EASTERN CHAD

20 February 2026

SUDANESE SITUATION – FLASH UPDATES #29

Key numbers

1, 517, 616
Refugees and asylum seekers in Chad as of February 8th 2026[1]

914, 185
New Sudanese refugee arrivals from April 2023 –February 2026[2]

10, 555
New Sudanese refugees registered since January 2026

Funding

$701.4 M requested for the Sudanese Emergency Interagency Regional Refugee Response Plan - Jan- Dec 2025 - **24%** of funding received

Update on Refugee Movements

Security situation remains relatively volatile in the border areas

The security situation in Sudan continues to be highly volatile, driving large-scale population movements toward Chad. This week, the progressive deterioration of conditions along the Sudan–Chad border has pushed a growing number of people to seek refuge through the areas of Tiné, Adré/Adikong, and the broader Darfur border corridor.

Trends Observed in Recent Movements

Although the pace of arrivals remained lower than in previous weeks, several notable developments were observed in cross-border movements:

- Significant increase in arrivals in Adré (Ouaddaï)
- Increased use of secondary routes, which are longer, difficult and more isolated for refugees entering to the Chadian territory
- Opening of a new entry point in Sila Province, indicating a widening of escape routes

Arrivals in Sila Province: Local authorities have reported the arrival of approximately 1,500 new refugees in the Ademour area, on the border with Sudan. A joint assessment mission, led by the government with the participation of UNHCR, CNARR, and partners, is currently deployed on-site to meet these new arrivals and assess their immediate needs.

These dynamics confirm that populations continue to move urgently, unpredictably, and under severe constraints, in direct response to the ongoing deterioration of the security situation in Sudan.

Cross-Border Movements into Chad

Since the attack in El Fasher at the end of October 2025, forcibly displaced people movement into Chad have continued at a steady pace. To date, 30,957 new refugees (12,524 families) have been recorded along the eastern border.

The newly arrived populations are distributed mainly across three corridors:

- Ennedi East / Oure-Cassoni: 16,323 individuals (53%, 6,171 families)
- Wadi Fira / Tiné: 10,724 individuals (35%, 4,494 families)
- Ouaddaï / Adré–Adikong: 3,910 individuals (12%, 1,859 families)

Population Movements and Trends

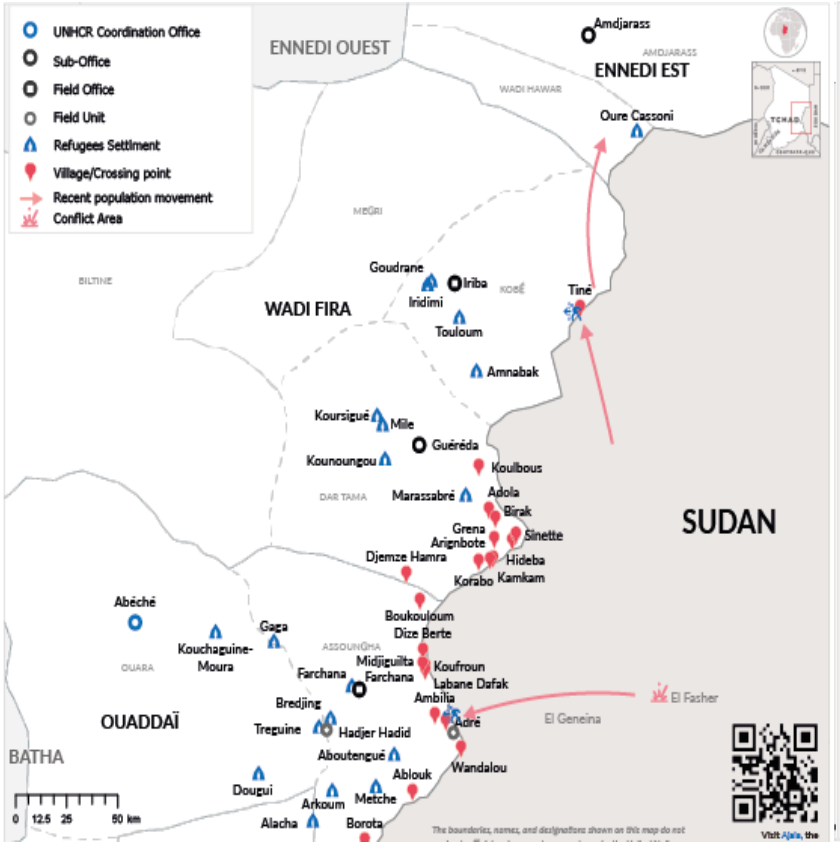
During the period from 13 to 19 February 2026, a total of 1,060 new arrivals (405 families) were recorded, representing an average of 151 people per day. The main entry points used were Oure-Cassoni: 477 people (193 families – 45%), Tiné: 363 people (101 families – 34%) and Adré/Adikong: 220 people (111 families – 21%). These new arrivals primarily originate from Abgamra, Ambaru, Berdick, Birmaza, El Fasher, Kornoi, Kutum, Tawila, and Tougaye, and belong mainly to the Zaghawa and Berti ethnic groups.

