

Central African Republic (CAR) – SUDAN SITUATION

29 August – 03 September 2024



In Korsi, MSF Spain has distributed hand-washing kits and jerry cans to pregnant women to prevent the outbreak of hepatitis E, of which several cases have been recorded. ©UNHCR

Highlights

- In Birao, Vakaga prefecture, WFP continued the distribution of both cash and in-kind food rations, a move welcomed by refugees as it promotes greater self-reliance. During the week of 24 to 31 August, 9,648 individuals (3,765 households) were assisted out of the 14,148 individuals (6,184 households) targeted.
- The distribution provided households with cash amounts based on family size: households of 1 to 3 people received 20,000 francs (USD 34), those with 4 to 6 people received 32,000 francs (USD 54), and households with 7 and more received 36,000 francs (USD 61).
- As part of refugee coordination efforts, UNHCR provided an update on the Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRRP) at the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) meeting. A technical meeting was also held with the RRRP partners to review current progress and discuss upcoming events in preparation for the 2025 RRRP process.
- The security situation in Vakaga, Bamingui Bangoran, and Haute Kotto remains volatile, with reports of attacks by armed groups in localities such as Birao, Bria, Sam-Ouandja, Ndele, and Ouaka.

Population Movements and Registration

During the week under review, 43 people (18 households) arrived in Korsi (Birao), showing a slight increase from the previous week's 32 arrivals (3 households). The average weekly arrival trend in August was 98, compared to 124 in July and 204 in June. The total population in Korsi now stands at 14,447 individuals from 6,227 households, with 54 per cent female (7,746 individuals) and 46 per cent male (6,701 individuals).

Recent heavy rains have slowed refugee movements at the Am Dafock border, with new arrivals taking alternate routes through the village of Goba to reach Birao.

In the Bamingui-Bangoran prefecture, the number of registered Sudanese refugees remains at 682 families (2,399 individuals) across Ndélé, Akroussoulbak, Koundi, and Zobossinda.

The biometric registration of Sudanese refugees in Ouandja-Kotto, Bria, and Ippy has recorded 2,974 Sudanese refugees across 976 households: 2,407 people (751 households) in Ouandja-Kotto, 270 people (94 households) in Bria, and 297 people (133 households) in Ippy.

Protection

As part of protection monitoring, during the week under review, UNHCR's partner INTERSOS carried out 28 protection monitoring visits, collecting security information, supporting WFP's cash distribution to refugees in Korsi, conducting household surveys among spontaneous returnees, and providing psychosocial support for GBV cases. They also identified people with specific needs, supported community outreach activities, and held coaching sessions for community relays.

In Am-Dafock, 5 border visits were carried out by INTERSOS to monitor population movements at the border, record protection incidents, and provide psychosocial support to GBV survivors.

During the week, 59 protection incidents were documented across Birao, Am-Dafock, and Sikkede. The incidents involved violation of property rights (45 cases), physical integrity (05 cases), and gender-based violence (9 cases).

As part of the prevention campaign, two awareness-raising sessions were held in Birao and Korsi to warn communities about theft and robbery risks along the travel routes. These awareness-raising sessions reached 203 people, including 36 men, 59 women, 25 boys, and 41 girls.

An alert was raised about the presence of 60 Sudanese in M'brès and 36 in Ngarba, in Bamingui Bangoran, needing emergency assistance. The National Commission for Refugees and UNHCR organized a mission for Level 1 registration.

In Haute-Kotto, the mobile protection team carried out 23 protection monitoring visits in Bria and Sam Ouandja, gathering information, engaging with authorities on civilian protection, and assessing multi-sectoral needs.

In Ouaka, 31 visits were made to Bambari, Ippy, and Kouango, triangulating information from community relays and identifying protection issues, specific needs, and market trends.

