 individuals per day was established in Kurmuk transit centre under direct implementation of UNHCR with potential involvement of partners and gradual handing over in September 2023 | • The deteriorating security situation in Amhara region had hindered staff movements between Metema and Gondar. However, within the West Gondar zone, the situation is calmer, allowing UNHCR and partners to access refugee sites. • Challenges identified through protection monitoring and protection desks in Metema include: insufficient solar lighting in the camp; lack of medications; risks to public safety, shortage of food, clothing, milk and diapers for children; lack of employment and education opportunities; lack of provision of soap for personal hygiene, inaccessibility of WASH facilities for persons with disabilities; Non-food items (NFIs); and need for fumigation in and around the area to address pests. • Health/Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) • Child Protection (CP), Gender Based Violence (GBV) | RRS, UNHCR, RaDO, DICAC, PIE, IOM, UNICEF, IHS, DRMO, EMT, ANE, GOAL, Red Cross, Community volunteers
### Sector: Shelter/ Core Relief Items (CRI)

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#### Kurmu TC
- 20 hangars have been constructed.
- 1 registration service shade and two waiting shades constructed.
- One generator shade construction completed: with electrical connection works pending materials procurement.
- 80 family tents pitched, shelter committee comprising two members from each hangar in place.
- Expansion site for hangar construction has been identified and taken over from the Woreda.
- 3,700 households (11,986 Individuals) received CRI materials within 8-20 August in Kurmu transit center

#### Sherkole camp
- 4 semi-permanent and 1 permanent hangar renovated. Fencing work for the hangars compound has been constructed.
- 1 hangar was partitioned for health and nutrition sector use.
- 1 temporary communal kitchen was constructed and later used to shelter refugees.
- 60 Transitional shelters are constructed so far in Sherkole.

- New arrivals were directed to the NGO “Samaritan Purse” for hot meals.

### Sector: Food Security

- Insufficient quantity and lack of nutritious feeding for lactating mothers and babies during wet feeding.

#### Priorities / Challenges
- Ongoing heavy rains are hampering efforts to level sites and build roads.
- Continue provision of CRI.
- Continue construction of transitional shelters.
- Relocation of 2,000 people to the Sherkole camp

#### Partners
- UNHCR, RRS, ANE, UNFPA, IHS, IOM, NRC, PIE, IRC

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### Sector: Health & Nutrition

- Medical Teams International (MTI) conducted Outpatient Department (OPD) consultations for 1,131 patients, including 215 under-five refugee children in Kumer site.
- Out of 210 children screened for malnutrition, 17 moderate and severe acute malnutrition cases were identified and referred for support. Among 31 pregnant and lactating mothers screened, 11 were referred for nutrition treatment.
- UNICEF’s Mobile-Health and Nutrition team (MHNT) provided emergency clinical services at the Metema TC. So far, UNICEF and IMC have performed 3,254 consultations at the site.
- RRS arranged ambulance transportation from the Alemwach site to Gendawuha and Gondar hospitals.
- Partners in the Health Cluster met at Gendawuha Zonal health office department: Zonal health office, Woreda health office, and partners including UN agencies discussed the Cholera preparedness plan, activity report and gaps observed on the emergency response, and action points were developed. Similar meeting took place with partners on Cholera outbreak preparedness and response plan at the Kumer site.
- Weekly MHPSS session conducted under UNHCR’s direct implementation with involvement of PIE is ensured in transit center

### Priorities / Challenges

- Absence of ambulances;
- Lack of medicines and of adequate supplemental feeding for kids, the community, people with medical conditions, pregnant and lactating mothers in Kumer and Metema TC.
- Establishment of a nutrition center in Kumer

### Partners

GOAL, Emergency Medical Team (MoH), WHO, RRS, MSF-H, CUAMM, IMC, CVT, DICAC, RaDO, PIE, MTI, IRC, IOM, EMT, Kurnuk Woreda health office.

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### Sector: WASH

- WASH partner IHS, is ensuring the water supply of 9.3L per person per day for 8,679 beneficiaries at Kumer site, and 20L/p/d of water for 2,500 people at Metema TC. Currently, four water tanks with a total capacity of 10,000L and one with a capacity of 5,000L (with 30 water taps) are available in Kumer. In Metema TC, two water tanks with a total capacity of 10,000L and one with a capacity of 5,000L (with 18 water taps) are utilized for water supply.
- At Kumer, 10 latrines and 10 shower blocks have been completed, while five latrines and five shower blocks are being set up. There are four solid waste disposal sites in Kumer. 16 community hygiene promoters are in the settlement disseminating key WASH messages.
- At Metema, five latrines and six shower blocks are completed; two solid waste disposal sites are available at the site, where four community members are promoting the importance of hygiene.
- Water supply was maintained and established from the nearest water reservation. 27.7L of consumption per individual is ensured in transit center.

### Priorities / Challenges

- Community resistance to building latrines along the sanitation corridor.
- Delays in delivery of construction materials for latrines and showers, as well as of accessories for water points.
- Arrangement of drinking water
- Improvement of latrines and wash facilities

### Partners

IHS, Oxfam, UNICEF, ANE, IRC, PIE