

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)

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Training on the prevention of gender-based violence for the " Ya Rahmane " refugee women's association in Korsi, Birao.
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Highlights

- The security situation in Sudanese refugee-hosting areas remained generally calm during the reporting week. However, the risk of deterioration persists due to the presence of armed groups. In Ngarba village, 120 km from Ndélé, insecurity has escalated following the withdrawal of government forces, allowing armed groups to regain control. This has resulted in the installation of roadblocks, the imposition of illegal taxes, and movement restrictions, further heightening risks for refugees and host communities.

Population Movements and Registration

During the reporting week, 819 new Sudanese refugees (267 families) arrived in Birao, Vakaga prefecture, marking a further increase from the 737 arrivals recorded the previous week. The continued rise in new arrivals is driven by intensified airstrikes in Nyala, where most refugees originate, as well as improved road conditions and increased transportation availability from the border with the onset of the dry season. However, refugees continue to face significant challenges fleeing within Sudan, as non-state armed groups block key routes, forcing them to take longer and more dangerous paths to reach the CAR.

The National Commission for Refugees (CNR) and UNHCR conducted the biometric registration of 553 individuals (168 families) in Korsi during the reporting week. The total registered population in Korsi now stands at 18,729 individuals (7,831 families). Among them, 123 individuals with specific needs were identified, including unaccompanied and separated children, women at risk, older persons, people with disabilities, individuals with serious medical conditions, and single parents.

In Akoursoulback, Bamingui-Bangoran, 31 refugees (8 families) were registered by CNR and

UNHCR. All families received shelter and non-food items on 24 January.

Protection

Gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response

During the reporting week, UNHCR and the Y'a Rahmane Refugee Women's Association launched a GBV prevention project in Korsi, Birao. As part of the launch, a two-day training session was conducted with 32 participants, including two men. The training covered GBV fundamentals, fraud and corruption, protection against sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), and refugee rights and responsibilities. Participants found the PSEA awareness session particularly engaging, as it was conducted using materials translated into Arabic.

Shelters and Non Food Items (NFI)

To meet the growing needs of new arrivals in Korsi, Birao, UNHCR completed 54 new emergency shelters, bringing the total to 2,052 emergency shelters in the site. Meanwhile, the construction of 220 semi-durable shelters is ongoing, with 126 completed. These semi-durable shelters offer more resilient and environmentally friendly housing solutions, reinforcing UNHCR's sustainable response.

During the reporting week, 529 newly arrived refugees from 188 families received NFIs from UNHCR, including mattresses, blankets, jerrycans, cooking utensils, and mosquito nets, along with dry food assistance from WFP.

Education

During the reporting week, the Ndélé Education Inspectorate, in partnership with the International Rescue Committee (IRC), distributed school kits to 100 Sudanese refugee children attending schools in Ndélé and along the Ngarba axis in Bamingui-Bangoran.

Cash Assistance

In Ndélé, 302 Sudanese refugee families (886 individuals) received three months of cash assistance from WFP and its partner, with UNHCR and CNR overseeing the distribution. Families received support based on household size: those with 1 to 3 members received 20,000 FCFA (approximately 32 USD) per person per month, families with 4 to 5 members received 36,000 FCFA (approximately 57 USD) per person per month, and those with 6 or more members received 72,000 FCFA (approximately 115 USD) per person per month. In total, 38,064,000 FCFA (approximately 60,900 USD) was distributed.

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)

The number of latrines in Korsi remains at 393, including 261 emergency latrines and 132 semi-durable latrines. The construction of an additional 252 semi-durable latrines by UNICEF's partner, Triangle Generation Humanitaire (TGH), is ongoing. The current latrine-to-person ratio is 45 people per latrine, meeting the Sphere emergency standard (50 people per latrine) but falling short of the post-emergency phase standard (20 people per latrine).

The daily water supply remains below 5 liters per person, significantly below the Sphere standard of 15 liters per person per day. UNHCR is working with partners to repair the damaged borehole to improve water availability.

Hygiene and sanitation teams from UNHCR's partner, NOURRIR, continue to clean areas around water points in Korsi. This week, they conducted awareness-raising campaigns through focus groups, block-by-block, and door-to-door outreach, reaching 4,102 people (3,410 families). Topics covered included proper disposal of animal carcasses, using ashes in latrines to reduce odors, fire prevention around shelters, risks of open defecation, proper cleaning of jerrycans, maintenance of water points, and protecting children from contaminated water.

Health and Nutrition

From 18 to 24 January, medical teams from Centre de Support en Santé Internationale (CSSI) and International Medical Corps (IMC), under the coordination of the Vakaga Health District, conducted 971 medical consultations in Korsi. Of these, 87 consultations (9 per cent) were for the host population, while 884 (91 per cent) were for refugees, including 175 new arrivals (18 per cent). Among the patients, 324 children aged 0 to 59 months (33 per cent) were treated. So far in 2025, a total of 2,961 consultations have been conducted, with 10 per cent for host communities.

The most commonly diagnosed illnesses were malaria, accounting for 375 cases (39 per cent), followed by acute respiratory infections with 338 cases (35 per cent), and intestinal parasitosis with 154 cases (16 per cent). All patients received outpatient treatment.

Between 18 and 24 January, 44 forcibly displaced women received prenatal consultations, bringing the total to 156 in 2025. Additionally, two postnatal consultations were conducted, raising the annual total to eight, while 59 women received gynecological consultations, with a cumulative total of 195 for 2025. Thirteen women received family planning services, bringing the total to 40 for 2025. During the same period, two babies were delivered, adding to a total of eight deliveries and eight newborns this year.

During the reporting week, 324 children aged 6 to 59 months were screened for malnutrition during medical consultations. Eleven cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and three cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) were identified and treated in Korsi. So far in 2025, a total of 42 MAM cases and 8 SAM cases have been recorded and treated out of 932 children screened.

Additionally, 20 patients were referred from Korsi to Birao District Hospital, increasing the annual total to 55 referrals. Thirteen pregnant women received tetanus vaccines, and five children were vaccinated with multi-antigen vaccines.

In Korsi, 11 mental health cases were treated, with the primary causes being depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), psychosis, and epilepsy. Since the start of the year, 24 mental health cases have been recorded, 17 among refugees and 7 among the host community.

Response Plans and Funding Situation

Sudan Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP) – January – December 2025

- The Sudan Regional Refugee Response Plan 2025 will be presented along with the Sudan HRP on 17 February 2025 at an event in Geneva. It is an appeal for **USD 1.8 billion for 111 partners** to provide essential aid and protection to a total of **5 million people in seven countries** by the end of 2025. This includes 4 million refugees, returnees, and others who have fled the ongoing conflict in Sudan and over 800,000 host community members. For more information, please see the [Sudan Regional Refugee Response Plan - At a Glance](#).

UNHCR Supplementary Appeal – January - December 2025

- UNHCR's financial requirement for 2025 for the [Sudan situation emergency response](#) – in Sudan and RRP countries – amounts to **USD 1.1 billion**.

Resources

- UNHCR dashboard: [Sudan Situation: One year on](#)
- Data story: [Sudan: One year of spiralling conflict and displacement](#)
- [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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