Chad – Sudanese Emergency

20 December 2024

Nineteen months into the Sudan conflict, more than 10 million people have been displaced, and more than 2 million have fled to neighbouring countries, including Chad.

As of 16 December, Chad has counted more than **700,000 new refugees from Sudan; 89% are women and children**. In support of the Government of Chad, **UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO FAO and national and international NGOs provide protection and assistance in border sites and refugee settlements. UNHCR and IOM support the Government in coordinating the humanitarian response to refugees and returnees.**

The most urgent need remains to relocate refugees from the border to consolidated refugee sites and ensure access to water, shelter, food, core relief items, health, and education.

KEY INDICATORS

722,103

New refugees counted as of 09 December 2024, i.e., 200,998 households

644,044 **pre-registered/registered biometrically** in Abéché, Adré, Am Nabak, Arkoum, Djabal, Farchana, Gaga, Goz Amir, Iridimi, Kounougou, Metché, Milé, Aboutengué, Oure Cassoni, Tissi, Touloum, Zabout, Dougui

88%

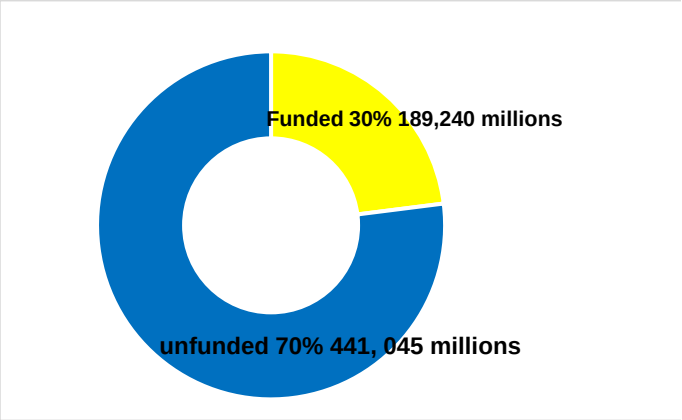
Registered are **Women and children**

15%

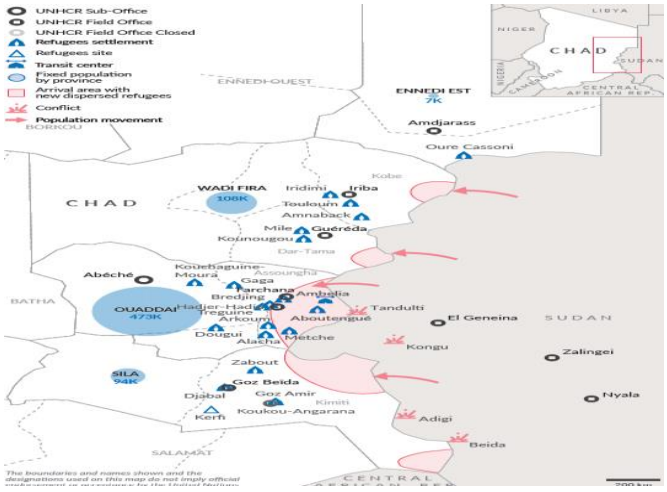
registered have **specific needs**

BUDGET REQUIRED FOR CHAD UNDER THE RRRP FOR THE SUDAN SITUATION (AS OF 20 DECEMBER 2024)

