Chad – Sudanese Emergency

09 December 2024

Nineteen months into the Sudan conflict, more than 10 million people have been displaced, and more than 2 million have fled to neighbouring countries, including Chad.

As of 02 December, Chad has counted more than **700,000 new refugees from Sudan; 89% are women and children**. In support of the Government of Chad, **UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO FAO and national and international NGOs provide protection and assistance in border sites and refugee settlements. UNHCR and IOM support the Government in coordinating the humanitarian response to refugees and returnees.**

The most urgent need remains to relocate refugees from the border to consolidated refugee sites and ensure access to water, shelter, food, core relief items, health, and education.

KEY INDICATORS

719,123

New refugees counted as of 02 December 2024, i.e., 200,010 households

635,593 **pre-registered/registered biometrically** in Abéché, Adré, Am Nabak, Arkoum, Djabal, Farchana, Gaga, Goz Amir, Iridimi, Kounougou, Metché, Milé, Aboutengué, Oure Cassoni, Tissi, Touloum, Zabout, Dougui

88%

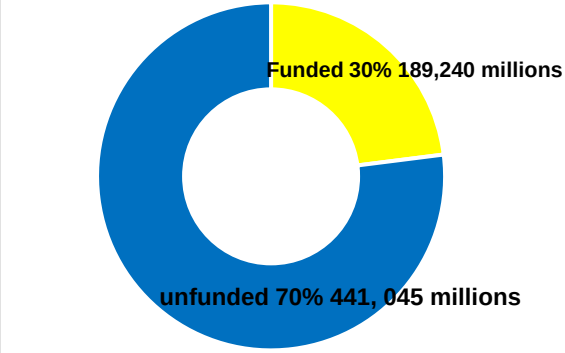
Registered are **Women and children**

15%

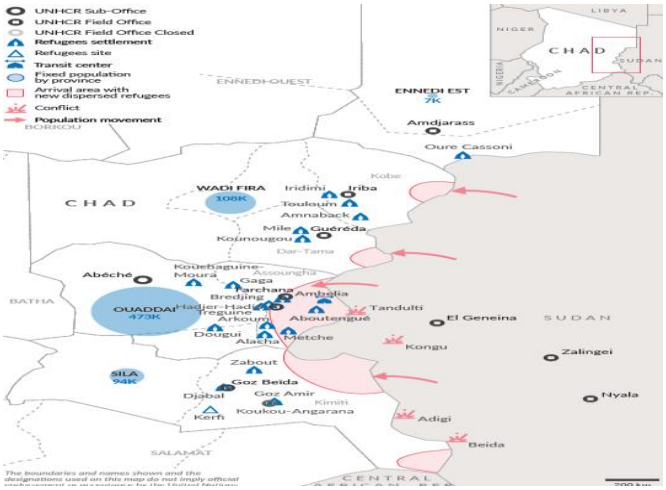
registered have **specific needs**

BUDGET REQUIRED FOR CHAD UNDER THE RRRP FOR THE SUDAN SITUATION (AS OF 09 DECEMBER 2024)

$630.2 million



The 2024 RRRP is financed at 30%. Microsoft Power BI



The handing over of equipment to the football team of young urban refugees in Abéché, at the One-Stop Center ©APLFT/Adoua Ngambor

