

Key figures

4.2 M Persons of Concern

188,203 refugees and asylum seekers¹

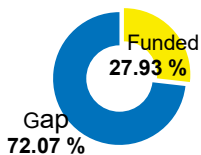
3M IDPs³

940,154 IDP returnees⁴

152,020 Sudanese who have spontaneously returned from Chad from 2018 to date (verification is ongoing)

45,977 households (Approximately 230,000 individuals) affected by heavy rains since the beginning of the rainy season in July 2022.

5105 households (refugees, IDPs and host community) affected from floods received NFI kits.



Darfur Operation Funding

1&2 UNHCR ProGres Report
3&4 IOM-DTM August 2022

Key Highlights

Insecurity incidents reported across Darfur include robbery with violence targeting humanitarian organizations, carjackings, tensions between armed groups, killings, and gender-based violence (GBV). The continuing high number of incidents can be attributed to the current economic situation, increased commodity prices and occasional clashes between herders and farmers linked to the agricultural season.

Health Situation in Darfur is seriously affected by various epidemics, mainly Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever, an increase in malaria cases, and Hepatitis E. Although the State Ministry of Health and partners are implementing response activities, a shortage of funds remains a significant challenge to cover all affected areas. In addition, there is a severe shortage of anti-malaria medication, especially at health centres in refugee locations. In response to the high number of malaria cases, UNHCR has included mosquito nets in NFI kits during ongoing distribution for flood-affected and vulnerable families.

IDPs from Sortoni Gathering Site in North Darfur were displaced to Jabal Marrah, Central Darfur due to tensions between armed groups. An estimated 1,700 households are in dire need of food, healthcare, and shelter. However, the situation in the area remains volatile, and lack of access has prevented humanitarian organizations from conducting needs assessment and response activities.

Refugee Protection

Joint refugee verification and biometric registration exercise by Commission of Refugees and UNHCR are ongoing in Al Lait, North Darfur. Follow-up registration and verification exercises will continue in East and South Darfur. The exercise started early in the year in Central Darfur, where refugees from Chad and the Central African Republic (CAR) reside. Registration is an important protection tool, ensuring refugees access their fundamental rights, humanitarian assistance & prevents statelessness.

Education Assessment has commenced in refugee-hosting states in Darfur to gather accurate data on refugee education. The education sector is significantly underfunded. The exercise will help better understand existing gaps and challenges facing refugee children to access quality education. UNHCR and partners completed the exercise in Al Lait Locality, North Darfur, where 150 respondents were interviewed, including refugee students, headteachers, teachers and members of the Parents Teachers Association (PTA). Findings of the assessment will be shared upon completion of the exercise in all States.



Verification of a South Sudanese refugee woman for refugee registration procedures in Al Lait, North Darfur.

Education activities: 656 refugee children in Nyala town, South Darfur, received school uniforms and educational materials. Approximately 60% of the target refugee children received school uniforms and educational materials in the State. In addition, UNHCR led a successful back-to-school campaign in Al Lait settlements in North Darfur which saw the enrolment of 1,746 1st graders.

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and IDP Returnee Protection

Physical and remote protection monitoring by UNHCR and partners was conducted in IDP and returnee locations in Darfur to assess the protection situation & prospects for durable solutions and gather information on protection needs and gaps in the communities. Monitoring reports based on information from Community-based Protection Networks (CBPNs), partners and UNHCR indicate that food & shelter needs remain high, and insecurity during the agricultural season has increased, including GBV cases. UNHCR conducted physical protection monitoring at Sultan House in West Darfur, where IDPs have relocated from the gathering sites in El Geneina. Families still expressed concerns over the security situation. In South Darfur, UNHCR supported CBPNs in Al Amal and Karakada with vests, caps, backpacks, stationaries, and a mobile phone to facilitate their work. In North Darfur, the Executive Committee of the Office of Commission of Nomads, Herders, and Farmers resolved disputes related to farm destruction during protection monitoring.

UNHCR's position paper on "Minimum Standards for Return or Relocation of IDPs from the Gathering Sites in El Geneina" advocates that adequate security arrangements must be in place as a pre-requisite and that relocations/returns must be voluntary, safe & dignified. The Area Humanitarian Country Team (A-HCT) and Area Inter-Sector Coordination Group (A-ISCG) have endorsed the paper, which UNHCR also disseminated to West Darfur authorities. The government has reiterated its commitment to secure the areas of origin and work to address the causes of the conflict to enable IDPs to return. In addition, an intention-to-return survey will be conducted to ensure the returns are informed and voluntary.

Community Support Projects in Darfur: UNHCR, through partner AHA renovated the surgery room at El Fasher Eye Hospital and constructed additional rooms. 25,000 beneficiaries across Darfur will benefit from the improved facility. In addition, 5 schools renovated and expanded by AHA, were handed over to the Ministry of Education. The schools will improve access to education for IDPs, the Sudanese host community and refugees in El Fasher.

UNHCR Flood Response

UNHCR, as Shelter NFI Cluster lead, continued its flood response in Darfur, where over 46,000 households (HH) were affected by heavy rains and floods. South Darfur was the worst hit by the recent floods, with over 25,000 families affected. The response is ongoing, but UNHCR and partners must prioritize vulnerable groups and women due to inadequate NFI kits to cover all affected families. 1260 HH in Kalma IDP camp received NFIs in October, where 10,000 HH are in urgent need of items. In East Darfur, 1,862 HH, including 762 SSR (641) and host community (121) HH and 1,100 IDP HH through contributions from the Korean Embassy in Sudan, received NFIs distributed through partner Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS). In Central Darfur, 1,154 HHs most affected by floods and heavy rains in five IDP camps in Zalingei and Azum Locality also received NFIs distributed jointly by UNHCR and partner Norwegian Church Aid (NCA). In addition, 829 HH, including newly arrived South Sudanese refugees in Al Lait (450), host community affected by floods (50) and IDPs affected by heavy rains (424), received NFIs during the month. UNHCR Field Office El Geneina, West Darfur, received 1,500 NFI kits.



*Distribution of NFIs in East Darfur for flood affected IDPs.
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