

# SUDAN

February 2022

Sudan hosts **1.12 million** refugees and more than **3 million** internally displaced persons. Recently, it saw new displacements from Ethiopia, South Sudan and within Sudan.

UNHCR and partners continue responding to the needs of about **51,000 Ethiopian refugees** in East Sudan and **9,200 Ethiopian asylum-seekers** in Blue Nile State.

UNHCR supports **solutions for IDPs and South Sudanese refugees**, such as voluntary return, legal work, self-reliance or resettlement.

## KEY INDICATORS

# 50%

Of Ethiopian refugees Um Rakuba and Tunaybah camps received their ID Cards

# 2 Solarized

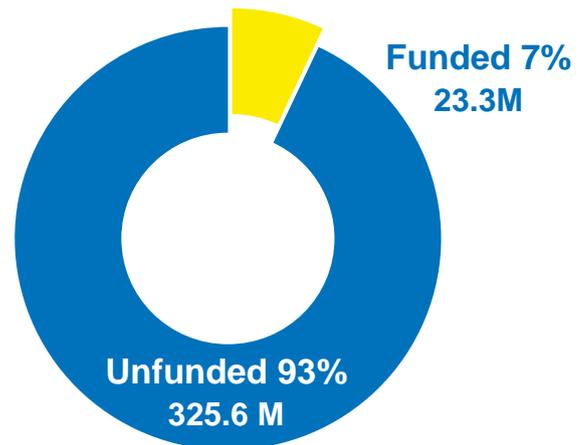
Water treatment systems installed and 10 additional ones ready for instalment in White Nile, East Darfur, South Darfur, South Kordofan and West Kordofan States

# 683 birth certificates

## FUNDING (AS OF 28 FEBRUARY)

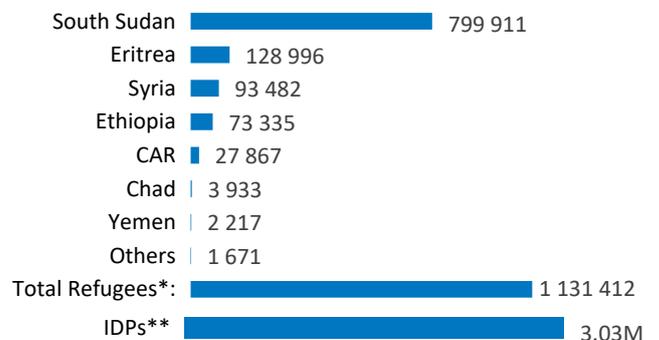
# USD 348.9 M

requested for the Sudan situation



## POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF 28 FEBRUARY)

### Host Countries



\*Source: UNHCR

\*\*Source: UNOCHA



One of the first South Sudanese children to get a birth certificate from the Civil Registry in North Kordofan  
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# Update on Achievements

## Operational Context

Sudan hosts one of the largest refugee populations in Africa. South Sudanese make up the majority. Many others fled violence and persecution in neighbouring countries, including Eritrea, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, and Chad. Wars in Syria and Yemen also pushed people to seek safety in the country.

Most refugees live in out-of-camp settlements, host communities and urban areas (61%), while others (39%) stay in 26 camps and many more settlements.

The country also counts more than 3 million internally displaced persons (IDPs), mostly in the Darfur region that has suffered from a volatile security situation for almost two decades. Together with the Sudanese Government, UNHCR ensures international protection and delivery of multisectoral assistance to displaced people in need in the Darfur region.



The new solar powered water treatment plant of Al Alagaya refugee camp, in White Nile State. © UNHCR/Abu El Hamid Jarma

## Highlights

### Emergency Refugee Response in Eastern Sudan

- The number of new arrivals from Ethiopia decreased almost by half (48%) in February compared to the previous month, with 65 new arrivals reported in Hamdayet (36) and Babikri (29). UNHCR teams at the border have received consistent reports from refugees that border crossing points have been blocked on the Ethiopian side, impeding the crossing of refugees and asylum seekers into Sudan.
- UNHCR and COR scaled up the issuance of ID cards, providing over 3,300 ID cards to registered refugees aged 16 and above. This brings the total number of refugees with ID cards to 14,152 in Um Rakuba (7,350) and Tunaydbah (6,802), covering over 50% of the population in both camps.
- The gender-based violence (GBV) sub-working group launched the inter-agency GBV action plan for the first quarter of 2022. In tandem, UNHCR and UNFPA initiated the rollout of the GBV Information Management System (GBVIMS) tool to harmonize GBV data collection and case management.
- Preparedness efforts for the rainy season at household and camp levels are ongoing, in collaboration with local authorities and partners. An inter-agency rainy season preparedness plan has been created and efforts are underway to procure and distribute emergency shelter kits and pre-disaster kits to refugees in Babikri, Tunaydbah and Um Rakuba. Furthermore, arrangements are being made to initiate the rehabilitation of access roads as well as internal roads and the drainage system, particularly in Babikri and Tunaydbah.
- UNHCR and UNDP established a Solution Working Group to increase the resilience of local communities affected by the refugee crisis and foster peace coexistence, in alignment with State and local development plans.