Prevention against gender-based violence (GBV)

At the Korsi Safe Space in Birao, two awareness sessions were carried out on types of GBV and the consequences of physical assault. These sessions reached 142 people, including 30 men, 51 women, 10 boys, and 51 girls. Additionally, four educational talks were organized between 26-29 August benefiting 206 individuals, including 111 women and 95 girls, on topics related to the protection of girls and referral systems.

In Am-Dafock, a group therapy session was carried out with 19 women on 26 August, and a total of 234 people (133 women and 101 girls) participated in therapy activities this week.

In Haute Kotto, 12 cases of GBV were documented this week, including 4 cases of rape, 3 cases of denial of resources and opportunities, 2 cases of physical assault, 1 case of psychological violence, 1 case of sexual assault, and 1 case of forced marriage in the localities of Bria and Sam-Ouandja.

5 referrals were made for medical, legal, and psychosocial support, including cases in Bria and Sam-Ouandja.

Education

In Vakaga, French and academic support classes continued during the summer holidays in collaboration with the Academic Inspectorate and school prefecture. Child and English clubs also continued, integrating recreational and psychosocial activities. Three group therapy sessions were held in Korsi, benefiting 63 children, with a focus on strengthening therapeutic bonds and sharing experiences.

As part of community mobilization, two local awareness sessions were organized in Korsi and the host community, reaching 86 people (17 men, 24 women, 29 boys, and 16 girls). The sessions emphasized peaceful cohabitation and the importance of living together. Additionally, a meeting with teachers was held to assess difficulties and plan the schedule for final exams.

Food security

WFP in collaboration with its partner Plan International distributed two months' worth of food rations to Sudanese asylum seekers in Bria, Haute Kotto prefecture. The rations, consisting of rice, beans, oil, and salt, were provided to 1,200 households.

Health and Nutrition

The NGO NOURRIR and International Medical Corps conducted 914 curative consultations, benefitting both the host population of Birao (59 consultations) and Sudanese refugees in Korsi (855 consultations), including 68 new arrivals. Among other medical services provided were gynecological, prenatal, and postnatal consultations for 48 Sudanese refugee women. Additionally, 20 patients from Korsi were referred to the Birao District Hospital for advanced care.

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Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

On 30 August in Birao, Vakaga prefecture, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) completed the handover of several key achievements in Korsi as part of their prevention and response against the viral Hepatitis E epidemic. These included the installation of a new water point, featuring a 20 m³ bladder tank feeding a 24-tap distribution ramp in Block 6. Additionally, 60 hand-washing kits (comprising 60-liter plastic buckets with taps), 600 empty 25-liter jerry cans for pregnant women, 1,800 pieces of soap, and 60 kg of chlorine for water treatment were distributed.

In Bria, water supply remains a critical issue, with only 12 liters available per person per day for the refugee population. Efforts are underway to improve this situation, including plans to drill three new boreholes by the end of the year.

The current drinking water supply in Korsi is 140,000 liters for a population of 14,404 refugees, which equates to 9,7 liters per person per day - below the emergency standard.

During the week, hygiene promotion activities focused on training for preventing viral Hepatitis E and water treatment using chlorine. A total of 945 individuals received information on proper hygiene practices, including maintaining cleanliness at different water points and latrines, the risks of open defecation, and keeping public spaces clean.

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 31 August, the total funding for the CAR RRP remained at some USD 8.2 million or **18%** of the requirements.

UNHCR Supplementary Appeal – January - December 2024

UNHCR's total financial requirement for the 2024 [Sudan Emergency Supplementary Appeal](#) – in Sudan and neighbouring countries was revised on 3 July. It now amounts to **USD 1.03 billion**. As of 31 August, it was funded at **33%**.

Resources

- Data story: [Sudan: One year of spiralling conflict and displacement](#)
- [Sudan Regional Refugee Response 2024 - June revision](#)
- [Sudan Regional Response 2024 - At a glance](#)
- UNHCR's [Sudan Situation Supplementary Appeal - 2024 - June revision](#)
- [Sudan RRP 2024 Progress Report – January to April 2024](#)
- [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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