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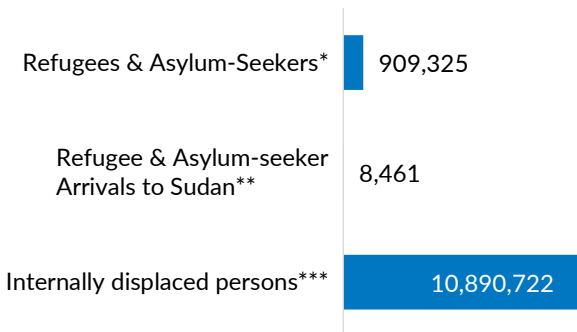
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As the conflict in Sudan entered its second year in April 2024, the humanitarian situation in Sudan has significantly worsened. It has become the **largest displacement and protection crisis** of our time.

Humanitarian access is still challenging due to insecurity and bureaucratic impediments which hamper the timely and efficient delivery of protection and assistance.

Food insecurity threatens many communities in Sudan and malnutrition cases are on the rise especially among children. **Urgent protection, life-saving and financial support is needed.**

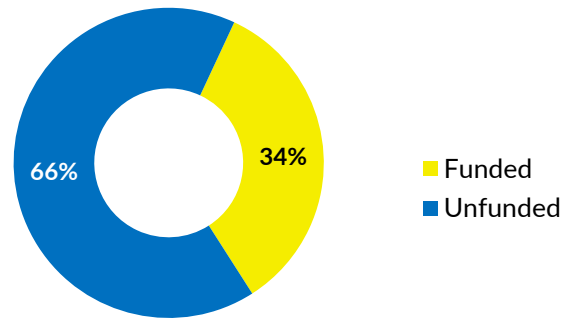
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*** IOM DTM Sudan Mobility Update (08) as at end September 2024 (<https://dtm.iom.int/reports/dtm-sudan-mobility-update-08>)

FUNDING (AS OF SEPTEMBER 2024)

USD 424 million
requested for the Sudan Operation in 2024

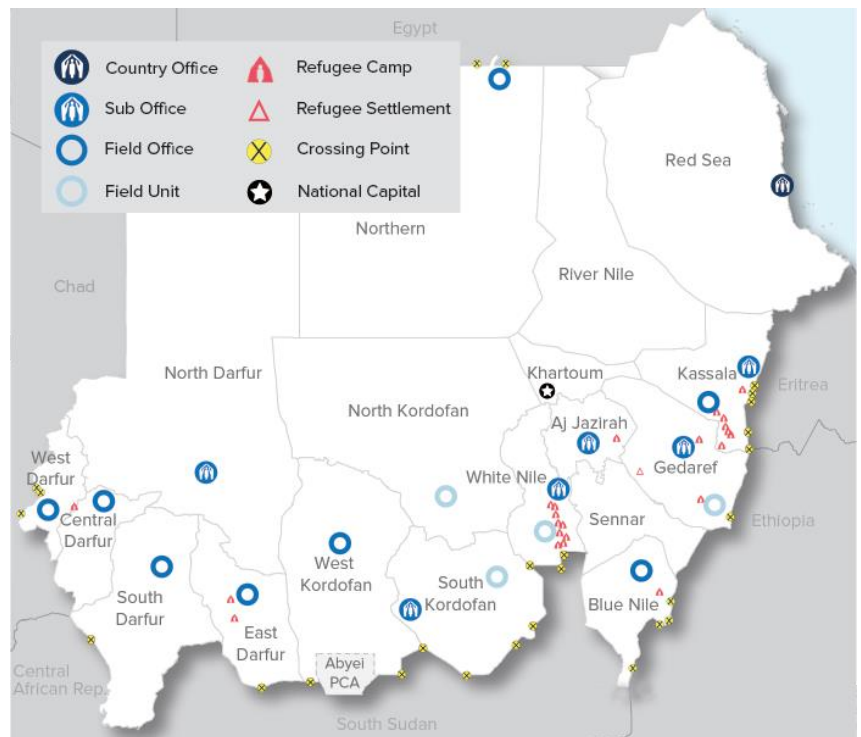


UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff: 422
324 National Staff
98 International Staff

Offices: 17
1 Country Office in Port Sudan
6 Sub-Offices in Gedaref, Kassala, El Fasher*, Kadugli*, Kosti, Wad Madani*
8 Field Offices in Wadi Halfa, Girba, Damazine, Ed Daein*, El Geneina*, El Fula*, Nyala*, Zalingei*
2 Support Hubs in Nairobi, Kenya; Farchana, Chad