$630.2 million



The 2024 RRRP is financed at 30%. Microsoft Power BI



Images of new Sudanese refugees fleeing the conflict in Sudan. ©UNHCR/Amdjarasse

Emergency Response Achievements

Coordination

- From 11 to 12 December 2024, an inter-agency workshop on accountability, organized by the Accountability to Affected People (AAP) Working Group and led by UNHCR, took place in Abeche, Eastern Chad. Over 40 participants from UN agencies, national and international organizations, state institutions, and various regions attended. The workshop aimed to improve the humanitarian response in Eastern Chad, resulting in the validation of recommendations for harmonizing complaint mechanisms, creating a single hotline, and digitizing accountability systems. Additionally, the AAP working group's coordination tools were adopted, including the 2025 action plan, terms of reference, standard operating procedures for the complaint management mechanism, and data sharing protocol.
- On 12 and 13 December 2024, UNHCR and World Vision organized a public-private dialogue workshop on the International Partnership (INTPA) Project in Abeche to promote the socio-economic inclusion of refugees and host communities in the Ouaddaï Province. This event gathered 69 participants from the public and private sectors, international organizations, and local communities. Discussions identified key barriers to private sector participation and access to services for refugees and host communities. The results included proposed measures to eliminate these barriers, strengthen intersectoral collaboration, and energize local entrepreneurship. A report outlining the recommendations and next steps was prepared to guide future interventions.
- The UNHCR Representative, Mr. Magatte Guisse, continued his familiarization visit in Amdjarasse, Ennedi Est Province, between 13 and 16 December 224. Accompanied by the Head of Sub Office, he paid courtesy calls to the local authorities and met with UNHCR staff to assess the working conditions. He also visited the refugee site, where he met and discussed with refugees and partners.
- UNHCR and partners welcomed the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for PSEA between 8 and 12 December 2024. Accompanied by a high-level delegation, including the UN Resident Coordinator and heads of UN agencies in Chad, visited Assoungha and Farchana. The mission, represented by UNHCR's Deputy Representative for protection, included meetings with refugee and host community women in Adré and a visit to the Integrated Multi-Sectoral Services Centre at the Adré District Hospital. In Farchana, the delegation toured the refugee site, a vocational training center for 80 women, and women's bread-producing groups. The mission concluded with meetings with the GBV, PSEA, AAP working groups, and heads of agencies and NGOs.
- In response to the ongoing Sudanese emergency, UNHCR and CNARR organized a Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) training from 10 to 11 December 2024 in Goz-Beida and Iriba. The initiative aimed to strengthen the capacities of site managers, humanitarian actors and local officials involved in managing refugee sites. The training focused on the rationale of site management mechanisms and the complex challenges facing refugee sites in the context of the Sudanese emergency.

Please visit our coordination tool here.

RELOCATION

- During the reporting period, 541 individuals, comprising 273 households, were relocated from border areas (Adré and Tine) to consolidated refugee sites.

PROTECTION

- Chad continued to receive new arrivals from Sudan during the reporting period. The Ennedi Est Province has recently received an upward trend in new arrivals, with 2,323 new arrivals in the past two weeks. UNHCR has requested its partner, the Agence de Développement Économique Et Social (ADES), to build 1,500 family shelters and four hangars to accommodate the new refugees. Since the beginning of the crisis, Chad has hosted 722,103 new Sudanese refugees (200,998 households), including 237,153 in 2024 alone. Continued fighting coupled with gross human rights abuses remain the cause of their flight.
- Continuous registration went on in Treguine, Gaga and Aboutengué refugee sites. A total of 1,075 new births were registered and added to their families. Since the launch of continuous registration, 4,500 new births have been registered within five sites covered.
- In Adré, 260 individuals (96 households) were pre-registered during the reporting period. Adré has 237,736 individuals (61,546 households) pre-registered.
- A joint workshop organized by UNHCR, the Commission Nationale pour l'Accueil et la Réinsertion des Réfugiés et des Rapatriés (CNARR), Association pour la Promotion des Libertés Fondamentales au Tchad (APLFT), and Croix Rouge du Tchad (CRT) was held in Fada Ennedi-Ouest Province from 13 to 14, December 2024, to promote asylum laws and enhance the capacities of administrative authorities, defence and security forces, humanitarian organizations, and civil society. At the end of this workshop, 15 copies of the law on asylum in Chad and its decree of application were distributed to local authorities, defence forces, and civil society organizations. A total of 30 participants attended the two-day event.
- A joint protection mission, organized by UNHCR, CNARR, APLFT, and CRT, took place from 11 to 18, December 2024, in Fada - a key crossroads for refugees and asylum seekers in northern Chad, Ennedi-Ouest Province. The mission focused on monitoring protection services along migratory routes and raising awareness of asylum laws in Chad among administrative authorities and the defence and security forces.
- A total of 143 children were registered for birth certificates within the legal deadline. During the week, 42 birth certificates were issued for refugee children.
- To assist children who missed the legal deadline for birth certificate issuance, NRC organised mobile hearings in collaboration with the judicial staff of the Adré High Court. This resulted in the issuance of 320 supplementary judgments, allowing for transcribing the refugee children's details into the birth register.

