Women awaiting at the departure point in Tiné to be relocated to Maïba. © UNHCR/Ramadji, June 2026

Weekly Highlights

- From 03 – 08 August, **2,851 refugees** (814 households**),** including 561 persons with specific needs, were relocated from border areas to the inland sites of Arkoum (Ouaddaï Province) under the accelerated relocation programme.
- Since 15 April 2026, a cumulative **33,910 individuals from 9,333 households (85% of the targeted 40,000 individuals)** have been relocated under the accelerated relocation programme, bringing the total number relocated since January 2026 to **50,966 refugees (16,831 households).**
- Since April 2023, UNHCR and its partners have relocated 651,861 individuals (174,768 households) from border areas to safer sites, representing 69% of the 940,612 Sudanese refugees who have arrived in Chad since April 2023.
- Relocations have taken place to Ennedi Est (79,729 individuals), Sila (81,304), Wadi Fira (198,479), and Ouaddaï (292,349).
- Since 15 April 2026, a total of **56,287 refugees** has been biometrically registered and 12,085 others have been preregistered, making a total of **68,372 individuals** under OCHA-US funding.
- Since 15 April, a total of **25,773 refugee documentation** (households and individuals) has been delivered to refugees in Eastern Chad.
- Since April 2026, a total of **10,542 emergency shelters** constructed across selected sites in the Ouaddai, Sila and Wadi Fira, improving living conditions for newly relocated refugee families.

Overview

To enhance the safety and protection of more than 200,000 Sudanese refugees living in border areas, UNHCR, in coordination with the Government of Chad and humanitarian partners, launched an accelerated relocation initiative to move refugees away from insecure border zones to safer inland sites. In 2026, the operation targets nearly 85,500 refugees residing in border locations in Adré (Ouaddaï), Tiné (Wadi Fira), and Adénour, Goz Amir and Moudeina (Sila). Following the validation of the accelerated relocation plan in April 2026, the initiative received support from key donors, including the European Union, Italy, Japan, the United Arab Emirates, and the Regional Humanitarian Fund for West and Central Africa (RHF-WCA). This report presents an overview of the relocation response, with particular emphasis on activities supported by the RHF-WCA.

UNHCR and Partners Response

Community Engagement and Refugee Mobilization: Community outreach and sensitization activities continued through site-based awareness sessions, gathering points, and door-to-door engagement. Additional outreach workers are deployed following dedicated briefings on the relocation process, reinforcing existing community mobilization efforts and ensuring refugees are informed about relocation procedures and available assistance.

Registration and Documentation: Since April 2023, a total of **941,722 Sudanese refugees (272,824 households)** fleeing the conflict have crossed into Chad. Since 15 April 2026, a total of **56,287 refugees** has been biometrically registered, contributing to an overall **67% biometric registration and documentation rate** among refugees, carried out by the Government with UNHCR support.

Relocation Operations and Logistics: A total of **18 trucks and 10 light vehicles** were deployed to support four relocation convoys transporting refugee households and their belongings from Adré to Arkoum. These operations were managed by UNHCR's logistics partner, AIRD to transport refugees and their belongings. Each convoy is accompanied by an operational escort comprising an ambulance, a *Détachement pour la Protection des Humanitaires et Réfugiés* (DPHR) escort vehicle, and a UNHCR vehicle, ensuring the safety and smooth implementation of the relocation process. To support shelter construction in Arkoum, 8,010 tarpaulins (4 x 5 meters) were transferred from the Farchana warehouse for the construction of emergency shelters. Regular rotations continue between Adré and the refugee sites to ensure the progressive transfer of refugees and their belongings. In addition, two trucks continued to support WASH activities by providing water trucking services to the Arkoum and Kouchaguine-Moura sites, helping to improve access to safe drinking water for populations living in both locations.

Relocation Movements: Between 03- 08 August, three convoys relocated 2,851 individuals (814 households) from Adré border to the site of Arkoum (Ouaddai), bringing to 21,671 the total number of refugees relocated to Arkoum since 15 April 2026. Since the launch of the accelerated relocation operation, 33,910 individuals (9,333 households) have been relocated from Adré to Ouaddaï (76%), including the sites of Arkoum, Kouchaguine-Moura and Dougui; Wadi Fira (12%), including Maïba; and Sila (12%), including Kerfi.

