Chad – Sudanese Emergency

3 April 2025

Almost 2 years 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 31 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

772,970

New refugees counted as of 31 March 2025, i.e., 214,771 households

723,076 **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

74%

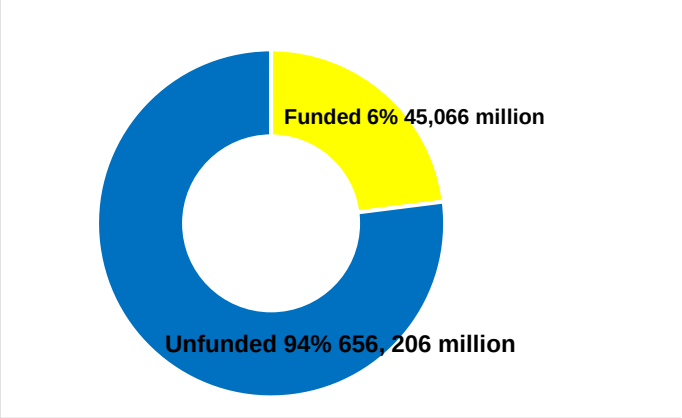
registered are **women and children**

13%

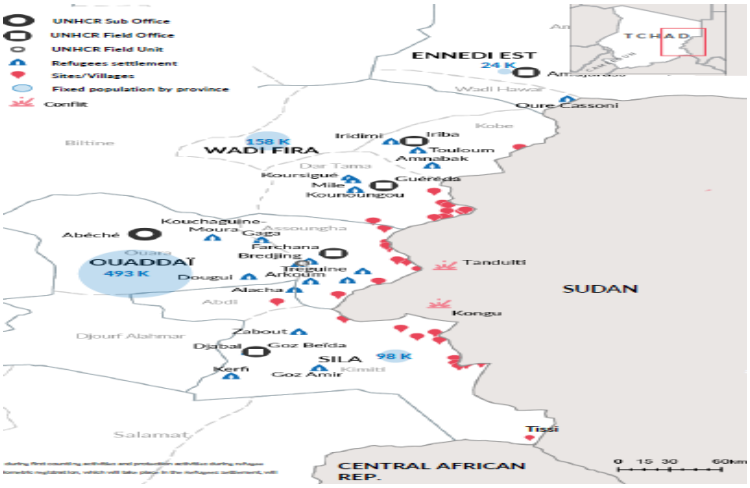
registered have **specific needs**

BUDGET REQUIRED FOR CHAD UNDER THE RRRP FOR THE SUDAN SITUATION (AS OF 3 APRIL 2025)

$701.3 million



The 2025 RRRP was financed at 6%. Microsoft Power BI



At the Iridimi refugee site in Wadi-Fira, newly arrived Sudanese refugees have access to drinking water with the support of UNHCR, thanks to the generous contributions of donors. Samia Abderaman Defallah fetches water from a distribution point for her domestic needs. UNHCR/Bienvenu Daldigue

Emergency Response Achievements

Coordination

- From 10 to 14 March 2025, UNHCR received a mission from the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Guereda. The mission consisted of four people, three of whom were from Sudan. The mission worked at the refugee sites in Kounoungou, Milé, and Koursigué, as well as with the Guéréda High Court, to gain insight into the human rights situation.
- A high-level mission, including representatives from the United States of America, Spain, Canada, and the United Kingdom, alongside UNHCR and WFP, visited the Gaga refugee site on 25 March. The mission focused on resettlement and complementary pathways, engaging with various groups (refugee leaders, youth, women), and discussed sectors like education, health, security, and food security.
- The UNHCR Assistant Representative for Programme visited the Assoungha Department from 26 to 31 March, touring infrastructure and meeting with refugees, local authorities, and humanitarian actors in Adré, Metché, Aboutengué, and Dougui refugee sites. She emphasized prioritizing refugees' needs and contributions amid the United States of America funding freeze. ***Please visit our coordination tool here.***

RELOCATION

- During the period under review, 1,927 individuals (751 households) were relocated from border areas to the Kerfi, Zabout (Silla Province), Dougui and Abougoudam (Ouaddaï Province) and Koursigué (Wadi-Fira Province) refugee sites.

PROTECTION

- New arrivals continued to cross the border into Chad as new fighting was reported in North Darfur. Since the beginning of the year, approximately 49,431 Sudanese refugees have arrived in Chad, averaging 555 daily arrivals. As a result of the conflict that broke out nearly two years ago, Chad is now a new home for 772,970 new Sudanese refugees.
- In Koursigué and Abougoudam refugee sites, individual biometric registration began on February 26 and is ongoing. During the reporting period, 6,821 refugees (1,754 households) have been registered.
- From 19 to 21 March 2025, UNHCR conducted a training on protection monitoring, mixed movements, and secondary movements for community relays, CRT monitors, and CNARR protection assistants. The training covered international protection in mixed and secondary movement contexts, route-based approaches, fraud and corruption, PSEA, the code of conduct, and referral pathways. A total of 35 participants attended.