## Achievements



### PROTECTION

#### Refugee Status Determination

- UNHCR continued to provide technical support to the Commissioner for Refugees (COR), the government body mandated to conduct Refugee Status Determination (RSD) of asylum seekers in Sudan. In February 2022, 207 cases from Eritrea, and 13 cases from Somalia were recognized as refugees at the first instance level in Kassala state, with no rejection cases. In Khartoum, 92 cases from Ethiopia and 11 from Eritrea were recognized as refugees at the first instance; with a total of 5 Ethiopian cases and 1 Eritrean case recognized at appeal level, with no rejection cases.

#### Registration

- On February 2022, the General Manager of General Directorate of Civil Registry in Sudan signed Partnership Project Agreement (PPA) with UNHCR and reiterated its commitment to enforce the right of birth registration and nationality.
- On 23 February, to ensure birth registration for the prevention of Statelessness, UNHCR, COR and the Civil Registry distributed for the first time birth certificates to South Sudanese refugee children living in North Kordofan State. 683 birth certificates were handled by the Civil Registry office registered to newly born refugee children and to some old cases registered in December 2021.
- In South Kordofan State, the Civil Registry delivered 464 birth certificates to refugee children living in Dilling, Al-Qtoz, Habila, and Abu Jubayhah who were registered in 2021.

#### IDPs Protection and Response

- During the reporting month, the protection sector issued two advocacy briefs on protection of civilians. Physical protection concerns of internally displaced persons, returnees and local populations in North, West and South Darfur states were brought to the attention of senior UN management.
- The protection sector finalized and shared its three-year [Sudan Protection Sector Strategy 2021-2023](#) together with the work plan with concerned humanitarian actors in Sudan.
- The Protection Sector launched the Protection of Civilians Incident tracking tool and provided training for relevant agencies' focal points.

#### Telling the Real Story (TRS)

- The roundups and arrests that have been carried out since 16 February have been reported to have a major impact on the Eritrean and Ethiopian communities. *Tahriib* (irregular migration) north towards Libya and south to Juba has increased considerably according to the TRS volunteers. Fear of being arrested as well as the lack of livelihood opportunities are the main push factors for the increase of persons going to Juba, where they aim to work in order to save money until they have enough for *tahriib* towards Libya and Europe.
- In February, TRS continued to conduct school visits to the refugee schools in Sahafa, Deem and Jireef (Khartoum State). TRS together with its volunteers have identified schools as one of the most conducive environments to discuss the challenges communities are facing. During the discussions, both staff and students reported that *tahriib* has increased. It emerged that several participants perceive *tahriib* as their best option and left Khartoum, even knowing the dangers.

- TRS is facilitating the connexions between a talented Eritrean refugee involved in the film project and local Sudanese artists who have since visited her studio to share experience and networks. TRS has also introduced her work to a local gallery in Khartoum who will start selling her art. She should be able to increase her work value from 2000-3000 SDG (\$5 to \$7) per piece, losing money in the process, to \$200-\$300 with the gallery support. Prices that would help her afford a decent livelihood through her art.
- In February, TRS supported the local innovation lab Savannah in promoting a techwork program where the participants will learn essential digital skills. The programme has 15 spots for refugees and a total of 62 refugees applied.



### EDUCATION

- The ministry has accepted that registered refugees' students to pay the same rates as Sudanese students for secondary examination fees, following advocacy and discussions with UNHCR.
- UNHCR in coordination with Windle Trust International, finalized the distribution of the ATM cards for the 150 students selected for DAFI scholarship.



### WATER AND SANITATION

- The solarization of 12 water pumping systems is ongoing at 12 different locations. 2 are already completed and running in White Nile State with 3 more under construction for a total of 5 units in this region. 10 other systems will soon be completed in East Darfur (2), South Darfur (2), South Kordofan (2) and West Kordofan (1). However, there is a security challenge involving solar modules theft that has already affected one location in White Nile State.
- In South Darfur (Al Nimr) and East Darfur (Abujabrah) drilling operations are ongoing to improve water access to refugees and host communities with two boreholes.
- The Regional Water Sanitation and Hygiene project in the East Sudan is proceeding and implementation of phase 2 is anticipated to start upon the reception of funds from the KfW (the German Development Bank), with UNICEF as the contributing agency.