Water and Sanitation

Water Supply: The average potable water supply ratio remained stable at **10.8 litres per person per day**. Improvements were recorded in Aboutengué, Iridimi, and Milé due to the good performance of water pumping systems. However, water availability declined in Gaga, Arkoum, Dougui, Goudrane, Touloum, Amnaback, Maiba, Kounougou, Marassabré, and Ouré-Cassoni as a result of increased refugee populations, technical breakdowns, interruptions in water supply services, and logistical constraints related to poor road. Meanwhile, water infrastructure development continued across several camps, with notable progress in Kouchaguine-Moura, Arkoum, Marassabré, Maiba, and Ouré-Cassoni, including the construction and rehabilitation of water distribution networks, elevated water towers, and water kiosks.

Ongoing construction of the water tower in K-Moura. © UNHCR/ July 2026

Sanitation activities continued across multiple refugee camps. Significant progress was achieved in the construction of emergency latrine and shower facilities, including 480 of 630 units completed in Kouchaguine-Moura (76%), 770 of 800 in Arkoum (97%), 230 latrines in Djabal, 194 of 364 in Kerfi (53%), and ongoing household latrine construction in Iridimi, Goudrane and Amnaback, where all 25 planned household latrines were completed. In Ouré-Cassoni, construction of both 2025 and 2026 emergency latrine-shower facilities advanced significantly, reaching completion rates of 70% and 80% respectively.

Health and Nutrition

During July, health facilities provided 117,465 curative consultations, a 19% increased from last month, largely driven by continued refugee arrivals and the impact of the rainy season on disease prevalence. Malaria remained the leading cause of morbidity, followed by acute respiratory infections and diarrhoeal diseases. Maternal and child health services also remained strong, with 3,443 live births recorded, nearly 90% of which were attended by skilled health personnel, while 6,234 children received measles vaccinations. Nutrition programmes admitted 9,386 children suffering from acute malnutrition, and mental health and psychosocial support services reached 417 individuals and provided follow-up care to 66 new cases. However, persistent shortages of qualified health staff, ambulances, and funding for epidemic preparedness and response continue to challenge the delivery of quality healthcare services.

Coordination

Relocation operations are coordinated by UNHCR in support of CNARR and in close collaboration with local and traditional authorities. In Ouaddaï, implementation relies on a broad partnership network, including AIRD, ADES, APLFT, JRS, OHDEL, CRT, IRC, LMI, ACTED, CIAUD, NRC, DRC and refugee leaders, covering protection, community engagement, cash assistance, food security, shelter and essential services.

Sectoral Gaps and challenges in Refugee Relocation –Eastern Chad

The planned relocation of **15,000 to 30,000 refugees per site** across Eastern Chad is placing significant pressure on already overstretched services, while current funding covers life-saving assistance for only **40,000 people**, leaving major gaps for an additional **45,000 refugees in 2026**. Critical shortages persist across all sectors, including under-resourced protection and GBV services, a deficit of more than **12,000 family shelters**, over **14,600 latrines** still required, inadequate water supply systems, and substantial gaps in education and health services, including shortages of teachers, classrooms, health workers, mobile clinics, medicines, and referral support. Without additional funding and operational capacity, delays in site readiness and service delivery are likely to slow relocations, increase protection risks, worsen living conditions, and place further strain on host communities.

Actors involved in the response

UN Sister Agency: OCHA, UNHCR, UNICEF and WFP

Local and international partners: ACF, ACTED, ADES, AIRD, ALIMA/AS, APLFT, CIAUD, CNARR, CRT, DRC, EBV, ECO CITOYEN, INTERSOS, IRC, JRS, KITES, LMI, MSF-E, MSF-H, NIRVANA, NRC, OHDEL, and SECADEV.

