

Darfur and Kordofan Situation

March – April 2026

Situation Overview

- Security conditions in the Kordofan and Darfur states are highly volatile, with persistent hostilities, aerial strikes, and criminal incidents resulting in civilian casualties, further displacement, and challenges in sustaining humanitarian aid delivery.
- On 24 April, a [UNHCR truck transporting emergency shelter kits](#) to Tawila, North Darfur State was struck in a drone attack, resulting in the complete destruction of the assistance intended for over 1,300 forcibly displaced families. The driver escaped unharmed. Such incidents undermine humanitarian response, restrict access to vulnerable communities, and delay the delivery of life-saving support.
- The cross-border access through Adré border crossing point with Chad has been extended until 30 June 2026, supporting the continued delivery of humanitarian assistance into the Darfur regions.

Protection Concerns and Gaps

- In Keilak locality, West Kordofan State protection monitoring identified high numbers of unaccompanied and separated children and limited access to food, health care services, and psychosocial support among newly displaced populations accommodated in IDP gathering sites.
- Similarly in the Darfur region, IDPs are also facing limited access to basic services, while insecurity along key routes, particularly between El Fasher–Korma and Tawila is affecting civilian movement, safety, and access to assistance.
- In White Nile State, newly displaced people arriving from the Kordofan states face acute shelter shortages and overcrowding in gathering sites in Goz Al Salam and surrounding areas, increasing exposure to protection risks ahead of the rainy season.
- Across the Darfur states, frequent fire incidents in overcrowded displacement sites are posing significant protection risks, resulting in repeated loss of shelter and displacement, while limited response capacity further increases vulnerability among affected populations.

Population Movements

- According to [IOM/DTM](#) the Darfur states about 63 per cent host of internally displaced people in Sudan. South Darfur accounts for around 20 per cent, North Darfur 19 per cent, and Central Darfur 11 per cent. Displacement remains largely localised, with many IDPs staying within their state of origin, placing sustained pressure on host communities, informal sites, and basic services. Field teams also report persistent displacement linked to fire incidents, particularly in informal gathering sites.
- Displacement from North and South Kordofan States into neighbouring areas, including White Nile State persists with recurring waves of movement linked to conflict in the region over recent months. According to authorities, approximately 200 people arrived in White Nile State during April, bringing the cumulative total of new IDP arrivals from Kordofan and Darfur states to over 26,000.



Distribution of essential relief items to IDPs in Golo, Central Darfur, helping reduce protection risks by meeting basic household needs and improving safety © UNHCR/SORR

UNHCR Response

Protection

- UNHCR and partners delivered protection services through multi-purpose community centres (MPCCs), Protection Desks, and community-based activities in Darfur states, West Kordofan, and White Nile State, reaching over 23,000 forcibly displaced people, refugees, and host community members. Services included counselling, individual and group psychosocial support, awareness sessions on GBV and harmful practices, recreational activities, and referrals. Capacity-building for community networks improved access to protection services, psychosocial well-being, social cohesion, and referral pathways, with strong participation by women, girls, and children.
- UNHCR's partner and community-based protection networks in Zalingei and Mukjar localities, Central Darfur State identified multiple cases of sexual violence affecting women and girls, with limited access to medical and psychosocial services, highlighting critical gaps in survivor care. While services were constrained, targeted support was provided by UNHCR's partner in Azum Um Shalaya locality, where a survivor received medical and psychosocial assistance. At the same time the partner trained 30 community members in Rokero locality on GBV and case management and referral pathways, community-based protection capacity and response mechanisms. In North Darfur State, 11 survivors were identified and UNHCR's partners provided psychosocial support and referrals to health services.

- UNHCR and its partners strengthened community-based protection mechanisms through capacity-building of over 300 Community Based Protection Networks (CBPN) members in Darfur, Kordofan, and White Nile States in April. Training covered GBV prevention, referral pathways, case management, and safeguarding, aimed at strengthening community-based protection systems and response capacity.
- In Northern State, UNHCR protection desks at Al Afad IDP gathering site referred five vulnerable people to receive specialised services like health care and family tracing to address particular protection concerns or risks.

Non-food Items and Cash-based Assistance

- UNHCR partners distributed 5,000 non-food item (NFI) kits to vulnerable internally displaced persons, refugees, and returnees across Darfur and Kordofan states, enabling families to settle and reducing exposure to protection risks. The kits comprise essential household items such as plastic sheets, jerry cans, blankets, sleeping mats, solar lamps, and kitchen sets.
- Also, UNHCR's partner provided one-time multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA) of approximately USD 450 to some 800 households in North Darfur, and Central Darfur States intended to support them meet their immediate basic needs while reducing reliance on negative coping strategies

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