Chad – Sudanese Emergency

18 March 2025

23 months into the Sudan conflict, more than 12 million people have been displaced, and more than three million have fled to neighbouring countries, including Chad.

As of 16 March 2025, Chad has counted more than **700,000 new refugees from Sudan; 88% are women and children**. In support of the Government of Chad, **UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO FAO and national**

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 protection services, water, shelter, food, non-food items, health, and education.

KEY INDICATORS

767,365

New refugees counted as of 16 March 2025, i.e., 212,897 households

719,779 **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

73%

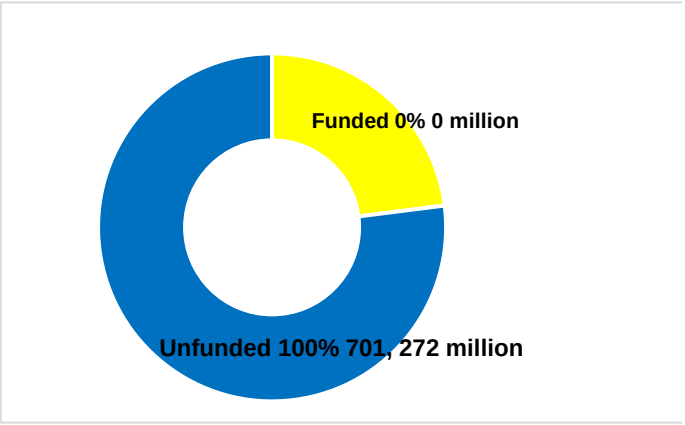
registered are **women and children**

13%

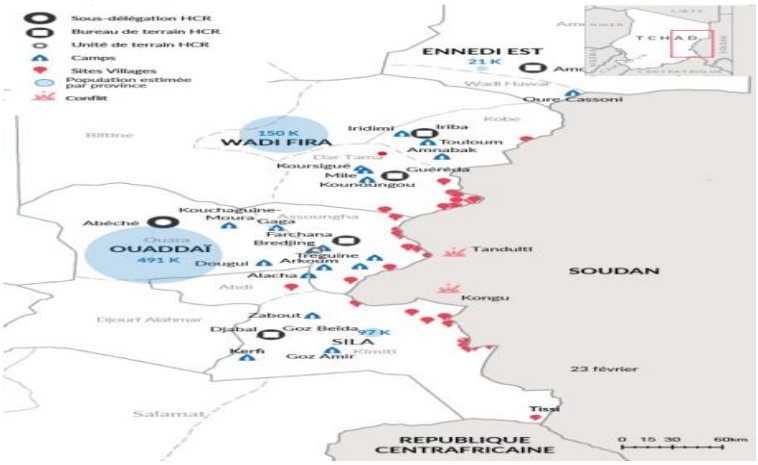
registered have **specific needs**

BUDGET REQUIRED FOR CHAD UNDER THE RRRP FOR THE SUDAN SITUATION (AS OF 18 MARCH 2025)

$701.3 million



The 2025 RRRP was financed at 0%. Microsoft Power BI



Inauguration of a portable water supply project for refugees and host communities in Abougoudam, ©UNHCR/Bienvenu Daldigue

Emergency Response Achievements

Coordination

- With more than 760,000 new Sudanese refugees in Chad and more than 41,000 received in just 2025, UNHCR Chad continues to look for additional lands to reopen new refugee sites. On 1 March 2025, a joint mission from UNHCR and its government partner, the Commission Nationale pour l'Accueil et la Réinsertion des Réfugiés et des Rapatriés (CNARR), visited Mabrone, a locality situated in north of Farchana, to assess the possibility of opening new sites to relocate refugees currently hosted in Adré where more than 237,000 refugees await relocation to consolidated refugee sites.
- In Guéréda also, after numerous requests, the local authorities officially allocated 54.9 hectares of land (can host about 10,000 refugees) to UNHCR for a new refugee settlement. The new site Arnè is a kilometre from UNHCR's Field Office in Guéréda. It has significant potential and can serve as a model for integration under the NEXUS framework. The Head of the UNHCR Sub-delegation in Iriba and humanitarian partners in Guéréda will discuss commitments for the upcoming opening of the site, which will host refugees awaiting relocation near the Koulbous and Birak borders.
- A presentation for the European Union's International Partnership Project (INTPA/PADERCA) was organized this week. This project includes a "Mental Health and Psychosocial Support" component to support community initiatives and promote peaceful coexistence. The project targets refugee communities in refugee sites of Metché (Ouaddaï Province), Touloum, and Iridimi (Wadi Fira Province) and the host communities surrounding the refugee sites. This project targets a total of 10,000 people over a two-year implementation period.
- Following the appointment of new government officials, UNHCR's Principal Situation Coordinator for the Sudan Situation in Eastern Chad met with the new General Delegate for Ouaddaï Province, General Ismaïel Yamouto Djorbo, in a courtesy visit. The meeting focused on collaboration to address refugee needs, including the continuation of the relocation of refugees from the Adré border to consolidated sites and supporting UNHCR in identifying new locations. Regarding the border closure, the provincial authority confirmed it was temporary and that the humanitarian corridor remains open for refugees and asylum seekers. The General Delegate emphasized the need for quick site identification and relocation to avoid complications before the rainy season.
- In support of refugee initiatives, CNARR, in collaboration with CIAUD and UNHCR, identified 44 local associations and groups in Amdjarass with at least 51% refugee membership for formalization. Meetings with relevant authorities were held, and following CNARR and UNHCR outreach, the governorate took immediate action, instructing decentralized services to expedite the issuance of ten receipts for the associations, in line with Ordinance No. 023/PR/2018 on association regulations.
- The UNHCR Global Communication Team's content-gathering mission in Farchana focused on the relocation of refugees from Adré to Dougui and visited the refugee sites in Dougui, Arkoum, Aboutengué, Farchana, and host communities in Farchana and Hadjer-Hadid. The team captured photos and videos and interviewed refugees and UNHCR staff, including the Head of the Sub Office. The mission, ahead of the Sudan crisis' second anniversary, aims to showcase the impact of the response, refugees' resilience, and key humanitarian efforts, while highlighting funding gaps and aligning with donor visibility priorities. ***Please visit our coordination tool here.***

