Sudan Regional Refugee Response Plan

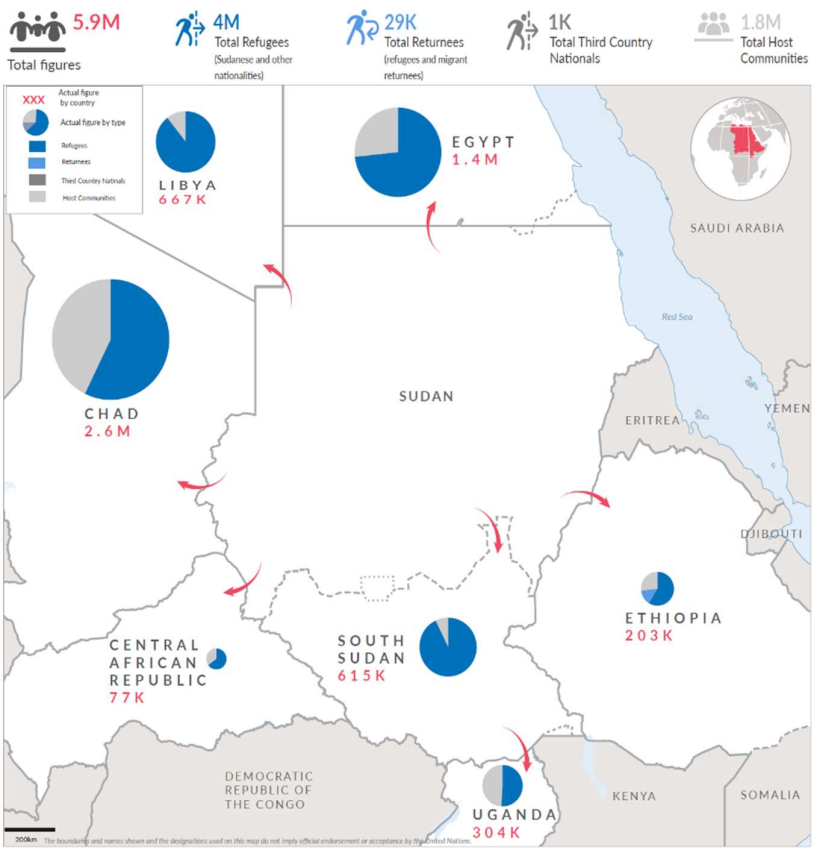
January - December 2026

AT A GLANCE

5.9 Million	US$ 1.6 Billion	123
TOTAL PLANNING FIGURES	FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS	PARTNERS[1]

OVERVIEW

Sudan is the world's largest displacement and protection crisis, with the violence creating a humanitarian catastrophe across the country and region. After nearly three years of conflict which began in April 2023, some 4.3 million refugees remain displaced in the Central African Republic, Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia, Libya, South Sudan, and Uganda[2]. The majority of Sudanese refugees are hosted in Egypt and Eastern Chad.



The asylum countries host new arrivals in addition to 840,000 Sudanese refugees who were already in the region pre-April 2023, as well as receiving their own citizens returning under adverse circumstances[3]. Arrivals often enter impoverished areas with limited services and economic opportunities. Disrupted cross-border trade between Sudan and its neighbours has driven food and fuel inflation, worsening macroeconomic pressures. Food insecurity has spilt across borders, with 1 in 10 newly arrived Sudanese refugee children in Chad being malnourished. In addition to poor infrastructure in border areas, countries including Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Libya and South Sudan face insecurity, with armed actors exacerbating instability and interrupting access for the humanitarian response. The anticipated reduction in peacekeeping capacity in the Central African Republic and South Sudan further threatens safe movement and the delivery of assistance. Extreme weather events have compounded needs in South Sudan and Chad, causing damage to shelter and infrastructure, disrupting livelihoods, and hindering aid delivery. Concurrently, there have been cholera outbreaks in South Sudan, Chad and Ethiopia in 2025, linked to Sudan's outbreak. Uganda, despite not bordering Sudan, has received about 91,000 Sudanese refugees, adding to more than 1.9 million refugees in the country. Severe underfunding of the 2025 humanitarian response has reduced humanitarian assistance across all the receiving countries, heightening the vulnerability of refugees and the communities hosting them.