### SHELTER AND NFIS

- UNHCR conducted an assessment related to the new influx of CAR refugees in Umdafoog, Sungu and El Radoom localities in South Darfur, allowing for the registration of 437 households in El Radoom. Non-food items (NFIs) were requested to respond to their needs.
- Knowing that floods may interrupt access to many states in coming months, UNHCR is working to improve preparedness to respond timely to the priority NFI needs (conflict related new displacements, new arrivals, and flood emergencies). SNFI team is working with the Sub Offices to identify the needs and improve their stockpiles accordingly before the rainy season.
- As the result of the inter-agency assessment conducted in January 2022 in the Eastern Corridor of South Kordofan State, Shelter and NFIs team successfully dispatched all requested quantities to the area. The distribution is planned to start in the second week of March.
- Conditions of arrival in Joda Border Reception Centre in White Nile state were improved with the delivery of 40 blankets and 30 sleeping mats.

**DURABLE SOLUTIONS****Resettlement and Complementary Pathways**

- 40 individuals from Sudan have been submitted to Sweden and the United States (Eritrean nationals).
- 81 individuals from Sudan have departed to Sweden, Canada and the United States since the beginning of 2022 (Eritrean nationals).
- Counselling sessions on the phone and in person are being held regularly. The discussions focus on keeping families and children up to date on the advancement of their family reunification case. The unit gave clarifications about possible blockages or missing documents for their family reunification process and facilitated the request for exit procedures. Several visits also targeted houses in the context of child protection case management.
- UNHCR continued to support access to Convention Travel Document (CTD), Sudanese travel permits and exit visas for family reunifications.

## Working in Partnership

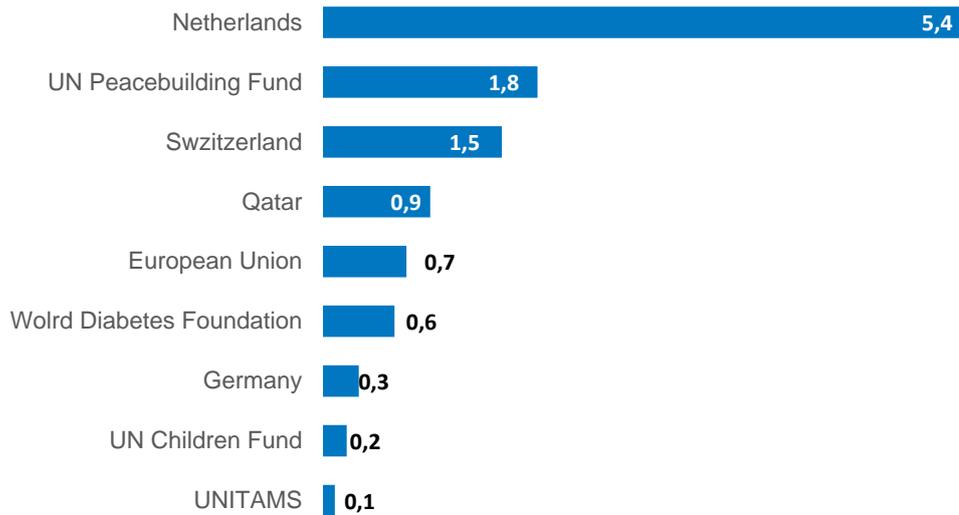
- UNHCR, with Sudan's Commissioner for Refugees (COR), leads and coordinates the refugee response in Sudan as co-chair of the Refugee Consultation Forum (RCF). The forum brings together partners, including NGOs, who provide protection, such as legal aid, health services, food, water, hygiene, and sanitation.
- UNHCR leads the refugee coordination within each state, in addition to leading the Protection, Emergency Shelter and NFI sectors for IDPs. UNHCR also engages actively with governmental counterparts such as the Commissioner for Refugees (COR), the Ministries of Interior, Justice, Social Welfare, Education, Health as well as the Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) for IDPs, and the Voluntary, Return and Resettlement Commission (VRRC) for return related matters
- UNHCR coordinates the Emergency Shelter/Non-food-items (NFIs) and Protection sectors (i.e., clusters) for IDPs as part of an inter-agency response. It manages the NFI Common Pipeline as a reliable source of plastic sheeting, blankets, kitchen sets and mosquito nets, etc., for IDPs, distributed by partners. UNHCR co-chairs the Durable Solutions Working Group (DSWG) at Khartoum level which provides policy, broad coordination, and advocacy support. UNHCR with IOM also co-chair the Counter Trafficking and Mixed Migration Working Group (CTWG) aims at facilitating a holistic and comprehensive approach to prevent and combat trafficking in persons through coordination and collaboration among agencies and organizations.
- As part of the response to the Tigray situation in eastern Sudan, UNHCR has been actively supporting the authorities, at their request, with service mapping and inter-agency coordination. Currently, UNHCR works with more than 40 partners to provide lifesaving assistance and protection to the thousands of Ethiopian women, men and children who crossed into the country.

# Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some **US\$ 23.3 million**, 7% of the total requirements (348.9 M\$).

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programs with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

## FUNDING RECEIVED (IN MILLION USD)



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