

Central African Republic (CAR) – SUDAN SITUATION

6 – 12 October 2024



The Korsi site receives Sudanese refugees in Birao, CAR. @UNHCR.

Highlights

- Last week, the security situation in the Sudanese refugee hosting areas of Vakaga and Haute Kotto prefectures remained calm. However, in Bamingui Bangoran prefecture, specifically in the village of Ngarba, non-state armed groups launched an attack on a position occupied by the Central African Armed Forces (FACA).
- This week, UNHCR participated in a review workshop organized by the Ministry of Education to evaluate the progress toward the education sector's objectives. UNHCR facilitated the involvement of the Vakaga academic inspector in this event. Additionally, it was an opportunity to build connections with academic inspectors from regions hosting Sudanese refugees, including Bamingui-Bangoran, Haute-Kotto, Haut-Mbomou, Mbomou, Ouaka, and Lim Pende, to enhance collaboration, particularly for 2025. UNHCR also met with the Director General of the National Institute for Research and Pedagogic Animation (Institut National de la Recherche et de l'Animation Pédagogique) and the Inspector General of the Ministry of Education's Preschool Education Division to discuss ongoing and future activities as part of the Education Cannot Wait initiative.

Population Movements and Registration

This week, eight families comprising 18 individuals arrived in Korsi (Birao), marking a decrease from last week's figure of 24 families totaling 50 individuals. The newly arrived households have received dry food and Core Relief Items as assistance. The total population in Korsi is now 14,683 people across 6,350 households.

UNHCR issued documentation cards to 152 Sudanese refugees residing in Sam-Ouandja this week, producing and distributing 900 cards to the Sudanese community there.

In Sam-Ouandja, Bria, and Ippy, UNHCR and the Commission Nationale pour les Réfugiés (CNR) have biometrically registered 2,974 Sudanese refugees from 976 households: 2,407 individuals (751 families) in Ouandja-Kotto, 270 individuals (94 households) in Bria, and 297 individuals (133 households) in Ippy.

Protection

This week, in Vakaga, UNHCR's partner INTERSOS carried out 17 protection monitoring visits to Birao, encompassing both the host community and Korsi. These visits facilitated the collection of security information for the area, provision of psychosocial support for documented GBV cases in safe spaces, identification of individuals with specific needs, monitoring of the protection environment, surveys among newly arrived refugee families, and support for community relays in outreach activities.

During these monitoring visits, 58 protection incidents were identified, compared to 65 the previous week. The highest number of incidents was recorded in Am Dafock on the Sudan border, with 27 incidents this week versus 39 last week. These incidents included violations of property rights, right to life and physical integrity, and gender-based violence.

Throughout the week, 10 group counseling sessions were conducted as part of the group therapy programme, focusing on factors contributing to physical violence within the community and family well-being in Ndélé in the Bamingui Bangoran region. A total of 99 Sudanese refugees participated in these awareness-raising sessions.

Additionally, 32 individual counseling sessions were held with newly arrived individuals identified as having special needs, including 14 women at risk, three elderly persons, nine Sudanese refugee boys, and six young mothers.

Prevention against gender-based violence (GBV)

During the reporting week in Vakaga, over 256 women and girls accessed the Korsi Safe Space. UNHCR's partner, INTERSOS, conducted two therapy sessions focused on managing challenges related to forced marriage, with 43 women and three girls participating. Additionally, group counseling was provided for members of the income-generating activities group to support women in navigating potential conflicts over financial decisions, particularly when balancing household needs such as children's health and education.

After completing the Engaging Men and Boys in Accountable Practices (EMAP) training in Birao, 16 facilitators—comprising eight women and eight men—were selected from the local community to lead discussion groups and sessions in Korsi. UNHCR's partner, INTERSOS, plans to hold a workshop on EMAP in cooperation with community leaders and local authorities before formally starting and implementing the activities.

INTERSOS reported a slight increase in gender-based sexual violence cases in Birao and Korsi this week. Affected survivors received psychosocial support, dignity kits, and sanitary towels. Additionally, 23 GBV survivors and 11 individuals with specific needs received cash assistance. Victims of physical assault were referred to the International Medical Corps and the Birao Health District for medical care.

Education

For the 2024-2025 academic year 'back-to-school' events, UNHCR collaborated with local education authorities in Vakaga and other refugee-hosting areas to hold a consultative session for school principals, Parent-Teacher Associations, educators, and community leaders. The event saw participation from 29 individuals from both host communities and refugee groups, consisting of 25 men and four women. The primary focus of the meeting was to address and find solutions for the delayed return to classes by both teachers and students following the start of the new school year on 2 October.