The pursuit for peace continues with multiple ceasefire attempts. Return of displaced Sudanese is ongoing[4] and expected to continue in 2026. Some are choosing to return to areas of relative calm, while others are compelled by hardship in asylum countries. However, returnees find widespread destruction, insecurity, and sometimes continued conflict. In 2025, Sudan was ranked as the deadliest conflict in Africa, with over 17,000 civilian fatalities between January and November 2025[5] and widespread reports of sexual violence. Essential services have collapsed, and parties to the conflict are blocking humanitarian access in some areas. Many returnees are forced to flee again, whether internally or across international borders. In October 2025, the Rapid Support Force (RSF) captured El Fasher in the North Darfur region, triggering a new surge of violence, displacement and loss of life. By December, intense fighting had extended to Kordofan. Conflict and human rights violations are likely to persist into 2026, prolonging displacement and leaving over 4 million Sudanese refugees in seven asylum countries in urgent need of assistance. The RRP countries continue to show solidarity despite overstretched resources, underscoring the need for sustained international support.

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[1] UN agencies and some international NGOs are operational in more than one country but are counted only once as a partner in the RRP, although their interventions may vary by country.

[2] https://data.unhcr.org/en/situations/sudansituation

[3] Between 2023 and 2025, approximately 870,000 refugees hosted by Sudan returned to their home countries, primarily to South Sudan, CAR, and Ethiopia. Many Chadian migrants also returned home.

[4] An estimated over 3 million displaced Sudanese inside Sudan and in neighbouring countries have returned to their home areas, since January 2025. This includes close to 520,000 Sudanese refugees who had fled Sudan seeking safety in neighbouring countries, mainly Egypt and South Sudan, with smaller numbers returning from Libya.

[5] Conflict Index | ACLED

Regional Strategic Objectives and Priorities

SO 1: Support host countries in ensuring access to territory and asylum for all individuals in need of international protection, in compliance with the principle of non-refoulement and other regional and international obligations, including maintaining the civilian and humanitarian character of asylum.

SO 2: Support host countries in providing critical protection and humanitarian assistance for refugeesparticularly new arrivals, including food, shelter, health, and protection services.

SO 3: Support host countries to strengthen institutional and local capacity to include refugees in national systems and services, including through access to documentation.

SO 4: Investing in sustainable response and "solutions from the start" through engagement with development actors and the private sector to promote self-reliance.

SO 5: Enhancing emergency preparedness and response to conflict-related displacement, outbreak of diseases and climate disasters.

The 2026 Sudan Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP) outlines a financial requirement of USD 1.6 billion to address the needs of 4 million refugees and 1.8 million host community. The response has dual delivery, providing critical life-saving assistance and sustainable responses. Of the total appeal, USD 1 million has been prioritized to cover the critical, life-saving needs of 3.4 million conflict-affected people. Among the critical needs is life-saving assistance—including food, shelter, healthcare, and protection services for the new arrivals and other vulnerable refugees. The RRP also includes emergency preparedness and rapid response to conflict-related displacement, recurrent disease outbreaks, and climate-induced disasters such as floods. Host governments will be supported in maintaining access to their territory and asylum for refugees, as well as in preserving the civilian character of asylum.

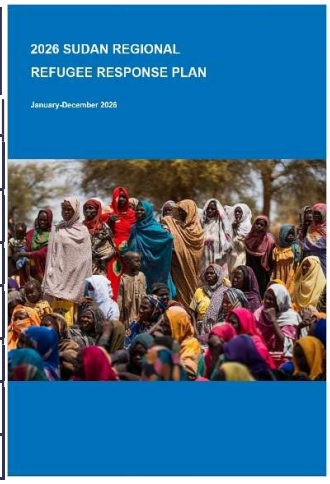
The Regional RRP encompasses a range of core sectors to address the needs of affected populations. These sectors include Basic Needs, Education, Food Security, Protection (including Child Protection and Gender-Based Violence), Public Health and Nutrition, Livelihoods and Socio-Economic Inclusion, Logistics, Telecoms and Operational Support, Settlement, Shelter and Housing, and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene. Together, these sectors form the foundation of a comprehensive response to ensure safety, dignity, and well-being for refugees and host communities.

