

Central African Republic (CAR) – SUDAN SITUATION

5 –11 July 2024



"Ma Mbi Si" safe space where women take part in therapeutic group activities at Korsi in Birao. @UNHCR. Photo. S Fatime

Highlights

- The UN remains ["gravely concerned"](#) over the daily fighting that continues to rage in and around the Sudanese city of El Fasher, said the UN Spokesperson on 11 July. Residential areas, markets, hospitals and sites holding displaced people are all being impacted. He added that conflict is also intensifying in Sennar state – close to the border with Ethiopia – causing further civilian suffering and more serious rights violations. The UN Spokesperson also [mentioned](#) that on 11 July, both warring parties were in Switzerland for UN-led talks aimed at brokering possible local ceasefires to facilitate aid and protect civilians.
- Sudanese factions [met](#) in Cairo on 6 July for reconciliation talks for the first time since the conflict began in April 2023. The conference aimed to encourage a national dialogue among Sudanese groups to achieve lasting peace in the country, involving regional and international actors. The final statement included the following main points: 1) call for an immediate end to the war, a permanent ceasefire, and adherence to the Jeddah Declaration; 2) preservation of Sudan as a unified country based on citizenship, equal rights, and a federal democratic civil state; 3) formation of a committee to develop discussions and work towards lasting peace; 4) humanitarian protection and aid are critical, urging the international community to fulfill its commitments.
- The security situation in the Vakaga region was marked by the heavy presence and movements of armed groups on various axes towards Birao. According to local sources, unidentified armed groups continue to commit human rights violations against civilians in the border village of Am-Dafock, on the axes and its surroundings.
- Active armed groups are reported on the Boromata-Sikikedé axis (some 125km west of Birao), where they are said to have erected illegal barriers for extortion of goods and many civilians have been reportedly assaulted in this scheme. This contributes to the already difficult security

situation on the axis which represents at the moment the only axis for the supply of basic goods to the localities of Sikikédé, Boromata, Gordil, Ndiffa and Tiringoulou. This has consequently led to a surge in prices on the market and exposes the population to the risk of food insecurity for most families who cannot afford this inflation beside increasing protection risks.

Population Movements and Registration

This week, along with the National Commission for Refugees (CNR), UNHCR registered 93 newly arrived households comprising of 198 persons, an increase of 67 people compared with last week's 131 new arrivals (58 households) registered.

The average number of arrivals since the beginning of July is 198 persons per week, slightly less compared to June with 207 persons per week.

The population of Korsi stands at 13,760 (6,026 households). Since January, 9,786 new arrivals have been registered in Korsi. The total number of Sudanese refugees in CAR is 26,043 to date and 6,158 returnees from Sudan.

During the week under review, the CNR issued refugee identity cards to 137 Sudanese refugees, (60 women and 77 men) in Ndele, Bamingui Bangoran.

Protection

During the reporting period, UNHCR's partner INTERSOS documented 92 protection incidents in Vakaga Prefecture, a considerable increase of new incidents compared to last week (46). These protection incidents related to violation of the right to property, violation of the right to life and physical integrity, violation of the right to liberty by CAR security forces are factors contributing to the persistence reported violations.

Prevention against gender-based violence (GBV)

During the reporting week, UNHCR's partner INTERSOS organized 3 outreach sessions in Am-Dafock and Birao (for the host community) and at Korsi settlement reaching 345 people, including 86 men, 121 women, 56 boys and 82 girls. The aim of these sessions is to create awareness amongst participants on their rights and on how to denounce rights violations.

35 new GBV cases were documented and recorded compared to 15 cases previously reported. Out of the 35 documented cases, 10 cases were identified at the Korsi site safe space, 10 cases identified at the host community safe space and 15 cases at Am-Dafock village. Psychosocial support was provided by case managers to the survivors.

During the week, 355 households benefited from thrift store assistance, delivered based on the household sizes of beneficiaries. To date a total of 4,732 beneficiaries have received such assistance.

Education

The Education Cannot Wait (ECW) team has completed the identification of 250 out-of-school children, including some from Korsi site, Yata site and the host community. These remedial classes will start by 15 July 2024, by which time the education authorities will have finished deliberating the end-of-year exams and the various school activity reports for the 2023-2024 academic year.

