Context and Highlights

Following the outbreak of armed conflict in Sudan on 15 April 2023, Ethiopia is receiving thousands of forcibly displaced people at two main points of entry (Metema and Kurmuk) 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 as well as emergency healthcare, together with partners.

In Kurmuk, border points remain volatile with the potential for abduction, and other protection risks. The proximity to the conflict at the border perpetuates trauma and anxiety among refugees, hindering their ability to rebuild their lives in safety and dignity. Construction of the new Ura site is ongoing to relocate the new arrivals who have stayed in Kurmuk transit center for over 8 months.

In Kumer and Awlala, physical security is of concern and access to services, in particular life saving services such as health is also challenging as transportation including lack of ambulance and untimely issuance of pass permits is persisting. Implementing Education activities is long coming. Preparedness of the flood contingency plan is ongoing.

Key figures

- **52,758** Total new arrivals in need of international protection
  - **42,353** Sudanese and Non-Sudanese refugees/asylum seekers
  - **7,780** Ethiopian refugee returnees
- An estimated 58% of new arrivals are children

Arrival trends

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Achievements | From January 2024 to March 2024

- **27,437** Individuals provided with food assistance
- **9,352** People benefitted from specialized GBV prevention and response programmes
- **2,451** Children received child protection services
- **8,831** Individuals received primary healthcare consultations
- **100** # of people per communal toilet/latrine (Standard <20)
- **11** Average # of liters of water per person per day (Standard > 20L)
- **10,747** People transported from border crossings to transit centers, camps and sites (9,383 individuals relocated from Metema to Kumer and Awlala, 1,364 individuals relocated from Kurmuk to Sherkole camp)
- **11** Organizations responding to the emergency
  - **11** INGO
  - **6** NGO
  - **5** UN Agencies
  - **3** Government

Funding

- **$92.1M** Total required
- **$77.5M** Gap (84%)
- **$14.6M** Received (16%)

Partnership

- **25** Organizations responding to the emergency
  - **11** INGO
  - **6** NGO
  - **5** UN Agencies
  - **3** Government
  - **13** Coordination
  - **3** Protection
  - **3** Education
  - **1** Shelter & NFI
  - **5** Livelihood
  - **9** Health
  - **2** WASH
  - **2** Food Security
  - **2** Nutrition
  - **2** Logistics

Situation map

- **Total: 52,758**
- **21,973** Sudanese and Non-Sudanese refugees/asylum seekers
- **22,305** Ethiopian refugee returnees