

Violence in Kulbus, Sudan, forces more than 19,000 people to flee to Chad.

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Photos of new arrivals in Koulbus, Chad ©UNHCR/ Rim-Houdalbave Ahounta

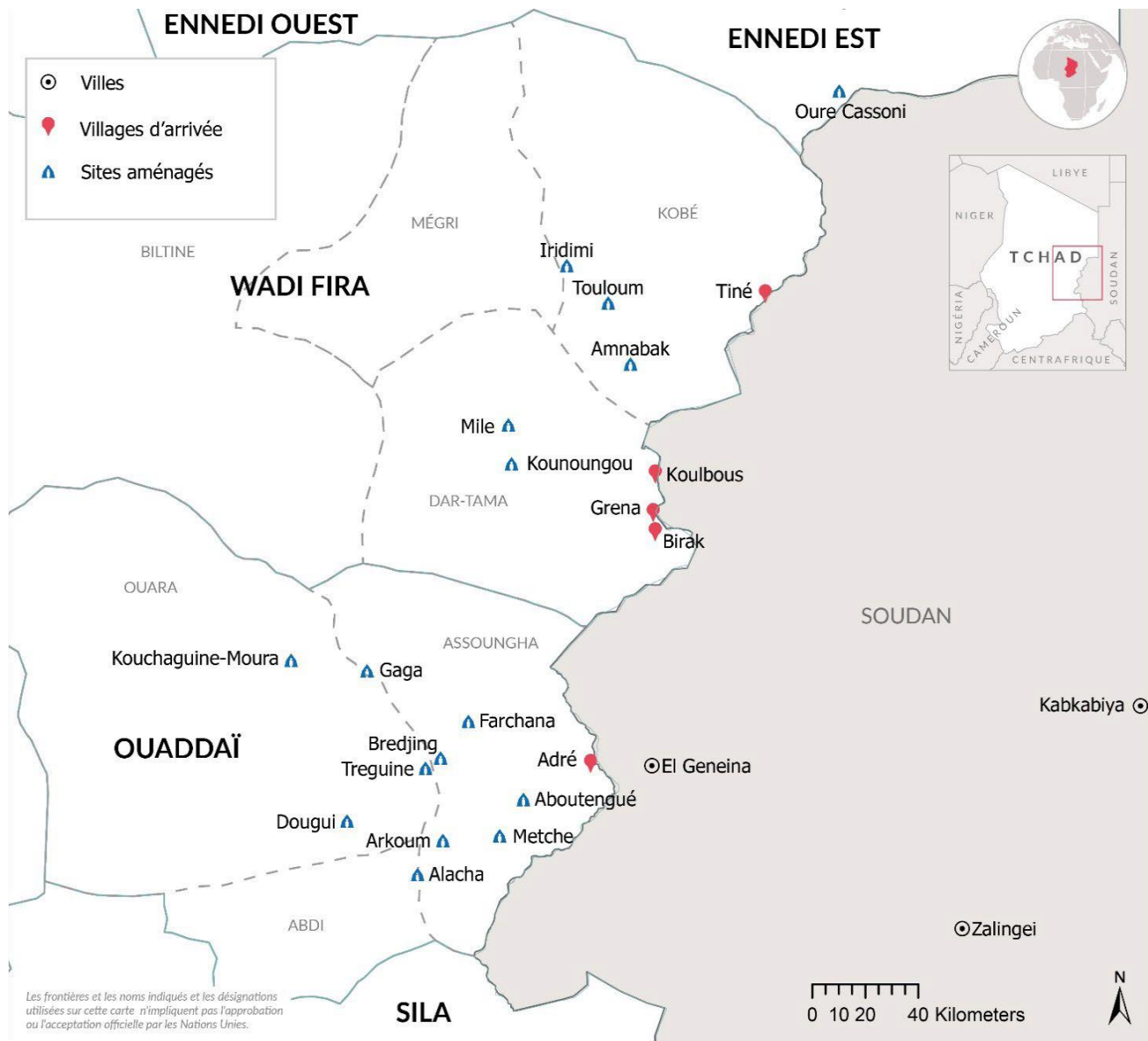
Since the beginning of the month, nearly 49,000 people fleeing the violence have crossed the border at the entry points of Birak, Koulbous and Tiné, in Wadi Fira. The vast majority of the new arrivals are women and children. They have found shelter under the trees. Many have survived horrific violence. Among them, 10 injured people were treated by the Koulbous health center. A nursing mother and her four-month-old baby died at the center from their injuries.

The authorities, UNHCR, CNARR, NRC, IRC, CRT, and APLFT, conducted a mission to Koulbous, Chad, on 23 October 2024 to assess the needs and provide an emergency response.

Some new arrivals expressed their willingness to relocate to the developed sites. However, others preferred to be assisted in Koulbous while waiting for family members en route to Chad. The most urgent needs identified included protection, health care, including mental health and psychosocial support, water, food, latrines, and shelter. The Koulbous health center is seriously understaffed and under-resourced to assist victims.

The UNHCR, CNARR, NRC, IRC, CRT, and APLFT are working with the authorities to provide emergency assistance at the border and quickly organize relocation, first to the village of Koursigue and to a consolidated refugee site to be created.

As fighting intensifies and humanitarian needs increase, UNHCR and partners need additional resources to respond to these new influxes in Chad. The emergency response in the east is 27% funded.



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