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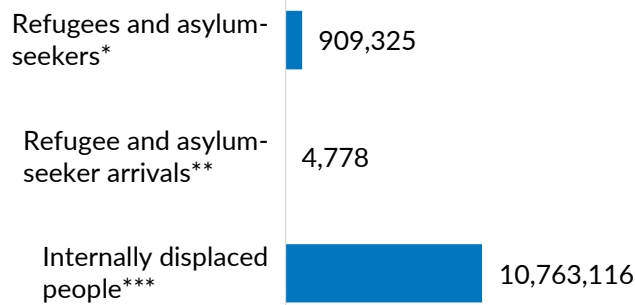
July-August 2024

The war in Sudan has led to [the world's largest displacement crisis](#). Over 12.9 million people in Sudan have been forced to flee their homes- 10.8 million of whom are internally displaced. More than 2.2 million Sudanese have fled to neighbouring

Sudan hosts close to **910,000 refugees and asylum-seekers**, many of whom have faced multiple displacements due to the ongoing conflict. Despite the conflict, close to 5,000 people have arrived in Sudan seeking international protection.

Half of Sudan's population, over 25 million people, are food insecure with 800,000 at critical levels. Food insecurity, fuel shortages, flooding and a cholera outbreak are causing the situation to deteriorate further.

FORCIBLY DISPLACED POPULATION



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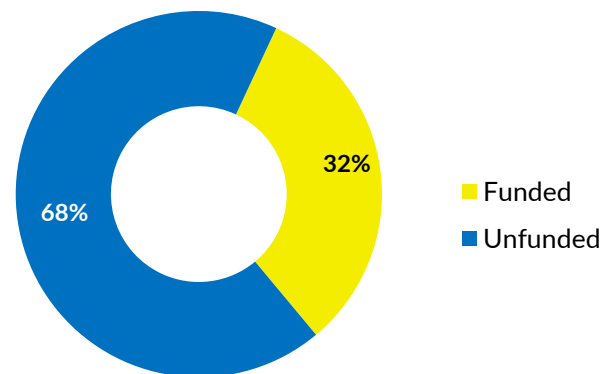
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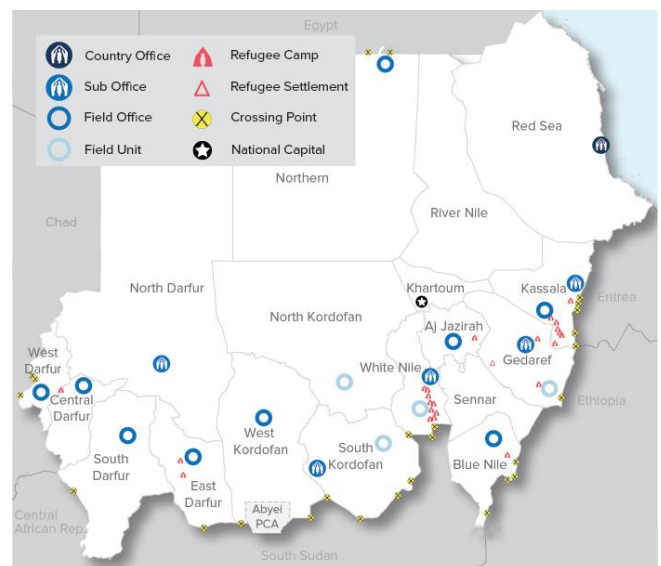
FUNDING (AS OF AUGUST 2024)

USD 424 million

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Ajeiba a Sudanese mother from North Kordofan State found safety in White Nile State with her eight children. ©UNHCR/A. Gonzales



Operational Context

During July and August 2024, the working environment in Sudan did not improve. The conflict continued unabated, spreading to Sennar State in July with more intense fighting witnessed in and around El Fasher, North Darfur. Other areas like Khartoum, Al Jazirah, the Kordofan and Darfur States saw regular fighting displacing thousands of people daily. By end-August 2024, some 10.8 million people were internally displaced, of whom about 3 million were displaced prior to this conflict and 27% are displaced more than once. In July, heavy annual rainfall resulted flooding in Eastern States of the country, causing further displacement and increased disease risks, particularly for forcibly displaced in gathering sites with limited facilities. In August, the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) Famine Review Committee (FRC) found that famine conditions were present in Zamzam IDP camp in North Darfur and that 13 other areas are at high risk of famine. Also in August, the Ministry of Health Sudan confirmed a cholera outbreak. End-August, close to 9,000 cases are confirmed and nearly 300 people lost their lives among them seven refugees.