The construction of 6 classrooms, 2 directors' offices, and 1 administrative building for the Vakaga Academic Inspection continued. In addition, 18 durable latrines were built in three schools (two primary schools and one secondary school).

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

The supply of drinking water in Korsi remains at 140m³, for a population of 13,431 refugees, giving a ratio of 10.5 liters per person per day. Planning is underway for collaboration between UNHCR and UNICEF to increase the water supply further.

NOURRIR conducted a training on viral hepatitis E in the district of Korsi. Community hygiene promoters also took part in the training on various water and sanitation topics reaching 945 persons.

Shelter and Core Relief Items (CRIs)

50 emergency shelter frames were finalized this week, bringing the total number of emergency shelters to 1,796. 35 emergency shelters had their roofs replaced, bringing the total number of shelters with roofs repaired to 385 out of the 900 identified.

Food security

NOURRIR distributed 206 WFP ration cards to Sudanese refugees in Korsi. These cards will enable them to benefit from dry food. A total of 4,726 cards have already been distributed. UNHCR and WFP teams continued to manage/verify complications related to the new electronic food distribution cards via the database and distribution list to resolve issues.

During the week under review, NOURRIR provided hot meals to 1,663 persons with food donated by WFP. 1,658 people are also served daily breakfasts.

As part of the joint MINUSCA/UNHCR project to support the resilience of vulnerable women, refugees and host communities through food self-sufficiency in the Prefecture of Bamingui-Bangoran, the authorities and MINUSCA officially handed over agricultural items, including farming tools to 60 people, 30 households (21 women) of Sudanese refugees in Zobossinda, Koundi and Akroussoulbak, with a view to achieving food self-sufficiency for the host populations and Sudanese refugees living in these Bamingui- Bangoran villages.

Health and Nutrition

This week, the medical teams of NOURRIR and IMC health centers in Korsi provided 689 curative consultations, of which 650 were for refugees in Korsi (94.33%) and 47 members of the host community. Cumulative data for 2024 total 18,389 curative consultations.

For the week of 29 June-6 July, 26 women benefited from prenatal consultations. The total so far since the beginning of 2024 is 713 cases. 7 cases of post-natal consultations were recorded, bringing the total so far this year to 127.

During the week, UNHCR's partner NOURRIR performed three deliveries. The cumulative total so far for 2024 is 69 deliveries for 72 newborns with two cases of caesarean section in Korsi.

The medical team in Korsi carried out nutritional screening on children and pregnant and breastfeeding women. Eight cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and five cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) were diagnosed, affecting children aged between 06 and 59 months. Since January 2024, 1,066 children suffering from MAM and 94 children suffering from SAM have been treated.

During the week, 04 pregnant women were vaccinated against tetanus, bringing the total to 203 since the start of the year. In addition, nine children received multi-antigen vaccines, including four against measles. Since January, 369 children have received the multi-antigen vaccine, including 148 against measles.

Response Plans and Funding Situation

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

- As On February 7, UNHCR and 81 organizations launched the [Regional Refugee Response Plan](#), with an appeal for USD 46.2 million for CAR, to provide essential assistance 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 July 15, funding for the CAR remains at some 6.1 million USD, or 13% of southern requirements.
- the impact of the conflict in Sudan continues to spread, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and partners are seeking additional resources to support millions of people forced to flee. Aid partners now require \$1.5 billion, up from \$1.4 billion in January, to assist and protect up to 3.3 million people forced to flee, as well as local communities in neighbouring countries, until the end of the year.

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UNHCR Supplementary Appeal – January - December 2024

- **UNHCR's total financial requirements for Sudan Emergency Supplementary Appeal 2024** - As the impact of the conflict in Sudan continues to spread, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, and its partners are seeking additional resources to support the millions forced to flee. Aid partners now need \$1.5 billion, up from \$1.4 billion in January, to help and protect up to 3.3 million people forced to flee, as well as local communities in neighboring countries, until the end of the year.
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Resources

- 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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