Overview of Refugees and Asylum-seekers in Sudan

Sudan hosts one of the largest refugee populations in Africa. South Sudanese make up the majority. Many others fled violence and persecution in neighboring countries, including Eritrea, the Central African Republic, Ethiopia, and Chad, but also the wars in Syria and Yemen pushed people to seek safety in Sudan. Most refugees live in out-of-camp settlements, host communities and urban areas, while others stay in 22 camps (10 at the East Sudan, 9 at White Nile State, 2 at East Darfur State and 1 at the Central Darfur State). Sudan continues to generously host and receive additional asylum-seekers.

Country of Origin

South Sudan: 776,427 (71%)
Entire: 124,994 (11%)
Syria: 93,490 (9%)
Ethiopia: 68,840 (6%)
CAR: 27,350 (2.4%)
Chad: 3,521 (0.3%)
Yemen: 2,074 (0.2%)
Others: 1,576 (0.2%)

Refugees and Asylum-seekers

- Individuals registered: 702,522
- Households: 366,091
- Average Family Size: 3

Population Distribution

- 33% of population live in camps
- 2% of registered population are persons with disabilities
- Adult Female (18-59 yrs): 52%
- Child Female (0-17 yrs): 23%
- Child Male (0-17 yrs): 20%
- Elderly Male (60+): 25%
- Elderly Female (60+): 27%
- 67% of population live out of camps

New Arrivals Per Month (2020 - 2021)

- 94,831 Total arrivals in 2020
- 79,252 Total arrivals in 2021

Age-gender Breakdown

- 53% Female
- 47% Male

Reproductive-age Women/Girls

- 25% Females in reproductive-age (13-49 yrs)

School-age Children

- 26% Primary school age children (6-13 yrs)
- 10% Secondary school age children (14-17 yrs)

Persons with Disabilities

- 16,880 Unaccompanied and Separated Children

Unaccompanied and Separated Children

- 20% Male (60+)
- 2% Female (60+)

Household Distribution

- 52% Women headed-household
- 1% Children headed-household

Data Portal

This document and further information are available on UNHCR Sudan data-portal, please click on the link https://data2.unhcr.org/en/country/sdn, or scan the QR code.

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Additional Information

Population distribution statistics are based on registered individuals only

Sources: UNHCR, Commission of Refugees (CoR), UNICEF

Regions: South Sudan, Eritrea, Central African Republic, Chad, Ethiopia, Yemen, South Sudanese Refugees, Non-South Sudanese Refugees, Sudanese Refugees,

Map Legend:
- Refugee Camp
- Refugee Settlement
- Crossing Point
- Refugees Per State
- 0 - 50K
- 50K - 100K
- 100K - 150K
- Over 150K

The boundaries and names shown on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

Abiy region: Final status of the Abiy region is not yet determined.