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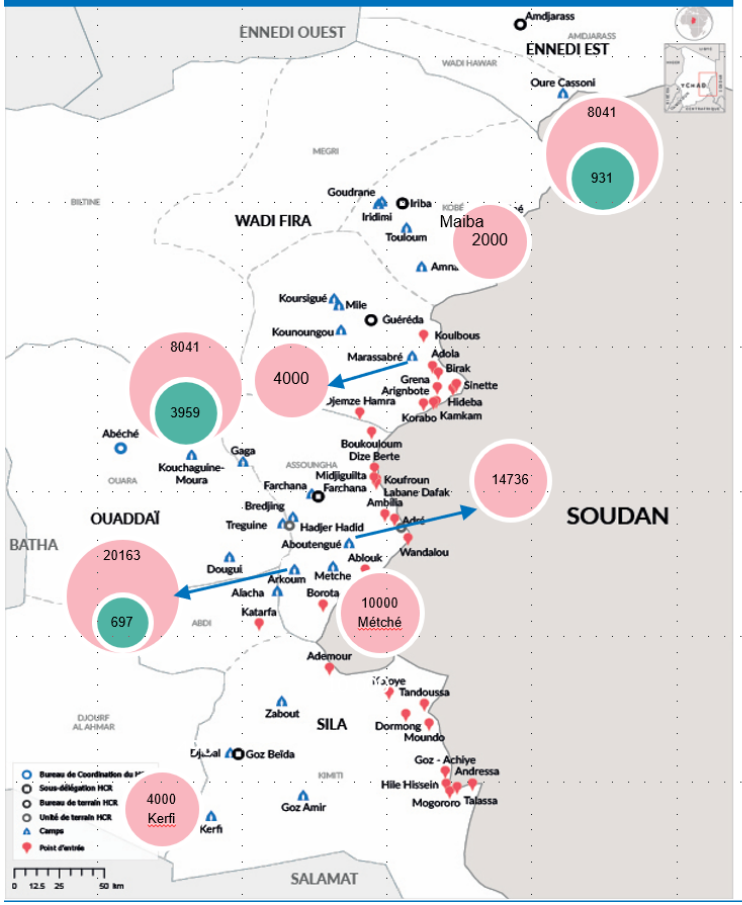
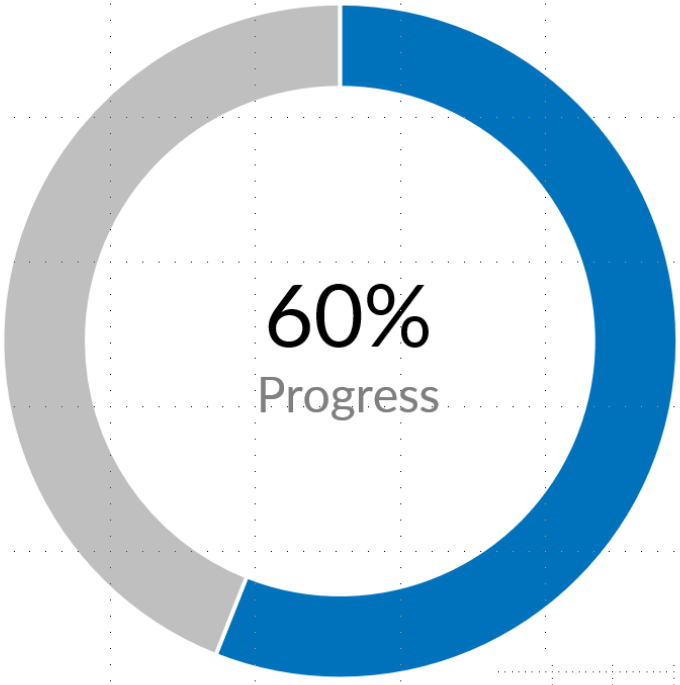
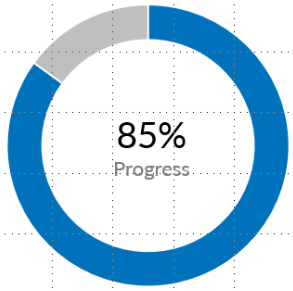




Target 85,000

Relocated 50,966

Awaiting 34,034



Target 40,000

Relocated 33,910

Awaiting 6,090

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