The pursuit of a sustainable response is informed by a "Solutions from the Start" approach that strengthens institutional and local capacities to integrate refugees into national systems, including through documentation and access to essential services, guided by the Global Compact on Refugees. Government leadership and the engagement of development actors and the private sector will help drive sustainability and self-reliance for both refugees and host communities. The response will continue to pursue climate-resilient and sustainable human settlements to withstand recurrent floods, drought, and other adverse climate events while promoting environmental sustainability and community participation. The aim is to create safe, livable communities for both displaced and host populations, supporting a shift from temporary camps to integrated, long-term settlements that strengthen resilience and social cohesion. To reinforce the humanitarian, development and peace nexus, the Development Partners Group for the Sudan Regional Refugee Crisis will continue to promote coordination and engagement with development partners across the seven asylum countries and Sudan.

Sudanese refugee women in the Ura settlement, Ethiopia August 2025 ©UNHCR/Sona Dadi

PROJECTED POPULATION PLANNING FIGURES

Country	Refugees	Returnees	Third Country Nationals[5]	Host Community	Total
Central African Republic	50,000			27,000	77,000
Chad	1,480,700			1,105,000	2,585,700
Egypt	1,042,600			374,300	1,416,900
Ethiopia	119,500	29,000		54,600	203,100
Libya	596,000		1,000	70,000	667,000
South Sudan	571,900			43,100	615,000
Uganda	154,800			148,900	303,700
Total	**4,015,500**	**29,000**	**1,000**	**1,822,900**	**5,868,400**



2026 FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS[6]

SECTOR	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	CHAD	EGYPT	ETHIOPIA	LIBYA	SOUTH SUDAN	UGANDA	TOTAL US$
Basic Needs	4,001,057	37,062,575	53,392,288	15,884,002	17,410,000	33,802,791	1,230,000	**162,782,713**
Education	2,535,398	25,859,439	28,487,787	8,362,041	7,550,000	15,174,233	14,185,088	**102,153,986**
Food Security	22,546,879	198,259,873	76,694,691	18,132,520	24,723,320	65,162,771	1,290,000	**406,810,054**
Protection (including Child Protection & Gender-Based Violence)	7,195,113	79,942,570	43,546,429	20,936,639	27,116,800	68,168,491	39,322,620	**286,228,661**
Public Health & Nutrition	6,172,108	78,356,211	48,138,893	11,043,519	31,096,070	51,966,119	11,376,608	**238,149,528**
Livelihoods & Economic Inclusion	2,691,500	52,605,082	21,795,282	7,503,764	1,950,000	34,996,718	10,301,459	**131,843,804**
Supply (Logistics & Procurement)	1,805,708	4,868,540	3,176,201	1,997,717	-	-	-	**11,848,166**
Telecommunications	172,887	2,693,540	-	621,568	-	-	-	**3,487,995**
Settlement & Shelter & Housing	2,473,057	19,348,007	565,000	12,796,973	-	60,571,905	4,105,846	**99,860,788**
Water, Sanitation & Hygiene	5,589,816	67,832,328	1,520,000	13,851,103	5,703,000	32,565,346	12,217,853	**139,272,446**
Coordination	-	828,241	-	-	-	-	-	**828,241**
Energy & Environment	-	-	-	2,617,717	-	-	6,103,344	**8,721,061**
GRAND TOTAL US$	**55,183,523**	**567,656,406**	**277,316,570**	**113,747,563**	**115,549,190**	**362,408,373**	**100,132,818**	**1,591,994,443**

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[6] The absence of figures under specific sectors in this budget table does not indicate a lack of financial resources allocated in the country. Due to country-specific contextual considerations, certain budget lines have been integrated into other sectors where related activities are being implemented.

