

Central African Republic (CAR) – SUDAN SITUATION

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Partner NOURRIR provides medical consultations for Sudanese refugees at the Korsi health center. @UNHCR - Ph. S. Fatime

Highlights

- UN agencies issued a joint warning that time is running out to prevent starvation in Sudan's Darfur region due to intensifying clashes around the northern capital of El Fasher, which are hindering efforts to deliver lifesaving aid. [UN agencies warn of imminent starvation risk in Sudan's Darfur region | UN News](#)
- The Secretary-General's Personal Envoy for Sudan, Ramtane Lamamra, called on the Rapid Support Forces and the Sudanese authorities to refrain from fighting in El Fasher and stressed that an attack on the city would likely have devastating consequences for the civilian population. Since his participation in the Paris conference in April, Mr. Lamamra has travelled to Chad, Ethiopia and Eritrea for discussions with the African Union and regional leaders on the way forward.
- In Sudan, the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Martin Griffiths, has stressed that the killing of aid workers is unconscionable, following reports that two drivers from the International Committee of the Red Cross were killed by gunmen in South Darfur. ICRC said that three other staff were injured. [ICRC Press Release.](#)
- In Central African Republic, some 30,108 forcibly displaced people from Sudan have arrived in the country since April 2023, including 23,950 Sudanese refugees and 6,158 Central African returnees (former CAR refugees in Sudan).
- A total of 15,373 (6,154 households) Sudanese refugees have been biometrically registered and live in 13 localities, mostly in hard-to-reach locations outside the Vakaga prefecture.

Situation and Operational Response

- The security situation in the Vakaga prefecture is relatively calm this week but remains unpredictable. The presence and activities of non-state armed groups have hampered the free movement of people and increased the number of human rights violations recorded in the town.
- Multipurpose cash (XAF 14,050,000, equivalent to USD 23,224) was provided to 156 Sudanese families in two of the south-east's hardest to reach areas (Rafai and Mboki).
- UNHCR and the *Commission Nationale pour les Réfugiés* (CNR) continue to coordinate the response with others. However, the lack of capacity or presence of humanitarian actors in the refugee hosting areas makes the provision of assistance extremely challenging.

Population Movements and Registration

This week, 216 new arrivals (93 households) were recorded, bringing the total number of refugees living in Korsi to 11,718 people of 5,532 families. UNHCR continues to register new arrivals with biometrics.

Protection

Reception and registration

The Central African Republic (CAR) has continued to keep its borders open to allow access to refugees and asylum seekers from all countries. Wherever the presence of new refugees has been confirmed, notably in the Mbomou/Rafai prefecture (Mbiro, Ngutiforo and Dembia), the Bamingui-Bangoran prefecture (Ndele, Akoursoulbak Zobossinda, Koundji), Haute-Kotto (Sam-Ouandja and Bria) and the Ouaka prefecture (Bambari and Ippy), government personnel have been deployed to ensure the pre-registration and documentation of new arrivals.

All Sudanese arriving in CAR are recognized as prima facie refugees. Following biometric registration, refugee cards are systematically issued to all refugees over the age of 12.

A mobile registration team has been established to ensure individual registration and biometric enrolment in all areas where the presence of refugees is confirmed.

Protection monitoring

INTEROS conducted 46 monitoring visits, including 28 in the host community of Birao and 18 to Korsi. These visits enabled the management of GBV cases, updated people with specific needs lists, and identified and documented protection incidents. A total of 108 protection incidents were identified this week, including 99 cases of violation of property rights and cases of physical violation. As a response, INTEROS referred to the UN Peacekeeping mission MINUSCA (the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic) cases of torture and inhuman treatment for follow-up and guidance. Additionally, psychosocial support was provided by case managers to GBV survivors, and one case of rape was referred to Birao Hospital for medical treatment within 72 hours.

Prevention against gender-based violence (GBV)/MHPSS

Two group sessions on peaceful coexistence between women and girls were held in the safe space in Korsi, managed by INTEROS (the Ma Mbi Si). The sessions reached 206 participants, including 187 women and 19 girls.

A group discussion session was also held in the agricultural space of the "Ma Mbi Si" to raise awareness among the group about the importance of using agricultural activities to create opportunities for meetings, exchanges, and sharing experiences related to their daily lives.

A focus group session on the importance of psychological care was held in a safe space with women and girls. 345 participants, including 245 women and 100 girls, attended.

Child Protection

Recreational and psychosocial activities continued at the child-friendly space in Korsi. 77 children (44 girls and 34 boys) benefited from the activities.

This week, NOURRIR trained community relays and focal points on identifying and referring mental health issues in schools and child-friendly spaces. The training focused on the psychosocial support mechanism in the community and on how to facilitate referrals.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

In Korsi, hygiene and sanitation conditions have continued to deteriorate due to the lack of capacity to increase the number of WASH facilities. The total number of usable latrines and showers on site remains at 74, giving a ratio of 155 people per latrine. Despite reinforcing the potable water output in the settlement since January, the water supply ratio has remained below 12.6 liters per person daily for the last few weeks, highlighting the ongoing challenges in meeting the population's basic needs. A joint UNICEF/UNHCR mission will visit Korsi-Birao from 8 to 10 May to evaluate the additional WASH needs.

Food security

WFP distributed 805 ration cards to refugees in preparation for the next monthly dry food distribution. NOURRIR, a UNHCR and WFP partner, has distributed 7,425 hot meal dishes and 6,926 breakfasts with food provided by WFP to new arrivals and those waiting to be provided with individual shelters.

Health and Nutrition

NOURRIR and IMC completed 505 medical consultations at the Korsi health center, benefitting 72 host community members and 433 Sudanese refugees.

The medical team followed up on 13 cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and four cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM).

Shelter

UNHCR distributed 300 bamboo doors in Korsi to complete shelters that were already built, enabling refugees to move in. To date, 1,691 emergency shelters built by UNHCR and its partner, NOURRIR are inhabited in Korsi.

Response Plans and Funding Situation

Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP) – January – December 2024

- On 7 February, UNHCR and 81 organizations launched the [Regional Refugee Response Plan](#), with an appeal for **USD 46.2 million for the Central African Republic (CAR)** to provide essential aid and protection to 71,176 people in need, **including 39,876 refugees** fleeing the ongoing conflict in Sudan by the end of 2024. As of 8 May, the funding for the CAR is some USD 3.7 million or **8%** of the requirements.

UNHCR Supplementary Appeal – January - December 2024

- UNHCR's total financial requirement for the 2024 [Sudan Emergency Supplementary Appeal](#) – in Sudan and neighboring countries – amounts to **USD 988.1 million**. As of 8 May, the total available funding for the appeal is **14%** of the funding requirements.

Resources

- UNHCR dashboard: [Sudan Situation: One year on](#)
- Data story: [Sudan: One year of spiralling conflict and displacement](#)
- UNHCR's [Operational Data Portal \(ODP\) for the Sudan Situation](#) provides daily updates on therefugee and returnee arrivals in Sudan's neighboring countries.
- [UNHCR Global Focus Sudan Operation page](#)
- [End of Year Report Sudan Regional RRP 2023](#)

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