**temporarily closed/under remote management*



Partnership and Coordination

UNHCR works with **46** partners which include **19** international NGOs, **11** national NGOs, **10** organizations led by refugees and IDPs and **six** government entities, namely the Commissioner for Refugees (COR), Forests National Corporation, State Ministry of Education, State Ministry of Health, State Ministry of Health and Social Development and Water, Environment and Sanitation Corporation. UNHCR is strengthening its engagement with the government, inter-agency mechanisms, humanitarian actors and organizations led by displaced persons in the emergency context.

Under the inter-agency coordination framework for IDPs, UNHCR leads the Protection, Shelter/Non-Food Items and Camp Coordination and Camp Management Clusters in Sudan at national and sub-national level. UNHCR and COR jointly lead and coordinate the refugee response in Sudan as co-chairs of the Refugee Consultation Forum (RCF). The forum brings together partners which provide protection and assistance to refugees in Sudan.

UNHCR actively participates in different humanitarian coordination structures in Sudan such as the Humanitarian Country Team, Humanitarian Access Working Group and UN Civil-Military Coordination.

Strategic Directions

- Provide critical life-saving humanitarian assistance to forcibly displaced, stateless and hosting communities enabling safe access to essential services also using cross-border and cross-line mechanisms.
- Strengthen the community-based protection systems by increasing community capacities.
- Coordinate the mixed displacement response through leadership of the Protection, Shelter/Non-Food Items and Camp Coordination and Camp Management Clusters and the Refugee Consultation Forum, the latter together with the Commission for Refugees.
- Seek out self-reliance opportunities in areas of relative safety.
- Build and enhance strategic partnerships, streamline coordination with the Government of Sudan, national and international partners and strengthen national and local capacities.

Main Activities

Protection

UNHCR provides protection services to refugees, asylum-seekers and internally displaced people across Sudan in a conflict sensitive manner, with consideration of the specific needs of groups who have been displaced multiple times.

UNHCR follows a **community-based approach** supporting community protection networks, outreach volunteers, and community leaders to carry out protection monitoring and to make referrals for targeted or specialised assistance, especially in hard-to-reach areas. UNHCR is setting up **multi-purpose community centres** across the country to serve as 'one-stop' shops for forcibly displaced and hosting communities to receive a wide-range of protection services and assistance from partners.

Registration, Refugee Status Determination and Resettlement

In Sudan, UNHCR and the Commissioner of Refugees (COR) undertake **registration** activities for refugees and asylum-seeker including monitoring of refugee returns. Registration activities are being scaled-up in a phased approach in locations where the security situation and access permit. In hard-to-reach areas, focal points have been designated to monitor refugee and asylum-seeker movements and update records. UNHCR supports the re-integration for refugee returnees following a needs-based multi-sector approach.

The Government of Sudan leads the **refugee status determination** (RSD) process. RSD has continued in Kassala State despite the conflict and will be scaled up in other areas to ensure that asylum-seekers can access international protection and assistance as refugees.

Resettlement, family reunification, and private sponsorship submissions to third countries are temporarily suspended for refugees in Sudan. Refugees whose cases were submitted before the conflict and new cases in need of urgent solutions are prioritized to ensure that pathways towards solutions are not interrupted.

Multi-sector Emergency Response

UNHCR provides forcibly displaced communities **access to basic services** like health, water, education and shelter solutions alongside providing basic non-food items to enable them to settle in their place of displacement. Using a community-based approach, forcibly displaced and hosting communities identify their communities' most urgent needs thereby improving social protection and community cohesion in areas of displacement. UNHCR is working within the inter-agency framework to support communities in hard-to-reach areas through cross-border and cross-line aid delivery mechanisms.

The Office is also **building capacities** of local authorities, partners, staff, and communities to strengthen the responses through its tri-cluster leadership and coordination of the refugee response.

Solutions, Livelihoods and Self-Reliance

Despite the conflict, UNHCR is cautiously investing in strengthening forcibly displaced communities' vocational skills, access to markets and livelihoods especially in areas less affected by the conflict. This reduces dependency and enables forcibly displaced and hosting communities achieve self-sufficiency in line with the humanitarian, development and peace nexus approach.

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