REGIONAL RRP PARTNERS 2026									
Agency Type	**Partner**	**C.A.R.**	**Chad**	**Egypt**	**Ethiopia**	**Libya**	**SSD**	**Uganda**	**Grand Total**
Development actor	African Development Bank			500,000					**500,000**
IFRC/ICRC	Egyptian Red Crescent			1,232,000					**1,232,000**
IFRC/ICRC	Fédération Internationale des Sociétés de la Croix-Rouge et du Croissant-Rouge		627,250						**627,250**
IFRC/ICRC	Italian Red Cross		600,000						**600,000**
IFRC/ICRC	South Sudan Red CROSS								
IFRC/ICRC	Uganda Red Cross Society							1,930,000	**1,930,000**
NNGO	Action for the Needy in Ethiopia				402,500				**402,500**
NNGO	Action pour la Protection de la santé, de l'environnement et la lutte contre la pénurie alimentaire		500,000						**500,000**
NNGO	Action pour le Développement, l'Humanitaire, l'Education, la Solidarité et la Cohésion Sociale		3,000,000						**3,000,000**
NNGO	Africa Development Aid								
NNGO	African Women and Youth Action for Development							1,100,000	**1,100,000**
NNGO	Agency for Cooperation and Research in Development							800,000	**800,000**
NNGO	Al Gad			317,184					**317,184**
NNGO	Arab Women			225,000					**225,000**
NNGO	Association Pour la Coopération Internationale au Développement		875,000						**875,000**
NNGO	Association Pour Le Soutien Des Enfants De Rue, Orphelins Et Enfants Vulnérables		52,000						**52,000**
NNGO	Bunyan			23,500					**23,500**
NNGO	Care Egypt Foundation			967,200					**967,200**
NNGO	Center of Egyptian Family Development Foundation			260,000					**260,000**
NNGO	Coalition for Humanity								
NNGO	Comité Local d'Etude, d'Execution, d'Evaluation et d'Accompagnement des Projets		1,640,000						**1,640,000**
NNGO	Community Engagement Network								
NNGO	Community In Need Aid								
NNGO	Education for youth empowerment Uganda							65,000	**65,000**
NNGO	Egyptian Association for Comprehensive Development			300,000					**300,000**
NNGO	Give Directly							5,000,000	**5,000,000**
NNGO	Hold the Child								
NNGO	Impact for Community Development			260,820					**260,820**
NNGO	Life Makers Foundation			8,900,000					**8,900,000**
NNGO	National Initiatives for Development Organization								
NNGO	Network for Environment Programs								
NNGO	NIRVANA		1,895,857						**1,895,857**
NNGO	ONG Guéra Touristique		500,000						**500,000**
NNGO	PsychoPlus							32,000	**32,000**
NNGO	Refugee Central Committee-South Sudan								
NNGO	Refugee Development Organisation								

Agency Type	Partner	C.A.R.	Chad	Egypt	Ethiopia	Libya	SSD	Uganda	Grand Total
NNGO	Regional Psychosocial Support Initiative							47,010	**47,010**
NNGO	Solidarité et Développement au Sahel		1,650,000						**1,650,000**
NNGO	Tafawol Association for Special Needs & Development			110,000					**110,000**
NNGO	Tchad Health Foundation		896,976						**896,976**
NNGO	The Egyptian Food Bank			873,903					**873,903**
NNGO	The Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission				110,000				**110,000**
NNGO	Uganda Refugee Disaster and Management Council							418,174	**418,174**
NNGO	Watan for Social and Cultural Development			33,500					**33,500**
NNGO	Women and Girls Development Organisation								
NNGO	Women Empowerment Network Organization								
NNGO	Youth Association For Peace and Development Organization								
NNGO	Youth Social Advocacy Team							850,000	**850,000**
INGO	ACROSS								
INGO	Action African Help International								
INGO	Action Against Hunger							1,250,000	**1,250,000**
INGO	Adventist Development and Relief Agency								
INGO	Africa Humanitarian Action							35,000	**35,000**
INGO	African Initiatives for Relief and Development		7,599,998						**7,599,998**
INGO	Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development		9,032,556						**9,032,556**
INGO	Alight								
INGO	Alliance for International Medical Action		1,636,654						**1,636,654**
INGO	Alliance Forum for Development							80,000	**80,000**
INGO	Caritas Internationalis								
INGO	Catholic Relief Services			3,557,002					**3,557,002**
INGO	Cheshire Services Uganda							457,212	**457,212**
INGO	ChildFund International							55,000	**55,000**
INGO	Comitato Internazionale per lo svilippo dei popoli				2,460,000				**2,460,000**
INGO	Concern Worldwide		324,889						**324,889**
INGO	Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere		2,900,000						**2,900,000**
INGO	Cooperazione E Sviluppo					5,800,000			**5,800,000**
INGO	Danish Refugee Council		6,343,273		1,316,000	2,205,800		148,561	**10,013,634**
INGO	Finn Church Aid							1,770,000	**1,770,000**
INGO	GOAL				1,200,000				**1,200,000**
INGO	Health Link								
INGO	Humanitarian and Development Consortium								
INGO	Humanitarian Assistance and Development Services							600,000	**600,000**
INGO	Humanity & Inclusion		3,900,000	266,294				1,300,000	**5,466,294**
INGO	Humanity worldwide								
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INGO	Innovative Humanitarian Solutions.				90,000				**90,000**

