

Central African Republic (CAR) – SUDAN SITUATION

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Biometric registration of new arrivals in Korsi, in the Vakaga prefecture for refugees fleeing armed conflict in Sudan. @UNHCR - Ph. S. Fatime

Highlights

- Ongoing clashes between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and Rapid Support Forces (RSF) have continued since the outbreak of conflict in April 2023.
- A year on, Sudan and its neighbours are [experiencing](#) one of the largest and most challenging humanitarian and displacement crises in the world. The number of Sudanese forced to flee has now surpassed 8.6 million people, with 1.8 million of them having crossed borders.
- The UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict, [briefed](#) ambassadors at the UN Security Council on 3 April, citing grave concerns about children being denied aid in several conflicts around the world. In Sudan, the world's worst child displacement crisis, the violence and blatant disregard for permission to allow the delivery of humanitarian assistance essential to protect children from the impact of conflict in Darfur, Kordofan, Khartoum and beyond has greatly intensified their suffering.
- UNHCR and the Commission Nationale pour les Réfugiés (CNR) continued coordinating border monitoring, reception, screening, and registration of new arrivals. Along with CNR and all humanitarian partners, UNHCR provided lifesaving assistance, including protection services, food, CRIs, emergency shelter, health care and education at Korsi settlement.

Situation and Operational Response

- The security situation remains volatile in the Vakaga prefecture. This Prefecture, which hosts most Sudanese refugees in CAR, continues to face considerable security challenges due to the activities of non-state armed groups, who continue to disrupt the lives of civilians and humanitarian efforts in the region.
- MINUSCA's presence in Am Dafock has helped to secure the border area with Sudan. This past week, MINUSCA, in collaboration with local authorities of the Vakaga Prefecture, briefed Government forces (FACA) and sensitized them before their deployment to the border area. They were sensitized on the protection of civilians, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse, and addressing misconduct. MINUSCA also provided equipment, logistics, and food supplies support to the 32 FACA soldiers deployed to Am Dafock area.

Population Movements and Registration

Sudanese refugees continue to arrive in CAR, through several border entry points. The majority are crossing through Am Dafock (situated 65 km from Birao town) in the Vakaga prefecture. As of 6 April, the population in Korsi has reached 11,137 refugees (4,852 households). Since January, 7,866 Sudanese refugees (3,490 families) have arrived in Korsi (Birao town), mainly from Darfur.

This week, UNHCR biometrically registered 254 new arrivals (98 households). The number of arrivals slightly increased (+39 people) compared to the number last week. 100% of the population living in Korsi is registered.

The population living in Korsi has more than tripled (up 289%) compared to the population living there on 31 December (2,866 individuals, 1,484 households). This overcrowding has deteriorated hygiene and sanitation conditions, with 174 people per latrine. The quantity of water distributed has also fallen to 12 liters per person per day.

Protection

Protection monitoring

INTERSOS conducted 14 monitoring visits this week, including nine to Korsi, where Sudanese refugees live, and five to other areas of Birao, where host communities live. These visits enabled the identification of 36 protection incidents, including 19 cases of violation of property rights, three cases of violation of the right to physical integrity and 14 cases of sexual and gender-based violence. Additionally, protection monitors conducted 20 perception surveys among newly arrived refugee households in Korsi, who expressed an urgent need for food, essential relief items (CRIs) and shelter.

Prevention and Response against gender-based violence (GBV)

During the week, INTERSOS documented and managed 14 GBV cases at the safe space in Korsi. These cases included denial of resources and opportunity, cases of physical violence, cases of psychological violence and rape. As a response, survivors received psychosocial support and needs assessment to tailor the response better. Three survivors were referred to the Birao Hospital and received the necessary treatment. A group therapy session was held in Birao, focusing on types of GBV and their consequences, reaching 30 people. In addition, two group discussions were organized in Korsi to exchange views with refugees on the causes of the cases of denial of resources recorded each week within households. A total of 123 people (94 women and 29 girls) took part.

Health and Nutrition

NOURRIR and International Medical Corps (IMC) completed 665 medical consultations, benefiting 41 host community members and 524 refugees, including 41 new arrivals to Korsi. Since the beginning of the year, 10,210 curative consultations have been carried out in Korsi to respond to the Sudan crisis, including 930 host community members.

During the week, 15 patients were referred from the Korsi neighbourhood hosting area to Birao District Hospital. The top three causes of morbidity were malaria (48%), respiratory infections (28%) and intestinal parasitosis (23%). All patients were managed on an outpatient basis. There was a slight increase in malaria and respiratory infections cases compared with last week.

International Medical Corps (IMC) is carrying out the second round of cash distribution in the framework of a twelve-month nutrition and food security assistance project. This week, the distribution reached 2

1,962 beneficiary households in Birao, including 1,534 refugee households settled at Korsi and 428 host community members households in Birao.

WFP has continued distributing food rations to the Sudanese refugees living in Korsi. This week, 2,903 people (1,106 households) were served out of a planned total of 9,712 people (4,394 households).

NOURRIR distributed 5,897 hot meals with food donated by WFP and prepared and served 6,571 breakfasts supported by UNHCR to refugees in Korsi.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

The total number of usable latrines and showers in Korsi remains 74, with 150 people per latrine. However, as the population is still increasing and exceeding capacity, the ratio of water dispensed per person per day has dropped to 11.6 liters. The number of people per latrine and the quantity of water supplied are increasingly below humanitarian standards. It is, therefore, urgent that WASH actors build more infrastructures to raise standards.

Hygiene promotion activities continue in Korsi to ensure that refugees live in a healthy environment. This is done by promoting the cleaning of community spaces (latrines and showers, health centres and water distribution points).

Coordination

UNHCR continues to support the Commission Nationale pour les Réfugiés (CNR) to lead and coordinate the Sudan refugee response. In Birao, whereby regular meetings with all relevant actors intervening in the area can exchange on the opportunities, challenges, and solutions vis a vis refugees living in Korsi and the areas nearby.

Response Plans and Funding Situation

Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP) – January – December 2024

- On 7 February, UNHCR and 81 organizations launched the [Regional Refugee Response Plan](#), with an appeal for **USD 46.2 million for the Central African Republic (CAR)** to provide essential aid and protection to 71,176 people in need, **including 39,876 refugees** fleeing the ongoing conflict in Sudan by the end of 2024. As of 10 April, the funding for the CAR reached some USD 3.1 million or **7%** of the requirements.

UNHCR Supplementary Appeal – January - December 2024

- UNHCR's total financial requirement for the 2024 [Sudan Emergency Supplementary Appeal](#) – in Sudan and neighboring countries – amounts to **USD 988.1 million**. As of 3 April, the total available funding for the appeal is **12%** of the funding requirements.

Resources

- UNHCR's [Operational Data Portal \(ODP\) for the Sudan Situation](#) provides daily updates on the refugee and returnee arrivals in Sudan's neighboring countries.
- [UNHCR Global Focus Sudan Operation page](#)
- [End of Year Report Sudan Regional RRP 2023](#)

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