RELOCATION

- From 17 February to 9 March, UNHCR and partners relocated 2,357 new arrivals (797 households) from Adré, Tiné and border villages in the Sila Province to Dougui, Abougoudam (Ouaddaï Province), Koursigué (Wadi-Fira Province) and Zabout refugee sites (Silla Province).

PROTECTION

- From 24 February to 9 March 2025, a total of 6,362 new Sudanese refugees (2,054 households) took refuge on Chadian soil. The main reasons for flight remain general insecurity in Sudan coupled with gross human rights abuses. In 2025 alone, Chad has received 41,881 new arrivals and 765,420 Sudanese new arrivals since the start of the conflict on 15 April 2023.
- Biometric registration for new Sudanese refugees at the Milé II, Koursigué and Touloum refugees sites continued during the reporting period. A total of 5,162 individuals (1,369 households) were biometrically registered.
- A capacity-building training on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) was held in Abéché for managers of 9 national NGOs working in the Eastern Chad. The PSEA National Sub-working group organized the training at the request of the national NGO platform. A total of 33 participants attended, focusing on key topics such as recognizing sexual misconduct, Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) fundamental principles, the victim-centered approach, reporting channels, and how to utilize them.
- A total of 92 children with special needs across the refugee sites were identified and documented, with various vulnerabilities. UNHCR and child protection partners provided support for some of the cases.
- On 22 February 2025, UNHCR hosted a training in Guereda on the Participatory Community Planning (PCP) approach, organized by WFP. The training aimed to improve living conditions for both host and refugee populations through a multisectoral approach. It focused on community involvement, aligning technical services, and harmonizing local development priorities to ensure effective and sustainable support. The project will be implemented under the "HAGUINA" and "BMZ" initiatives.
- UNHCR organized meetings between 37 refugee academics and higher education institutions in Abéché from 19 to 21 February 2025. The goal was to showcase the refugees' qualifications and teaching capabilities and induce job opportunities. The universities expressed interest in collaboration based on available resources.

CBI

- Cash distributions were completed across multiple refugee sites with high success rates. At Bredjing and Treguine, nearly 100% of the targets were met, distributing 389,664,000 XAF. In Wadi-Fira, distributions were completed at Kounoungou and continued at Milé, with a 96.87% completion at Kounoungou and ongoing distribution at Milé. Activities in Amnabak and Iridimi also continued, with Amnabak reaching over 98% of its target. Distribution at Touloum began for new refugees. Additionally, food cash distribution for January and February is ongoing in Milé, with over 96% of the planned target already achieved.

HEALTH/NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION

- IRC presented to UNHCR and partners in Iriba, Wadi-Fira Province, its Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunizations (GAVI) funded project, a project to immunize children under 5 years in 15 refugee sites in Eastern Chad. The $2,000,000 budget will target 87,860 children across Ennedi Est, Ouaddaï, and Wadi Fira provinces. Activities include training healthcare providers on cold chain management, supporting vaccine supply, and conducting vaccination campaigns for children under 5 years in refugee sites and surrounding villages.
- Since the beginning of the year, 67,432 medical consultations have been conducted, including 9,760 new consultations in the past week. The main diseases are acute respiratory infections, malaria, watery diarrhea, and malnutrition.
- Among children aged 6 to 59 months who were screened, 3,956 cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and 1,525 cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) were treated. For the week under review, 21,312 children were screened, including 725 with MAM and 167 with SAM. Additionally, 9,174 pregnant and breastfeeding women were screened.

SHELTER / WATER, HYGIENE AND SANITATION AND CRIS

- 1,134 of 2,000 planned emergency shelters have been allocated and occupied, with the remaining shelters expected to be used up within three weeks. Infrastructure projects include constructing latrines, a water tank, and water towers at various sites, with notable progress made in Aboutengué and Farchana.

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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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