

Central African Republic (CAR) – SUDAN SITUATION

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UNHCR staff discussing with Sudanese refugee leaders during biometric registration in Bria. ©UNHCR CAR

Highlights

- WFP May and June food distribution resumed in Korsi after a four-day pause. This week, the distribution team reached 2,784 households (6,513 refugees) in five days.
- Refugee enrolment increased in Birao Elementary School. Between January and May, refugee enrolments quadrupled from just 230 pupils at the beginning of the year to 933 pupils in May. The gross primary school enrolment rate for refugees in Korsi currently stands at 43 per cent, compared with 37 per cent in March and 31 per cent in January. This increase is attributed to robust awareness campaigns and new arrivals.
- The security of Sudanese refugees in the Bamingui-Bangoran Prefecture remains a major challenge due to the presence and activities of armed elements who continue to roam the area, causing secondary refugee movements within the prefecture.

Population Movements and Registration

During the week, the National Commission for Refugees (CNR) and UNHCR registered 377 Sudanese new arrivals from 101 households in Korsi. The population now stands at 13,393 refugees (5,857 households) in Korsi. Since January, 9,617 new arrivals from Sudan have been registered in Korsi.

Registration continued outside of Korsi in other locations hosting Sudanese refugees, including Bria and Sam-Ouandja (Haute-Kotto), where registration has been ongoing for about three weeks in very challenging logistics and access conditions. As of 14 June, 2,961 Sudanese refugees had been biometrically enrolled since the launch of the exercise.

In the Mbomou and Haut-Mbomou prefectures, an estimated 4,769 Sudanese were also reported in Dembia (292), Mbiro (2,104), Ngutiforo (1,805) and Mboki (568). However, due to the current dire security situation and the activities of non-state armed groups in these areas, CNR and UNHCR could not conduct the verification and registration.

This week, the CNR carried out a “level one” registration using the Kobo tool. 47 Sudanese refugees arriving in Koundi on the Ngarba axis in the Bamingui-Bangoran region have been registered. The data collected from this level one registration will enable UNHCR to organize a biometric registration and provide refugees with the necessary documentation.

Protection

This reporting week, the number of protection incidents reported and documented has increased due to an upsurge in robberies and hold-ups on the Birao-Am Dafock, Boromata-Tchad, and Boromata- Sikikédé axes. Deteriorating road conditions have restricted users' movement on these routes.

In Birao and Korsi in Vakaga prefecture, UNHCR partner INTERSOS conducted 26 monitoring visits, which enabled the collection of 106 protection incidents, mainly GBV cases. All survivors received psychosocial support through the available response mechanisms, especially from Protection Monitors and Psychosocial workers.

Community-based protection and AAP

In Korsi, INTERSOS supervised and coached community relays on protection issues, collected perception surveys on the humanitarian response administered to refugees, and organized focus group discussions with refugees and host communities on general human rights. In addition, 29 perception surveys were carried out among Sudanese refugee households in Sam-Ouandja, Ippy and the Bornou district in Bria, reaching 92 individuals. These surveys aimed to gather information on the refugees' experiences, identify their real needs, and propose solutions to improve the protection environment and living conditions. The most serious concerns were access to shelter, food assistance, drinking water, healthcare, education, security, protection, and socio-economic integration.

During the reporting week, in preparation for World Refugee Day (WRD), UNHCR and partners organized sessions with Sudanese women, men, girls, and boys in Bria (Haute-Kotto) to get them involved in preparing the commemoration event. During the discussions, participants raised the issue of socio-economic integration as the pathway to self-reliance. In addition to the day's theme, this concern will be the main discussion point during the round table in Bria planned with the authorities and humanitarian actors as part of this WRD commemoration.

Prevention against gender-based violence (GBV)

In the safe space in Korsi, UNFPA, through its partner *Olivier Homme de Galilée*, carried out awareness-raising activities for 201 refugees. They also provided individual psychosocial support sessions for 115 people, including 20 refugees. The team referred three cases to other services for appropriate care.

Cases of GBV were documented this week in Korsi, Am Dafock and the host community of Birao in the Vakaga prefecture, with most cases being domestic violence. Factors leading to this violence included men's abuse of women, family disagreements and misunderstandings within the household, and alcohol and drug abuse. Survivors received psychosocial support from UNHCR partner INTERSOS case managers and psychologists. In addition, some survivors were referred to the International Medical Corps (IMC) health centres in Am Dafock and Korsi, and others to the Birao Health District for medical care.

Education

In the Bamingui-Bangoran prefecture, UNHCR monitored the ongoing construction of the Zobossinda school, implemented by UNICEF's partner APADE. The school will accommodate some 72 Sudanese refugee children (including 40 girls) living in the spontaneous site of Zobossinda village, located some 50 km from Ndélé on the Ngarba road.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

In Korsi, there are 211 usable emergency latrines and 232 emergency showers. Since last week, the ratio has been 62 people per latrine and 56 people per shower since 20 unusable latrines were closed. New ones are being built.

This week, construction work continued in Birao, finishing the construction of latrines made of durable materials for schools.

Shelter and Core Relief Items (CRIs)

The construction of 50 additional emergency shelters, which started last week, continued this week. Once finalized, the number of emergency shelters in Korsi will be 1,796.

This week, UNICEF's partner Triangle Génération Humanitaire (TGH) monitored and supervised the construction of three washing platforms in Korsi. To date, TGH has built 10 washing areas and is operational in

Korsi.

Food security

On 13 June, WFP distributed rice to 92 households in Bria. The quantities are 12kg per person for 85 days.

This week in Korsi, UNHCR's partner NOURRIR distributed 8,807 breakfasts provided by UNHCR and 9,706 hot meals provided by WFP to new arrivals at the transit centre.

Health and Nutrition

NOURRIR and IMC completed 639 medical consultations at the Korsi health centre, focusing on common health issues and maternal healthcare. The consultations benefitted 596 Sudanese refugees and 43 host community members. Twenty patients have been referred from Korsi to the district hospital in Birao for more appropriate care. Since January 2024, a total of 16,364 medical consultations have been carried out in Korsi.

The medical team conducted nutritional screening of children and pregnant and lactating women. Seventeen cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and seven severe acute malnutrition (SAM) were diagnosed, affecting children aged 06 to 59 months. Since January 2024, a total of 1,044 children suffering from MAM and 83 children suffering from SAM have been treated.

During the week, one pregnant woman was vaccinated against tetanus, bringing the total to 110 since the beginning of the year. In addition, 14 children received multi-antigen vaccines, including four measles vaccines. Since January, 180 children have received the multi-antigen vaccine, including 122 measles vaccines.

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 21 June, the total funding for the CAR remained at some USD 3.7 million or **8%** 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 19 June, the total available funding for the appeal is **16%** of the funding requirements.

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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