

Central African Republic (CAR) – SUDAN SITUATION

13 –19 September 2024



In Birao, capacity-building session for Engaging Men through Accountable Practice to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls (EMAP). ©UNHCR

Highlights

- Last week, the National Commission for Refugees (CNR), INTERSOS, and NOURRIR completed the first phase of setting up community structures in Korsi (Birao) by creating director, women, and youth committees. The refugee communities responded positively to this initiative, showing great enthusiasm for electing their representatives. Next week, the team intends to further improve local governance by choosing block leaders.
- Recent updates indicate ongoing flooding, which unfortunately has resulted in multiple drownings. This includes a refugee in Korsi and thirteen individuals in Matala.
- Numerous robbery incidents have been reported in Vakaga prefecture, while the Haute Kotto and Ouaka prefectures have seen a significant number of robberies, kidnappings, and extortion cases.
- Armed groups continue to occupy the Bamingui Bangoran region. Reports indicate that civilians have been subjected to looting by armed individuals who have extorted money and food from the local population.
- On 16 September, UNHCR initiated a training session in Birao, Vakaga, focused on the Engaging Men through Accountable Practice to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls (EMAP) approach. This approach aims to involve men in combating gender-based violence (GBV) through responsible practices. The initiative seeks to foster gender equality within households and create transformative change for women and girls.

Population Movements and Registration

During the reporting period, in Birao, no biometric registration and enrolment was carried out during the week under review due to the breakdown of the generator. The arrival of 2 refugees is reported, who will be registered next week.

There was a significant drop in refugee arrivals during August, with an average of 27 new arrivals per week, compared with 98 in July and 124 in June. To date, the total population of Korsi stands at 14,474 people (6,234 households), including 30 per cent girls, 27 per cent boys, 24 per cent women and 19 percent men.

The production and printing of identity cards for refugee households continues in Ouandja Kotto. To date, 595 of the 751 identity cards for Ouandja Kotto refugees have been produced and sent to the CNR for distribution to beneficiaries.

Protection

UNHCR's partner INTERSOS conducted 23 protection monitoring visits, including 6 to Am-Dafock and 17 to Birao, as well as 03 additional border visits to Am-Dafock. These visits facilitated the collection of security information for the area, the conducting of household surveys, the provision of psychosocial support for gender-based violence (GBV) survivors in safe zones, the identification of persons with specific needs, the monitoring of the overall protection environment, and the support of community outreach through local relays.

During the week under review, a total of 43 protection incidents were collected. This represents a significant increase from the 24 incidents recorded the previous week. This represents a rise of 19 incidents, including violations of the right to property; violations of the right to life and physical integrity; gender-based sexual violence (GBV) and violations of the right to liberty.

The border town with Sudan, Am-Dafock, remains the focus of most incidents, followed by Korsi, Birao and the villages of Sikikedé and Matala. This surge in protection incidents is due to the activities of armed groups in the area.

Within the framework of referral and response, 5 of the reported human rights violation incidents were referred for appropriate management.

Prevention against gender-based violence (GBV)

As part of the prevention of gender-based violence, two awareness-raising sessions were organized by our partner INTERSOS in Korsi and at the safe space in Korsi. A total of 228 people attended. Topics covered included rape prevention, physical assault and sexual assault.

At the safe space in Korsi, INTERSOS organized awareness-raising and psychosocial support activities during the week of 9 to 12 September. A total of 284 women and girls took part in these awareness-raising sessions.

Three group counseling sessions, focusing on promoting social cohesion, were organized for 221 women. In addition, a specific preparatory meeting on GBV and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA,) was held for 63 women, including a group of women leaders (members of the refugee women's association), to strengthen their knowledge and skills in preventing and responding to this violence and Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.

During the period under review, psychosocial support was provided by case managers to 14 GBV survivors identified and cared for at the Korsi safe spaces, Vakaga health district and Am-Dafock hospital). Also 07 medical referrals were carried out this week.

Child protection

Last week, 02 cases of children's rights violations were reported. These incidents, involving girls (including one refugee) were perpetrated by members of both communities.

Education

During the reporting period, final placement exams for the end of the summer French and Academic Support Classes were organized at two schools in Birao in collaboration with local education authorities. These initiatives aim to support Arabic speaking Sudanese refugees with French language acquisition and to reinforce their integration in the national education system. A total of 768 children (49 per cent girls) participated in the courses, including 594 refugees and 168 returnees, IDPs, and host-community children. This represents an increase of 89 per cent compared to the 403 students who participated in the 2023 summer classes, as well as a 10 per cent increase in girls' participation.

This week UNHCR and INTERSOS delivered a donation of office furniture including 4 tables and 6 chairs to the local education authorities, in addition to the solar panels, batteries, and ICT equipment donated earlier this summer. In addition, the construction of an administrative building for the Academic Inspection, including six classrooms, two directors' offices, two stockrooms, and 364 desks is currently underway.

Awareness raising sessions were launched this week with the local Parent Teacher Associations and community leaders to promote the Back-to-School campaign ahead of the upcoming school year scheduled for next month. Two sessions were held with a total of 273 participants.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

The supply of drinking water dropped from 140,000 liters to 80,000 liters per day due to problems with a generator that broke down in the Korsi district (Birao), preventing the water tanks from being constantly filled. As a result, the ratio dropped to 5.5 liters of water per person per day, compared with 9.7 liters per person per day last week.

Hygiene and sanitation teams cleaned the washing area and treated the water at distribution points with chlorine. Hygiene promoters also conducted awareness-raising sessions this week using focus groups, block-by-block or door-to-door methods, reaching 11,300 people.

Health and Nutrition

NOURRIR and International Medical Corps (IMC), under the supervision of WHO and the Vakaga Health District, carried out 801 curative consultations, 84 of which were for the host population (10.48 per cent), followed by 717 for KORSI refugees (89.51 per cent). This brings the cumulative data for 2024, to a total of 27,038 curative consultations including 2,424 consultations for the local population.

The top three causes of morbidity in the locality were 680 cases (84.89 per cent), followed by acute respiratory infections 51 cases (6.36 per cent) and intestinal parasitosis 41 cases (5.11 per cent). All these patients were treated.

From 7 to 13 September, 38 women in situations of forced displacement benefited from prenatal consultations. The cumulative total for 2024, is 1,022 cases.

32 women were seen for gynecological consultations, with cumulative data for the year 2024, totaling 1,369.

04 deliveries were made during the week under review. Cumulative figures for 2024, are 106 deliveries for 109 newborns.

During the week under review, nineteen (19) patients were referred from Korsi to Birao District Hospital. 15 were released and 04 are still hospitalized. The cumulative total for 2024, is 510 patients referred to Birao District Hospital.

This past week, 09 cases of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) in children aged 06 to 59 months and 03 cases of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) were recorded. In total, for the year 2024, 1,188 children with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) and 142 children with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) were treated. In all, 2,174 children aged 0-59 months were treated for malnutrition in 2024.

This week, 09 pregnant women were vaccinated against tetanus and 11 children received the multi-antigen vaccine, including 3 for measles. So far in 2024, 461 children have received multi-antigen vaccinations including 178 for measles, and 394 pregnant women have been vaccinated against tetanus as part of routine immunization.

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 19 September, the total funding for the CAR RRP remained at some USD 8.3 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 19 September, it was funded at **25%**.

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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