

Central African Republic (CAR) – SUDAN SITUATION

25 September – 3 October 2024



In Birao, training for 16 community facilitators of the EMAP intervention for the primary prevention of violence against women and girls by involving men in accountable practices. ©UNHCR

Highlights

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- The security situation in the Vakaga, Haute Kotto, and Bamingui Bangoran regions is mostly calm, despite some non-state armed group activity on the main roads and near Birao, Ouandja Kotto, Bria, Yppi, and Ndélé. Reported incidents this week were mainly opportunistic crimes like robberies, armed incursions at mining sites, and extortion.
- This week, UNHCR concluded the Engaging Men through Accountable Practice (EMAP) facilitator training after 12 days of co-facilitation with the partner organization INTERSOS. On September 16, UNHCR held a training session in Birao, Vakaga, concentrating on EMAP. This strategy seeks to involve men in combating gender-based violence (GBV) by promoting responsible behaviors.
- The initiative's goal is to encourage gender equality within families and bring about transformative change for women and girls.

Population Movements and Registration

This week in Korsi (Birao), 45 newly arrived households consisting of 85 individuals, were manually registered due to a broken server delaying their biometric registration. Upon arrival, these families received dry food and essential relief items.

The total refugee population in the Korsi district is now 14,615 people (6,318 households), with 7,822 females (54 percent) and 6,793 males (46 percent). Children make up 8,312 of this number (57 percent). In Ouandja-Kotto, Bria, and Ippy, there are 2,974 refugees (976 households). Additionally, 3,419 Sudanese refugees (940 households) are residing in the localities of Ndélé, Akroussoulbak, Koundi, and Zobossinda in the Bamingui Bangoran prefecture.

Protection

During the reporting week, UNHCR's partner INTERSOS carried out 22 monitoring visits, with 8 taking place in the host community and 14 in Korsi. These visits allowed the team to gather security information from the area, offer psychosocial support for GBV cases in safe spaces, identify individuals with special needs, monitor the protection environment, survey newly arrived refugee households in Korsi, and assist community relays in conducting outreach activities.

During these monitoring visits, 65 protection cases were identified and documented in Vakaga Prefecture, specifically in Am Dafock, Birao, and Sikikede. This marks an increase of 22 incidents compared to last week's total of 43. Of the reported protection incidents, 41 pertained to property rights violations, followed by seven incidents involving physical integrity violations and cases of gender-based sexual violence.

The increase in incidents is associated with continued activities by opportunistic bandits and actions by government forces in Am Dafock. These forces are allegedly placing illegal taxes on Sudanese and residents who visit the weekly market.

Due to deteriorating conditions and flooding, government forces have halted their patrols on major roads. Consequently, non-state armed groups and opportunistic bandits are taking advantage of the situation to perpetrate violence against civilians traveling these routes. This disruption has hindered the free movement of people and goods within the prefecture, reduced market supplies, and driven up food prices. Civilians now face various protection risks such as theft, robbery, extortion, homicide, assault, kidnapping, rape, and sexual assault.

Prevention against gender-based violence (GBV)

Throughout the reporting week, UNHCR's partner INTERSOS recorded that over 256 women and girls visited the Safe Space in Korsi, Birao. These visitors participated in two occupational therapy sessions focused on the importance of psychosocial care, as well as group counseling sessions addressing the right to education.

Additionally, during the same period, numerous cases of GBV were documented at Safe Spaces in both Korsi and Am Dafock, primarily attributed to the abuse of power by men within households. As part of the response, INTERSOS facilitated 17 listening sessions with survivors.

Education

This week, three discussion groups were held as part of accountability to affected populations activities, engaging 15 beneficiaries from school holiday courses, Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) activities in schools, and the child-friendly space.

Two awareness-raising sessions took place at Korsi and within the host community as a means of community mobilization, reaching a total of 326 people. The sessions emphasized the importance of timely school enrollment.

Construction efforts continued for a new school in Birao, located in the Vakaga region. The project includes six classrooms, two administrative buildings, two food stores for the school canteen, and 324 concrete benches. This week saw the completion of 84 desks, with another 84-nearing completion.

In the child-friendly space in Korsi (Birao), recreational and psychosocial activities are ongoing. This week, 415 children took part, comprising 224 girls and 15 new participants. The activities featured games like dances and skits, sports, and opportunities for informal learning.

At the child-friendly space, two group therapy sessions were held, involving 15 children. The participants included eight girls and seven boys.

UNHCR is implementing educational programs as part of the wider response to the Sudan crisis, with a focus on supporting the Central African Republic through emergency initiatives.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

Last week, 12 new latrines were completed in Korsi (Birao), making the total construction for 2024 reach 124 latrines and 123 showers. This addition raised the number of emergency latrines to 237, slightly lowering the ratio from 65 people per latrine the previous week to 62 people per latrine. However, this ratio still does not meet the Sphere standard of 20 people per latrine. There are also 251 emergency showers, resulting in a ratio of 58 people per shower.

After fixing the generator at Korsi's main water source, the daily drinking water supply increased to 130,000 litres from 70,000 litres. This week, each of Korsi's 14,615 residents received an average of nine litres per day, which is still below the Sphere standard of 20 litres per person.

In an effort to improve hygiene and sanitation, UNHCR's partner, NOURRIR, cleaned the washing area, treated water at distribution points with chlorine, and carried out awareness activities through focus group

discussions and door-to-door outreach, reaching a total of 6,416 individuals. NOURRIR also initiated the construction of 20 new transitional shelters and continued working on 37 semi-durable shelters in Korsi.

Non-Food Items (NFI)

This week, UNHCR distributed household kits—comprising blankets, mats, mosquito nets, kitchen supplies, jerrycans, buckets, torches, and 248 second-hand clothes—to 93 individuals (30 households) registered in Korsi between 23-25 September, as well as to 15 previously registered individuals (4 households).

Health and Nutrition

Throughout the week, NOURRIR, IMC, and the Vakaga health district, under the supervision of WHO, conducted 860 curative consultations. Of these, 117 were for the host community (14 per cent), and 743 for Sudanese refugees in Korsi (86 per cent). The cumulative total of curative consultations for 2024 stands at 28,913.

The leading causes of morbidity are malaria (615 cases, 71.51 per cent), acute respiratory infections (98 cases, 11.39 per cent), and conjunctivitis (88 cases, 10.23 per cent). All patients were treated as outpatients.

From 21-27 September 2024, thirty-nine Sudanese women underwent antenatal consultations, adding to a cumulative total of 1,097 cases for 2024. Seven cases involved postnatal counseling, contributing to a total of 218 women counseled in 2024. Furthermore, 41 women underwent gynecological consultations, resulting in a total of 1,479 such consultations in 2024. Additionally, 11 women received implants for family planning, bringing the annual total to 203 women.

Last week, 24 patients from Korsi were referred to Birao District Hospital; 16 have recovered, while 8 remain hospitalized. This brings the total number of patients referred in 2024 to 564. Additionally, there were nine cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and six cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) among children aged 6 to 59 months. In 2024, 1,208 children with MAM, 153 with SAM, and 844 cases under malnutrition prevention were treated.

Furthermore, this week, 22 pregnant women and 6 children were vaccinated against tetanus, and 6 children received multi-antigen vaccines, including one against measles. Throughout 2024, 519 children were vaccinated with multi-antigens, with 183 protected against measles, and 433 pregnant women received tetanus vaccines as part of the routine immunization program.

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 03 October, the total funding for the CAR RRP remained at some USD 12.4 million or **27%** 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 03 October, it was funded at **27%**.

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](#)

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- [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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