The rainy season and prolonged harvest period through November typically delay the start of the first semester each year in Vakaga and other areas hosting refugees. Additionally, new teachers assigned by the Ministry of Education have yet to arrive in the prefecture to begin their roles. To address these challenges, UNHCR devised an action plan to restart classes with community teachers while waiting for the government-appointed educators. They also aim to intensify awareness campaigns through radio broadcasts, church and mosque announcements, and through outreach efforts by Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS), education, and protection workers in both host and refugee communities.

In Korsi (Birao), three outreach sessions were organized by education officials, Parent-Teacher Associations, and community leaders to raise awareness and encourage participation in the upcoming school year. These efforts reached 313 parents and children: 89 men, 124 women, 46 boys, and 54 girls.

This week, Korsi's child-friendly space held recreational and psychosocial activities for 413 children, with 205 girls and 208 boys participating. Group therapy sessions included 85 refugee children, comprising 43 girls and 42 boys. Additionally, 180 children, including 92 girls and 88 boys, took part in non-formal education activities focused on life skills and literacy. Play activities, featuring dances, sketches, and stories, engaged 77 children, with 43 girls and 34 boys involved. Sports activities saw participation from 71 children, consisting of 27 girls and 44 boys.

Furthermore, UNHCR and its partner NOURRIR advanced the construction of six permanent classrooms, two administration buildings, two storage facilities, 324 durable desks, as well as an administrative building for the provincial Academic Inspectorate and the Provincial Pedagogical Center.

Food security

In the Bamingui Bangoran prefecture, food security is a significant concern for the 1,513 refugees residing in the Zobossinda, Koundi, and Akoursoulback settlements along the Ngarba axis, particularly during the rainy season. WFP was unable to provide assistance due to challenging access to these settlements.

Water, Shelter, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

In Korsi, as part of its initiative to improve hygiene and sanitation and prevent water-borne diseases, UNHCR's partner NOURRIR cleaned washing facilities and treated distribution point water with chlorine. Additionally, they held awareness campaigns on hygiene and sanitation that reached 6,416 individuals.

Health and Nutrition

Throughout the reporting week, the NOURRIR and IMC medical team, supervised by WHO and the Vakaga health district, performed 803 medical consultations. Among these, 87 consultations (11 per cent) were with the host community, while 716 (89 per cent) involved Sudanese refugees living in Korsi. Cumulative data for 2024 shows a total of 30,553 curative consultations conducted.

This week, prenatal consultations were provided to 25 Sudanese women, bringing the annual count to 1,145. Gynecological consultations were conducted for 39 women, making the yearly total 1,550. Furthermore, five deliveries were assisted this week, raising the cumulative number to 121 in 2024.

Throughout the week, twelve refugee patients from Korsi were sent to Birao District Hospital. Out of these, eight have recovered and been discharged, while four remain in the hospital. In 2024, 613 patients have been referred to Birao District Hospital.

Six cases of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) and four cases of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) were reported in children aged 6 to 59 months. In 2024, treatment was provided for 1,221 children with MAM, 161 children with SAM, and 844 instances focused on malnutrition prevention.

Accountability

Throughout the reporting week, NOURRIR facilitated three awareness-raising sessions to enhance communication and address the concerns or complaints of Sudanese refugees in Korsi. These sessions aimed to improve access to the feedback/complaint management system.

Response Plans and Funding Situation

Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP) – January – December 2024

On 7 February, UNHCR and 81 organizations launched the [Regional Refugee Response Plan](#), with an appeal for **USD 46.2 million for the Central African Republic (CAR)** to provide essential aid and protection to 71,176 people in need, **including 39,876 refugees** fleeing the ongoing conflict in Sudan by the end of 2024. As of 12 October, the total funding for the CAR RRP remained at some USD 12.4 million or **27%** of the requirements.

UNHCR Supplementary Appeal – January - December 2024

UNHCR's total financial requirement for the 2024 [Sudan Emergency Supplementary Appeal](#) – in Sudan

and neighbouring countries was revised on 3 July. It now amounts to **USD 1.03 billion**. As of 12 October, it was funded at 27%.

Resources

- Data story: [Sudan: One year of spiralling conflict and displacement](#)
- [Sudan Regional Refugee Response 2024 - June revision](#)
- [Sudan Regional Response 2024 - At a glance](#)
- UNHCR's [Sudan Situation Supplementary Appeal - 2024 - June revision](#)
- [Sudan RRP 2024 Progress Report – January to April 2024](#)
- [End of Year Report Sudan Regional RRP 2023](#)
- UNHCR's [Operational Data Portal \(ODP\) for the Sudan Situation](#) provides daily updates on the refugee and returnee arrivals in Sudan's neighbouring countries.
- [UNHCR Global Focus Sudan Operation page](#)
- [UNHCR Sudan Emergency website](#)

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