

Central African Republic (CAR) – SUDAN SITUATION

20 – 25 June 2024



Assistance in NFI kits, consisting of tarpaulins, mats, blankets, mosquito nets, buckets, plates, and solar lamps to Sudanese refugees after biometric registration in Bria ©HRC RCA.

Highlights

The period under review particularly in Bangui and the prefectures of Vakaga, Haute Kotto and Haut Mbomou, was characterized by several events to mark the commemoration of World Refugee Day. In Bangui, the Minister of Education, Aurelien Simplicite Zingas, in charge of education, attended the official ceremony on 20 June and in solidarity with the refugees population, the Minister announced that his ministry will offer scholarships for the 2024-2025 academic year to the 6 refugee students who scored the highest during the 2023-2024 academic year, among whom is a Sudanese refugee currently at Bangui University.

Biometric registration of Sudanese refugees was completed this week in Sam-Ouandja. To date, 2,404 people from 751 households have been registered in the area.

Population Movements and Registration

This week, 18 households (36 new arrivals) were registered in Korsi, Birao. Technical problems slowed down the registration of new arrivals. The issue is currently being addressed by the registration team and registration will resume as soon as possible. Since January, 9,240 new arrivals have been registered in Korsi. The registration process has also been completed in Bria, Ippy and Sam-Ouandja, where 2,404 people from 754 households have been registered. To date, 2,969 newly arrived Sudanese refugees have been registered in the Bria operational zone. The total number of Sudanese refugees in CAR is 25,912 to date, as well as 6,158 CAR returnees from Sudan.

Protection

This week, the security situation in the Vakaga region in general remains worrying, due to the presence and activities

of armed groups in certain localities and on the axes towards Birao. Cases of extortion, armed robbery, hold-ups and the erection of illegal barriers have been reported in Am-Dafock, Boromata, Tiringoulou and Terfel in the Vakaga region.

In Birao and Korsi in Vakaga prefecture, UNHCR partner INTERSOS conducted 30 monitoring visits, which enabled the collection of 63 protection incidents, mainly GBV cases. All survivors received psychosocial support through the available response mechanisms, especially from Protection Monitors and Psychosocial workers.

Community-based protection and AAP

Hygiene and sanitation awareness and promotion activities were carried out in the KORSI district over the past week. Partner NOURRIR and the National Commission for Refugees cleaned community spaces, including emergency latrines and showers, the NOURRIR infirmary, water distribution points, and mass and door-to-door awareness campaigns in the various blocks. 782 people were sensitized. These included 156 men, 298 women, 131 boys and 197 girls on the various themes of maintaining cleanliness and order around water distribution points, latrines and emergency showers, the danger of open defecation, and cleaning up public spaces in the Korsi district, raising awareness of fire prevention on the site due to construction and straw enclosures around the shelters, good practices in the use of drinking water (the water chain), treatment with bio products to reduce odors in emergency latrines and even disinfect them.

Prevention against gender-based violence (GBV)

During the reporting week, partner INTERSOS organized one group discussion session at the Korsi, safe space. The discussion focused on the consequences of early marriage for girls. This awareness-raising session was attended by 52 refugee women.

UNHCR's partner INTERSOS, carried out (05) community and mass awareness-raising sessions to prevent cases of gender-based violence in the Vakaga prefecture of Am-Dafock and Birao (in the host community and in Korsi). These awareness-raising sessions reached 347 people, including 59 men, 162 women, 44 boys and 82 girls. These awareness-raising sessions aim to encourage participants to know their rights and to report any violations through the existing referral mechanism.

In Korsi, INTERSOS recorded 20 cases of gender-based violence. The reported cases were identified in the localities of Birao (09 cases in the host community) and Korsi (11 cases). Contributing factors are lack of financial means and abuse of authority by the husband. These twenty (20) cases benefited from psychosocial support in terms of responses to the space on Korsi and 10 cases were referred to the Birao health district for appropriate care.

Education

Psychosocial activities are continuing in the community and on the Korsi site. 02 group therapies and psychological activity sessions marked the week under review. A total of 183 people - 34 girls, 29 boys, 42 men and 78 women - benefited from recreational activities at the Psychosocial Support center. To date, the partner counts 1,533 beneficiaries of psychosocial activities on the Korsi site and in the host community.

03 outreach sessions were held at the Korsi site, in the host community and at the Espace Ami d'Enfants (EAE). A total of 922 people were reached, including 182 men, 225 women, 233 boys and 282 girls, for a total participation of 10,591 beneficiaries. The themes chosen for the various awareness-raising sessions focused on children's rights and duties: "for every child, every right".

On the Day of the African Child, a radio program was organized, as well as a soccer match and a discussion with the local authorities of Vakaga on the factors hindering children's education in this town. During the week under review, UNICEF organized a training session on psychosocial care and a training session with all child protection actors in the town of Birao.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Two water points built by MINUSCA for 66 households of 208 Sudanese refugees in the village of Zobossinda, 50 km from Ndele in the northeast were inaugurated this week.

Shelter and Core Relief Items (CRIs)

In Bria, during the week under review, UNHCR provided shelter kits to 91 households on 18 June. The assistance comprises 2 tarpaulins, 2 mats, 2 blankets, 2 mosquito nets, 1 bucket, 1 kitchen set, 1 jerry can and a solar lamp per household.

Food security

This week in Korsi, UNHCR partner NOURRIR distributed 9,421 hot meals donated by WFP and 9,421 breakfasts donated by UNHCR to new arrivals at the transit centre.

Health and Nutrition

NOURRIR and IMC completed 618 medical consultations at the Korsi health centre, focusing on common health issues and maternal healthcare. The consultations benefitted 571 Sudanese refugees and 47 host community members. Fifteen patients have been referred from Korsi to the district hospital in Birao for more appropriate care. Since January 2024, 16,982 medical consultations have been carried out in Korsi.

The medical team conducted nutritional screening on children and pregnant and lactating women. Nine (09) cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and three (03) severe acute malnutrition (SAM) were diagnosed, affecting children aged 06 to 59 months. Since January 2024, 1,053 children suffering from MAM and 86 children suffering from SAM have been treated.

During the week, 10 pregnant women were vaccinated against tetanus, bringing the total to 120 since the beginning of the year. In addition, six children received multi-antigen vaccines, including four measles vaccines. Since January, 186 children have received the multi-antigen vaccine, including 122 measles vaccines.

Response Plans and Funding Situation

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

- On 07 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 26 June, the total funding for the CAR remained at some USD 3.8 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 19 June, the total available funding for the appeal is **16%** of the funding requirements.

Resources

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

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