

Central African Republic (CAR) – SUDAN SITUATION

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Awareness-raising campaigns during cash distribution to the Sudanese refugees in Korsi, Birao. © UNHCR/Anicet NGAIDONO

Highlights

- The security situation in refugee-hosting areas of Vakaga, Bamingui-Bangoran, Haute Kotto, Ouaka, Mbomou, and Haute Mbomou remains highly volatile due to the presence of non-state armed groups, with reports of ongoing human rights abuses and several notable security incidents.
- In Vakaga Prefecture, an upsurge in criminal activities was observed, particularly along main roads, where criminals have become increasingly active and aggressive. Ten individuals en route to a training session in Birao were robbed by members of a non-state armed group.
- WFP, in partnership with Ecobank and in collaboration with UNHCR, the National Commission for Refugees (CNR), NOURRIR, INTERSOS, and members of the refugee committee, successfully completed cash distributions as a substitute for dry food. This initiative supported 13,537 Sudanese refugees from 5,673 households for the months of October and November.

Population Movements and Registration

This week, 56 Sudanese refugees (25 households) arrived at the Korsi refugee settlement in Birao, showing a slight decrease from last week's 77 arrivals. Additionally, 112 newly arrived Sudanese refugees (60 households) in Korsi received core relief items, including sleeping mats, blankets, kitchen sets, solar lamps, soap, and jerrycans, from UNHCR. WFP provided a total of 1.16 tonnes of dry food.

A registration mission led by UNHCR, and the National Commission for Refugees (CNR) biometrically registered 1,189 Sudanese refugees from 419 households in Rafai, near the border with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Additionally, in Mbrès, the CNR and UNHCR documented the arrival of 137 Sudanese refugees from 13 households.

Protection

During the reporting week, 23 protection monitoring missions were conducted in Vakaga prefecture to assess the security situation, document protection incidents and human rights violations, and survey the newly arrived refugee households in Korsi. These efforts aim to provide tailored psychological support where needed and to relay critical protection concerns to relevant authorities. Additionally, Project 21(P21)¹ surveys were conducted for new refugee households in Korsi, complemented by outreach and coaching sessions for community relays.

¹ Project 21, co-led by UNHCR, is a regional protection monitoring tool that collects data and analyzes protection risks across West and Central Africa. In the CAR, P21 tools have been adapted to help integrate local protection monitoring data into a broader regional database. This approach allows for more comprehensive insights into protection gaps and informs targeted interventions.

UNHCR's partner INTERSOS reported 25 protection incidents in Vakaga during the reporting week, a slight decrease from the previous week's 42 incidents. The drop is possibly due to restricted civilian movement during the harvest season, poor road conditions, and flooding in the region. A training on case management for protection monitors this week also contributed to reduced monitoring coverage.

Most incidents involved property rights violations, including extortion, theft, and illegal taxation, followed by cases of gender-based violence and restrictions on freedom of movement and physical safety. Key areas of concern include Am Dafock, Sikikedé, and Korsi, with non-state armed groups identified as primary perpetrators. Local men, particularly those traveling between towns, are frequently targeted for robbery and harassment.

Protection against gender-based violence (GBV)

UNHCR's partner INTERSOS held two awareness-raising sessions in Korsi focused on promoting girls' education and addressing the underlying factors of gender-based violence (GBV). The sessions were attended by women and girls.

Five focus group sessions took place in Ndélé's safe space in the Bamingui-Bangoran prefecture, bringing together 80 women and girls from both the host community and refugee population to discuss the importance of coexistence. A similar group session in Kaboré's safe space focused on menstrual hygiene advice. These sessions fostered connections between local and Sudanese refugee women, providing a platform for them to share experiences, strengthen bonds, and offer emotional support to one another through stories of daily life amid ongoing crises and challenges.

In Ndélé, persons with specific needs, including women living alone in difficult conditions, received individual counselling from UNHCR's partner INTERSOS.

Water, Shelter, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

The number of emergency latrines in Korsi has increased to 237, improving the ratio from 65 people per latrine to 62. However, this still falls short of the emergency standards, which recommend a maximum of 50 people per latrine. Additionally, the ratio for the number of people per shower remains at 58, also below the recommended standards.

The daily drinking water supply remains at 100,000 litres, due to a borehole breakdown and a generator malfunction at another borehole. This brings the average water provision to 7.11 litres per person per day for the 15,064 people in Korsi, below the Sphere standard of 20 litres per person per day.

UNHCR's partner, NOURRIR, along with community members, continues to promote sanitation and hygiene in Korsi. Hygiene promoters conducted outreach sessions, reaching 2,041 people from 1,081 households to encourage safe hygiene practices.

A total of 264 refugees have been mobilized to construct a refuse pit for household waste and drainage channels in Korsi, with the supervision of the National Commission for Refugees (CNR), UNHCR, and NOURRIR.

Education

Four awareness-raising sessions were organized in Korsi, engaging 620 people from both the refugee and host communities. These sessions focused on two main themes: the importance of education in society and the start of the new school year.

In Ndélé, 766 school-age Sudanese refugee children are continuing their education in school.

Shelter and Core Relief Items (CRIs)

Three new emergency shelters were constructed and converted into hangars in Korsi, Birao. This brings the number of emergency shelters built in 2024 to 757, with 343 remaining to be built. Currently, there are 1,857 emergency shelters in Korsi.

The construction of 220 semi-durable shelters in Birao is ongoing, with 85 launched so far.

Health and Nutrition

NOURRIR and International Medical Corps (IMC) medical teams, under the supervision of WHO and the Vakaga Health District, conducted 438 consultations in Korsi. Of these, 392 (89 per cent) were for refugees and 46 (11 per cent) for host community members. Among the refugee, 72 (12 per cent) were new arrivals, and 22 per cent of all consultations were for young children aged 0-59 months. The most common health issues were malaria (170 cases, 39 per cent), acute respiratory infections (52 cases, 12 per cent), and intestinal parasitosis (24 cases, 5 per cent). All patients received outpatient care. In 2024, a total of 32,507 consultations have been provided, with 10 per cent serving the host community.

In Korsi, 26 Sudanese women received antenatal consultations during the reporting week, bringing the annual total to 1,245. Additionally, there were six postnatal consultations, totaling 259 for the year. 23 women had gynecological consultations, reaching 1,667 for the year, and four received family planning services, totaling 250 for 2024. Two babies were delivered during the reporting week, bringing the annual total to 128 deliveries and 131 newborns.

During the reporting week, five patients were referred from Korsi to Birao District Hospital, adding to the 651 referrals made so far in 2024. No deaths were reported.

A total of 4 cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and 10 cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) were identified in children aged 6 to 59 months. In 2024, 1,234 children have been treated for MAM, 182 for SAM, and 844 children have participated in malnutrition prevention programs. In total, 2,260 children aged 0-59 months have received treatment for malnutrition.

Vaccination efforts continued, with 10 pregnant women receiving the anti-tetanus vaccine and 6 children receiving multi-antigen vaccines, including one for measles. For 2024, 563 children have received multi-antigen vaccines, with 193 vaccinated against measles, and 494 pregnant women have received the anti-tetanus vaccine as part of routine immunization.

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 02 November, the total funding for the CAR remained at some USD 11.4 million or **25%** 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 02 November, the total available funding for the appeal is **29%** 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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