Agency Type	Partner	C.A.R.	Chad	Egypt	Ethiopia	Libya	SSD	Uganda	Grand Total
INGO	International Medical Corps	935,000	1,100,000						**2,035,000**
INGO	International Rescue Committee		5,431,870		1,186,390	2,310,000			**8,928,260**
INGO	INTERSOS					3,684,200			**3,684,200**
INGO	Jesuit Refugee Service							50,000	**50,000**
INGO	LM International		204,940						**204,940**
INGO	Lutheran World Federation							1,951,692	**1,951,692**
INGO	Médecins Du Monde	26,500							**26,500**
INGO	Medical Teams International				435,677			145,418	**581,095**
INGO	Mentor Initiatives								
INGO	Norwegian Church Aid								
INGO	Norwegian Refugee Council		7,296,383		10,189,250	4,100,000		2,625,000	**24,210,633**
INGO	Oxford Committee for Relief Famine		574,009						**574,009**
INGO	Peace Winds Japan								
INGO	Plan International			7,161,182	1,523,935				**8,685,117**
INGO	Relief International								
INGO	Samaritains Purse								
INGO	Save the Children International			11,775,697				2,013,750	**13,789,447**
INGO	Secours Islamique - Tchad		520,844						**520,844**
INGO	Société de Développement International		496,500						**496,500**
INGO	Solidarités International		6,409,876						**6,409,876**
INGO	Street Child							250,000	**250,000**
INGO	Strong Minds Uganda							259,232	**259,232**
INGO	Terre Des Hommes International			403,000					**403,000**
INGO	Terre Des Hommes Italy					1,200,000			**1,200,000**
INGO	Transcultural Psychosocial Organization							76,000	**76,000**
INGO	WAMY		320,000						**320,000**
INGO	War Child Alliance							550,000	**550,000**
INGO	War Child Holland								
INGO	Water Mission Uganda							200,000	**200,000**
INGO	WeWorld					140,000			**140,000**
INGO	Windle International Uganda							4,500,000	**4,500,000**
INGO	Windle Trust International								
INGO	World Vision International		31,500,000		617,074			30,000	**32,147,074**
INGO	World Youth Organization Limited							450,000	**450,000**
UN Agency	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations		20,914,740					2,511,750	**23,426,490**
UN Agency	International Labour Organization			5,047,155				400,000	**5,447,155**
UN Agency	International Organization for Migration			18,950,065	3,600,000	14,000,000			**36,550,065**
UN Agency	United Nations Children's Fund	10,496,784	59,153,353	10,570,000	4,005,078	15,600,000		1,783,988	**101,609,203**
UN Agency	United Nations Development Programme	586,500		5,000,000		630,000		1,500,000	**7,716,500**
UN Agency	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees	18,236,032	185,954,775	100,150,415	67,087,399	25,000,000		46,923,811	**443,352,432**
UN Agency	United Nations Human Settlements Programme			200,000					**200,000**
UN Agency	United Nations Population Fund	1,500,000	7,943,600	4,416,385	1,500,000	5,627,000		1,975,000	**22,961,985**

Agency Type	Partner	C.A.R.	Chad	Egypt	Ethiopia	Libya	SSD	Uganda	Grand Total
UN Agency	United Nations World Food Programme	22,546,879	186,509,063	75,321,269	18,024,260	24,342,190		5,791,450	**332,535,111**
UN Agency	United Nations Mine Action Service								
UN Agency	United Nations Office for Project Services								
UN Agency	UN -Women	560,000		1,100,000				1,207,770	**2,867,770**
UN Agency	World Health Organization	295,828	9,352,000	19,395,000		10,910,000		9,000,000	**48,952,828**
Grand Total		**55,183,523**	**567,656,406**	**277,316,570**	**113,747,563**	**115,549,190**	**362,408,373**	**100,132,818**	**1,591,994,443**