In late August, the authorities authorized the Adre border crossing from Chad into North Darfur for an initial period of three months to facilitate the delivery of humanitarian assistance. Since the re-opening of the border crossing point, UNHCR has sent five trucks with over 1,300 non-food items kits for vulnerable forcibly displaced households to the Darfur region. These kits contain basic items such as plastic sheets, mosquito nets and cooking sets which enable forcibly displaced people replace lost items and establish themselves. UNHCR is airlifting additional non-food items kits to Farchana, Chad to maintain the cross-border lifeline for vulnerable people in the Darfur region.

UNHCR leads the inter-agency refugee response with the Commission of Refugees (COR) and other partners to address the protection and assistance needs of refugees and asylum-seekers. Under the Inter-agency Standing Committee Framework for IDP emergencies, UNHCR leads the Protection, Shelter and Non-food Items and Camp Coordination and Camp Management Clusters at national and sub-national level in Sudan.

End-August, UNHCR had 82% of its 422-strong workforce based inside Sudan. The remaining are either working from the Chad and Nairobi Support Hubs or from other locations for a variety of reasons including footprint reduction or inaccessibility due to the conflict. UNHCR has 17 offices in Sudan of which nine are either temporarily closed or under remote management due to inaccessibility. UNHCR is working within the UN common system to establish presence in Hubs in key hard-to-reach areas.

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Ibrahim inside the classroom he shares with dozens of other forcibly displaced families in Sudan's White Nile State. © UNHCR/S. Otieno

Achievements



PROTECTION

- UNHCR, along with its partners, conduct protection monitoring in forcibly displaced and hosting communities, identifying key protection concerns and collaborates with the authorities and specialised partner organisations to find solutions.
- Sudan continues to receive refugees and asylum-seekers despite the ongoing conflict in the country. UNHCR and the Commission of Refugees (COR) established a registration and protection desk at Gallabat border crossing with Ethiopia to collect basic data on Sudanese returnees arriving from Ethiopia who were earlier hosted in Kumer and Awlala refugee sites. In July & August, close to 1,150 Ethiopian and Eritrean asylum-seekers entered Sudan via border crossing points in Kassala and Gedaref States.



Registration and Documentation

- UNHCR together with Commission of Refugees (COR) resumed refugee verification and registration in Karari, Omdurman, Khartoum State from mid-August following the suspension of activities due to the conflict.
- By end-August, the joint UNHCR-COR registration team verified and registered over 1,000 refugees and asylum-seekers who were living in Khartoum State but were not yet registered. Close to 500 refugees received temporary ID cards.
- UNHCR conducted a two-day registration training for 28 COR staff in White Nile State, which hosts the largest number of refugees in Sudan, to resume registration in the state which had been suspended since the end of last year.
- A UNHCR-COR registration team verified and registered some 3,500 refugees and distributed ID cards and photo slips to over 3,000 refugees in Kassala, Gedaref, Red Sea, and Khartoum States,



Resettlement

- In 2024 so far, 195 refugees the majority Eritreans, but also Ethiopians, Somalis and Congolese departed on resettlement to Canada, Australia, the USA and Sweden. In July and August 2024, one emergency case comprising three refugees and seven urgent cases comprising 15 refugees were submitted to Canada for consideration. In addition, 13 cases comprising 37 refugees departed on resettlement to Canada.
- Since January 2024, UNHCR provided individual counselling and updates on resettlement case status to over 3,500 refugees. Overall, more than 2,400 refugees' resettlement cases submitted before the start of the conflict are pending final decisions from USA, Canada, and Australia . Due to the conflict, new resettlement case submissions are on hold, while urgent/emergency cases may still be submitted for consideration.



Child Protection

- During July and August 2024, UNHCR and its partners identified 77 at-risk children in the refugee camps in Gedaref, Kassala and White Nile States. Each child received comprehensive case management services such as individual best interest assessments (BIA) which help define the specific assistance which children and their care givers require to improve their situation and can include health care, education, or nutrition services. Also, UNHCR partners met with over 175 unaccompanied and separated refugee children in East and South Darfur States, providing psychosocial support and guidance to care givers.
- There are 12 child-friendly spaces in refugee camps and settlements in Gedaref, Kassala, White Nile, and East Darfur States. In July and August 2024, UNHCR and partners organised various recreational activities for over 5,200 refugee and host community children across Sudan. Activities range from sports competitions to drama events.
- In Gedaref, Kassala, and White Nile States, UNHCR and its partners conducted six awareness-raising sessions on various child protection issues such as the risks of drowning and water-borne diseases during the rainy season, reaching some 10,000 refugees adults and children.