- UNHCR's partner APLFT distributed 2,900 dignity kits, including hygiene items, to women and girls across three refugee sites (Djabal, Kerfi, and Zabout), with support from CNARR and community leaders.
- Five awareness sessions on gender-based violence were held in Metché, reaching 941 people and covering topics like resource denial, psychological violence, and available free services.
- From 11 to 13 March 2025, the UNHCR office in Iriba organized a capacity-building workshop on gender-based violence (GBV) case management, the basic concepts of protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), mental Health, and psychosocial support in the fight against gender-based violence for partner staff. The workshop brought together 48 people.
- A capacity-building session for transitional foster families was organized on 13 March 2025 at the Iridimi refugee site. Focusing on the theme "the foundations of child protection and positive parenting", this training session reminded transitional foster families of legal tools and the community approach to child protection and to strengthen their skills in compassionate education. This training brought together 32 participants from the Iridimi, Touloum and Amnabak sites, including 19 women.
- 118 at-risk children were identified with various vulnerabilities during the reporting period. Assessments and Determination of Best Interests were conducted for 63 of them, with some placed in foster care and others reunited with their families.

EDUCATION

- Following the inauguration of the digital learning center in Abeche, UNHCR has continued to provide distant learning opportunities for refugees and refugee-hosting communities in the Iridimi refugee site. The internet connections have been set up, and the computers and other equipment will be installed shortly. The initiative was met with great enthusiasm by the refugees and representatives from host communities in the surrounding villages as an opportunity to provide access to higher education through the center.

CBI

- World Vision provided cash assistance to 100 GBV survivors at the Milé refugee site, distributing 42,000 XAF per beneficiary for 4,200,000 XAF. Additionally
- In Touloum, 10,633 individuals (2,987 households) benefitted from WFP cash distributions, each receiving 8,000 XAF.
- In Zabout, Djabal, and Kerfi, 73,659 refugees (18,100 households) received WFP's cash assistance, with each individual receiving 16,000 XAF for two months.
- The Evangelical Project for Community Development (PEDC) provided 45,000 XAF cash support to 2,161 individuals from vulnerable groups.

ENVIRONMENTS & LIVELIHOOD

- In Guereda, 54 tons of bio-charcoal and 4,000 butane gas cylinders were received to support the energy needs of refugees and local communities. A meeting on 28 March set distribution plans, allocating 30% of the charcoal and 25% of the gas kits to the host community.

HEALTH/NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION

- 93,608 consultations have been carried out since the beginning of the year, including 9,292 new consultations last week. The main diseases are acute respiratory infections, malaria, watery diarrhea, and malnutrition.
- 5,613 cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) have been treated, 1,960 severe acute malnutrition (SAM) have been treated, and 16,613 children were screened last week, including 561 MAM and 150 MAS.
- 16,664 pregnant and lactating women have been screened since the beginning of the year, 635 cases of MAM were treated, and 2,403 were screened last week, including 105 cases of moderate malnutrition.
- 1,788 births have been assisted by qualified personnel since the beginning of the year, including 138 last week.
- 469 mental health cases have been received for consultation and treatment, including 38 new cases last week.
- 525 patients have been referred since the beginning of the year, including 57 last week.
- 4,100 children aged 6–23 months and 470 pregnant or breastfeeding women received Super cereal Plus to prevent acute malnutrition.
- HCR NFIs Distribution: On 19 March 2025, the CRT distributed UNHCR NFIs to 239 households (691 refugees).
- WFP and partners distributed food to 6,416 newly relocated Sudanese refugees (1,883 households) in Zabout and Dougui refugee sites.

SHELTER / WATER, HYGIENE AND SANITATION AND CRIS

- The Croix Rouge du Tchad (CRT) completed the construction of 1,569 shelters at the Koursigué II site, all allocated to households from Tiné. In Guéréda, 146 shelters were distributed to 147 new Sudanese arrivals.
- A new solar-powered borehole with a capacity of 4.3 cubic meters per hour was inaugurated in Abougoudam, providing water to over 400 Sudanese refugees and the host community. This project, funded by UNHCR and implemented by LMI, aims to address local water needs.
- SHAKAL completed 75 latrines, built 319 pits, and made 286 slabs for 850 planned latrines. WASH kits were distributed to 1,300 households. MSF also commissioned the F3 borehole in Aboutengué.

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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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