Emergency Response Achievements

Coordination

- Following the recent upsurge in the number of new arrivals in the Wadi-Fira Province, UNHCR and partners relocated the first batch of new arrivals, consisting of 283 refugees (99 households) from Tine to the new Koursigue refugee site. The site is the seventh new refugee site that has been opened in Chad in the space of nineteen months.
- The French Minister of Europe and Foreign Affairs, Noël Barrot, accompanied by Chad's Minister of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Abdulrahman Koulamallah, France's Ambassador to Chad, the Governor of Ouaddaï province, and the UNHCR Representative visited Eastern Chad. The mission visited the Adré refugee spontaneous site, the food distribution activities, and the medical clinic. The delegation was shown the refugee reception arrangements at the border entry point. The delegation joined the UN Under-Secretary-General's mission in Adré and witnessed the passage of the humanitarian convoy to Sudan.
- On 28 November 2024, UNHCR held a workshop on health and nutrition activities in the Sila Province, bringing together partners working in refugee sites. The discussions focused on planning for 2025, UNHCR's global public health strategy (2021-2025), health and nutrition indicators, and strategic priorities for sexual and reproductive health and HIV. The workshop also covered health and nutrition priorities for 2025, accountability to affected populations, and standard operating procedures (SOPs) for referrals and data collection in health and nutrition.
- From 26 to 28 November 2024, the WFP Deputy Representative for Operations visited the Milé and Koursigué refugee sites in Wadi-Fira Province. He discussed the living conditions with refugee leaders and encouraged them to explore opportunities for rapid empowerment, as the WFP may not provide long-term assistance due to funding shortfalls. He emphasized the importance of implementing the AGUINA (for us in Arabic) project and outlined the 2025-2028 strategic plan, which focuses on emergency and climate shock response capacity, strengthening resilience for both refugees and host communities, and developing human capital through nutrition and education activities.
- PRM and the American Embassy in Chad continued their evaluation mission in the Adré refugee spontaneous site from 25 to 27 November 2024. The mission visited the reception facilities, met with refugees, and spoke with humanitarian actors.
- On 26 November 2024, the first new inter-sectoral structure meeting was held at the UNHCR office in Farchana to enhance coordination between agencies and sectors for a more effective humanitarian response. Key discussions included coordination mechanisms in the East, the transfer of responsibilities within sectoral working groups, and the functioning of intersectoral coordination. The sectors present included protection, logistics, food security, nutrition, WASH, health and mental health, education, and cross-cutting sectors like AAP, cash, IM, and PSEA. This meeting fostered collaboration among humanitarian actors, leading to a more cohesive response to the needs of affected populations. The new coordination structure, aligned with the recommendations of the P2P mission, was established to strengthen existing mechanisms, following the Refugee Coordination Model (RCM) adapted to the specific refugee context.

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RELOCATION

- To encourage refugees to relocate from the border areas, the Prefect of Assounga, the UNHCR Representative and humanitarian actors met and discussed with refugees to relocate to consolidated refugee sites where they are better assisted and protected.
- 253 refugees (78 households) were relocated from Adré to Dougui. Cumulatively, 4,784 refugees (1496 households) have been relocated since 29 May, 2024.
- A total of 784 individuals (256 households) were biometrically registered in the Dougui refugee site, bringing the total number of registered individuals to 4,452. In Aboutengué, 327 children were added to their families during continuous registration, bringing the number of newborns registered since 18 November to 538.
- 481 new refugees (251 households) were pre-registered in the Korabo and Koulbous sites. As of 30 November, 27,438 (9,213 households) new arrivals have been pre-registered in Birak, Wadi-Fira Province.

PROTECTION

- From 25 November to 1 December, 2,666 individuals (745 households) fleeing insecurity in Sudan entered Chad. Most of these individuals were women and children from various Sudanese localities, including Al Fasher, Nyala, Kutum, Al Jazira, Khartoum, and Kabkabiya. Since the beginning of the crisis on 15 April 2023, Chad has hosted 719, 123 Sudanese (200,010 households) on its territory including 234, 173 in 2024 alone.
  - Forty-three (43) protection incidents were recorded during the reporting period. The cases varied from death threats to the abduction of minors, physical assaults, theft, etc. UNHCR, the *Association pour la Promotion des Libertés Fondamentales au Tchad* (APLFT), the *Détachement pour la Protection des Humanitaire et des Réfugiés* (DPHR), and the human rights delegation are following the cases.
  - Twenty (20) visits were made at the detention centers to verify the conditions of the refugees in conflict with the law. Nine refugees were detained, five of whom were transferred to the Abéché remand centre after appealing their sentences.
  - As part of the project to support citizenship and the prevention of statelessness, the sub-prefecture of Guereda Rural issued 84 birth certificates to refugee children. Additionally, 205 children whose births were declared after the legal deadline were identified in the Metché refugee site by the Child Registration Brigade, which will be subjected to supplementary judgments before any further actions are taken.
  - UNHCR and partners officially launched the 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence in all the refugee sites on 25 November 2024. The event was held under the international theme *"Unite to end violence against women and girls*" and the national theme *"Prevention of gender-based violence during election periods for equal political participation of women."* The

ceremonies were attended by refugee women, girls, men, boys, and their host community counterparts.