Gender-based violence

- In Gedaref, UNHCRs partner provided services to 557 women and girls at five women and girls' centres located in Tunaydbah, Um Rakuba, Babikri, and Um Gargour refugee camps. The centres offered protection services, including tailored psychosocial support and case management for survivors of violence. Additionally, partner conducted life skills sessions and organized social and recreational activities to support the well-being of these women and girls.
- In Kassala, five awareness-raising sessions on gender-based violence in refugee camps reached 97 participants. These sessions focused on the root causes of gender-based violence, its consequences, prevention and response mechanisms, available services, referral pathways, and legal remedies for survivors willing to pursue justice against perpetrators.
- In White Nile State, UNHCRs partner jointly with UNICEF launched a 5-day campaign in Redis2 refugee camp for pregnant women and infants on voluntary testing for HIV/AIDS. The campaign included vitamins, supplements, mosquito nets, and soaps distribution.



COMMUNITY-BASED PROTECTION

- UNHCR partners in East, West and South Darfur provided individual and group mental health and psychosocial support to more than 1,700 individuals including children, women and men. The sessions are primarily conducted in multi-purpose community centres and include games, drawing activities for children, and entertainment.
- UNHCR partners conducted 12 awareness sessions at the Rabak, Guli, and Al Jabalain IDP gathering sites on protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), life skills, adapting to emergency situations, peacebuilding, and social cohesion, reaching close to 650 women and girls and 161 men and boys.



EDUCATION

- By the end of August, more than 54,400 refugee children of whom about 48% are girls had returned to schools based in refugee camps in White Nile, Gedaref, Kassala, and Blue Nile States. Despite this progress, over 300,000 school-aged refugee children are still out of school for a variety of reasons such as closure of schools in conflict hotspot areas or language barriers, which were prevalent also prior to the conflict.
- During the reporting period, UNHCR and its partners provided tertiary education grants to 57 refugee university students under the DAFI and urban tertiary education programmes. Students receive USD 65 for a month to support them meet their regular expenses. For the moment, classes are being held online moving to in-person classes if the security situation allows. Unfortunately, of the 225 refugee university students UNHCR had been supporting prior to the conflict, 133 (60%) have left Sudan with the majority returning to their countries of origin, albeit under adverse circumstances.



SHELTER

- In July and August 2024, UNHCR and partners reached more than 4,000 IDP and refugee households comprising some 20,220 forcibly displaced people in River Nile, Gedaref, White Nile and Kassala States with shelter interventions which comprise the distribution of tents, emergency shelter kits or the repair of shelters and collective centres.
- In Kassala State, UNHCR and its partners distributed tents to IDP households who were re-displaced as a result of the heavy annual rainfall and flooding in July and early August.
- UNHCR and its partners delivered 12,500 plastic sheets to 12,500 households in ten refugee camps in White Nile State to protect shelters during the rainy season. This initiative focuses on families identified as having shelters needing roof improvement, prioritizing the most vulnerable families at risk from heavy rains.

NFI**NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)**

- UNHCR and its partners distributed non-food items kits to close to 18,000 refugee, returnee and IDP households comprising some 90,000 people in ten States in Sudan. Non-food items kits contain basic items such as a solar lamp, plastic sheet, and blankets intended to support recipients meet their most basic needs while in displacement. In White Nile State, refugees who had been displaced from Sennar State in recent weeks also received NFIs.



UNHCR staff help carry an internally displaced woman's belongings as they walk towards her tent at gathering site near Kassala, Sudan. © UNHCR/ A. Alfadil

**HEALTH AND NUTRITION**

- In White Nile State, community health workers reached over 130,000 refugees in seven camps with health awareness messages on the prevention of conjunctivitis, diarrhoea, malaria, and the importance of immunization.
- In Kassala State, UNHCR provided medicines to partners and the Ministry of Health to manage cholera patients at the isolation unit and 15 health care providers were trained on cholera case management.
- In East Darfur and North Kordofan States, UNHCR and the Ministry of Health vaccinated over 200 children against BCG, measles, and Penta3, and provided tetanus immunizations to pregnant women. Also, over 4,000 refugees and host community members received health care services in East Darfur and Kordofan States



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

- In Kassala and White Nile States, UNHCR partners, health and hygiene volunteers are disseminating hygiene promotion messages to refugee communities in camps to encourage improved hygiene practices leading to better health profiles. This is especially important in light of the increased disease outbreaks due to heavy rains, flooding and the presence of stagnant water.
- In Kassala State, some 1,000 refugee households in Girba refugee camp received water purification sachets as a preventive measure against cholera. Also in Kassala State, UNHCRs partners organised a general clean-up campaign in Shagarab and Wad Sharife refugee camps, while in White Nile State, clean-up campaigns were organised in ten refugee camps.
- During July and August, over 1,440 refugee and IDP women and girls of reproductive age received hygiene kits which contain soap, underwear, and sanitary napkins, in Kario and El Nimir (East Darfur), Sheikan and Kadugli (Kordofan) and Beleil (South Darfur).

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