- On 10 December 2024, the 16-day activism campaign against gender-based violence concluded in various Eastern Chad refugee sites and host villages. The closing ceremonies were held in a festive atmosphere with participation from administrative and traditional authorities. Official ceremonies took place across four provinces of Eastern Chad. In Abéché, the event culminated in an educational talk by the human rights delegate and a football match between urban refugees and their hosts. The activities also entertained refugees who had undergone a series of traumas due to the crisis.
- UNHCR conducted a second "Say No to Sexual Misconduct" training on 12 December 2024 for CNARR and the Détachement pour la Protection des Humanitaire et des Réfugiés (DPHR) staff to enhance their ability to prevent and manage sexual exploitation and abuse cases. This followed a similar session on 5 December 2024 in Goz Beida, targeting PSEA focal points and managers of organizations in the Sila Province.
- 84 cases of children at risk (separated children, unaccompanied minors, serious medical conditions, children living with disabilities) were identified during the week in the various refugee sites. Referrals were made to specialized partners for support, including foster care arrangements and family tracing.
- The elections for community leaders were successfully held in Kounoungou and Milé refugee sites from 10 to 12 December 2024. The various committees will work together with UNHCR and partners, including the surrounding host communities, to ensure the smooth running of their communities.
- To support the initiatives of women's community structures and strengthen female leadership, UNHCR distributed 547 loincloths to women members of the various committees in Zabout, Djabal, Goz-Amir, and Kerfi refugee sites.
- Following a football match, the Athletic Union of Constantinople (AEK Athens) donated sports equipment (32 jerseys, 32 shorts, 32 socks, and 2 captain's armbands) to help reinforce peaceful cohabitation between refugees and the host community of Aboutengué, Arkoum, and Farchana refugee sites.

HEALTH/NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION

- On 10 December, 20 nutrition focal points from the Ouaddaï refugee and returnee sites met in Adré, Ouaddaï Province, to standardize the use of nutritional screening tools for managing acute malnutrition. UNHCR presented its health achievements and priorities for 2025 and advocated for better refugee health services, including referrals to secondary/tertiary care, inclusion in vaccination campaigns, and integration of health structures in new refugee sites into the national system.
- 998,871 medical consultations have been conducted since the start of the emergency, including 15,984 new consultations over the past week. Malaria, acute respiratory infections (ARI), watery diarrhoea and malnutrition are the main diseases.
- 70,962 cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and 31,409 cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) have been treated among children aged 6 to 59 months screened. Over the past week, 15,984 children were screened, including 613 MAM and 260 MAS.
- 108,186 pregnant and breastfeeding women were screened; 8,134 cases of MAM were treated. Over the past week, 1,015 pregnant women were screened, including 50 women with moderate malnutrition.
- 18,152 mental health cases have been received for consultation and treatment, including 105 new cases over the past week.

- 13,435 births attended to by qualified health personnel have been recorded since the start of the emergency, including 229 births last week.
- WPF's food distributions have assisted 116,574 refugees (30,956 households) in Adré, Alacha, and Metché; 4,092 children aged 6 to 23 months received additional nutritional assistance.

CBI

- WFP's cash distribution began at the Farchana site on 13 December for two months (November and December). In three days, 8,352 refugees have been served out of a total of 31,915 planned for 510,640,000 XAF to be distributed.

SHELTER / WATER, HYGIENE AND SANITATION AND CRIS

- Of the 1,000 family shelters to be built by the CRT in Koursigué, 948 shelters have been completed.
- 1200 emergency shelters out of 1200 planned have been completed in Goz-Amir for flood victims.

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Working in partnership

As part of this emergency response, UNHCR is working with the following partners:

- **Coordination and Registration**: CNARR
- **Relocation :** AIRD, CIAUD, CNARR, CRT, IRC
- **Protection:** ADES, ADRA, ANATS, ASTBEF, CNARR, COOPI, CRT, UNFPA, HIAS, KITES, OXFAM, UNICEF, APLFT
- **Health and nutrition:** ADES, IRC, ACF, Health and food security, Concern Worldwide, French Red Cross, CRT, MSF (France, Holland, Switzerland), Première Urgence International (PUI), Solidarités International/ACHDR, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP, and WHO
- **Food distribution:** WFP, CRT
- **Shelter, water, hygiene, and sanitation:** ADES, CRT, INTERSOS, IRC, LMI, SECADEV, in collaboration with ACTED, ADRA, ADRO, ACAFDI, ACF, AFDI, CARE, FLM, HELP TCHAD, MSF France, OXFAM, SAHKAL, Solidarités International/ACHDR, UNICEF, WFP and WORLD VISION

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