Profile of the New Arrivals: The demographic profile remains consistent with previous weeks:

- 86% are women and children,
- 11% are persons with specific needs (elderly persons, persons with disabilities, pregnant women, and unaccompanied and separated children)
- 21% of families report having Sudanese civil documentation, including identity cards, birth and marriage certificates, passports, and nationality certificates

For more information, Kindly contact : Principal Situation Coordinator – Isaac Tiantse Tagamgno, tiantse@unhcr.org,
Reporting Officer – Danielle Dieguen, dieguend@unhcr.org

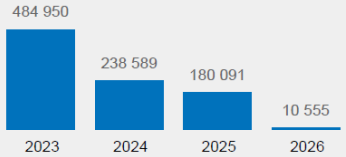
EASTERN CHAD



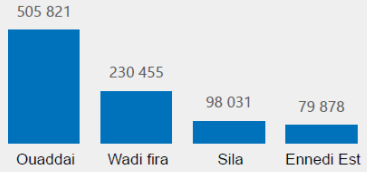
New arrival since april 2023

# Households	# Individuals
263 470	914 185

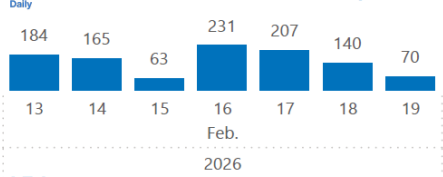
New arrivals by year



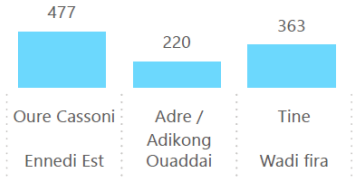
New arrivals by province



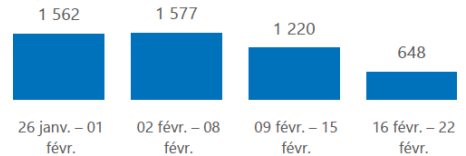
Trends in new arrivals over the past 7 days



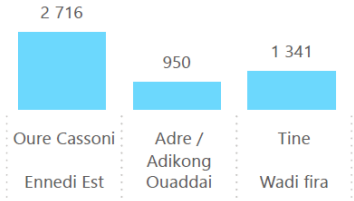
151 *Individuals / day*
7-day daily average of arrivals



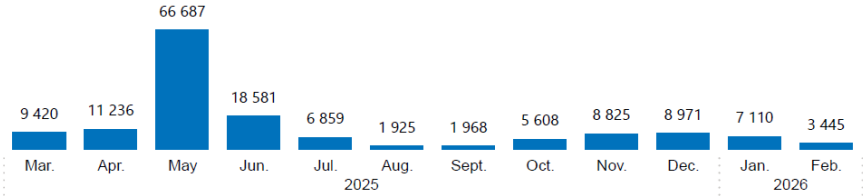
Trends in new arrivals over the past 4 weeks



1 390 *Individuals / week*
4-week weekly average of arrivals



Monthly trend of arrivals over the last 12 months



Feedback: chdnddata@unhcr.org

A special thank you to our main donors in 2025: Australia | Belgium | Canada | Denmark | European Union | France | Germany | Greece | Ireland | Islamic Development Bank | Italy | Japan | Luxembourg | Netherlands (Kingdom of) | Norway | Korea (Republic of) | Kuwait | Spain | Sweden | | Switzerland | United Arab Emirates | United Kingdom | United States of America | African Union | CERF | Islamic Development Bank | UNDP | UNICEF | WFP | UNAIDS | Peacebuilding Fund | Education Cannot Wait.

Private donors and National Association Partners: Australia, Australia for UNHCR, Adyen, Ashraful, Canada, China, Denmark, España con ACNUR, FIFA, Grundfos Foundation, Islamic Relief USA, Korea (Republic of), Italy, Japan for UNHCR, Latter-day Saints Charities, Maidam – House Dermatology, Mastercard Foundation, Netherlands, Shellaram Foundation, Sweden for UNHCR, Switzerland for UNHCR, UK for UNHCR, UNIQLO, United Arab Emirates, UNO-Flüchtlingshilfe, USA for UNHCR, and other private donors.

For more information, Kindly contact : Principal Situation Coordinator – Isaac Tiantse Tagamgno, tiantse@unhcr.org,
Reporting Officer – Danielle Dieguen, dieguend@unhcr.org