- Thirty-one (31) gender-based violence (GBV) survivors received psychosocial, medical, and legal
assistance.
- Four awareness-raising sessions were conducted in the Arkoum, Allacha, Tréguine, and Dougui refugee sites on the theme “Breaking the silence by denouncing all kinds of violence suffered,” reaching 655 people, including men, women, girls, and boys.
- Eighty-seven (87) children at risk were identified and documented in the various refugee sites with a variety of typologies, including children with disabilities, as well as those with complex medical conditions or mental and physical disabilities. The children were referred for psychosocial and medical support. Those with physical disabilities were sent to Handicap International for the necessary support, which included the distribution of kits to 37 disabled girls in the Metché and Aboutengue refugee sites.
- Clown Without Borders — a group of street artists stayed in Aboutengué from 26 to 29 November 2024, offering entertainment shows to Sudanese refugees with the support of MSF-Switzerland. These activities brought moments of joy to the refugees, who had suffered various traumas.

HEALTH/NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION

- 969,957 consultations have been carried since the start of the emergency, including 15,067 new ones last week.
- Malaria, acute respiratory infections (ARI), watery diarrhoea, and malnutrition remained the main pathologies.
- 69,639 cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and 30,831 cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) were treated.
- 17,025 children were screened last week, including 796 MAM and 326 MAS.
- 105,858 pregnant and breastfeeding women were screened, with 8,007 cases of moderate acute malnutrition treated.
- 17,887 cases have been received for consultation, including 67 new ones last week.
- 12,907 births have been attended to by qualified health personnel, including 280 last week.
- 409 children were vaccinated for all antigens, 289 were vaccinated against measles and 40 against BCG.

CBI

- WFP’s cash distributions ended in Amnabak and Mile refugee sites with a total of 41,817 beneficiaries (9,877 households) served.

SHELTER / WATER, HYGIENE AND SANITATION AND CRIS

- As of 29 November 2024, progress on shelter construction for disaster-affected households is as follows: ADES has completed 222 out of 622 shelters, with 350 still in progress. CRT has finished 211 out of 1,000 shelters planned for the Koursigué site,

with 789 in frame state. World Vision has completed 160 out of 212 shelters at the Milé extension site, with 52 more in progress.

- Additionally, 415 households (1,206 people) are still waiting for shelters. However, 130 households (573 people) of newly relocated refugees were transferred to shelters at the Milé extension site, and 99 households (279 people) from Tine were directly integrated into shelters at the Koursigué site.

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Working in partnership

As part of this emergency response, UNHCR is working with the following partners:

- **Coordination and Registration**: CNARR
- **Relocation :** AIRD, CIAUD, CNARR, CRT, IRC
- **Protection:** ADES, ADRA, ANATS, ASTBEF, CNARR, COOPI, CRT, UNFPA, HIAS, KITES, OXFAM, UNICEF, APLFT
- **Health and nutrition:** ADES, IRC, ACF, Health and food security, Concern Worldwide, French Red Cross, CRT, MSF (France, Holland, Switzerland), Première Urgence International (PUI), Solidarités International/ACHDR, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP, and WHO
- **Food distribution:** WFP, CRT
- **Shelter, water, hygiene, and sanitation:** ADES, CRT, INTERSOS, IRC, LMI, SECADEV, in collaboration with ACTED, ADRA, ADRO, ACAFDI, ACF, AFDI, CARE, FLM, HELP TCHAD, MSF France, OXFAM, SAHKAL, Solidarités International/ACHDR, UNICEF, WFP and WORLD VISION

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