

Central African Republic (CAR) – SUDAN SITUATION

12-18 July 2024



Physical verification of beneficiaries of the FAO-funded market garden project in Biaro. 1,000 people will benefit, including 600 Sudanese refugees.

Highlights

- The week under review saw increased rainfall in the Vakaga locality, specifically in Birao. As a result, the road leading to Korsi was impracticable for some time due to minor flooding. Korsi also experienced flooding for most of the past week without any significant damage.
- In the prefecture of Bamingui Bangoran, on the Ndele -Ngarba axis, unidentified armed men attacked the villages of Zobossinda and Kundi (these villages host some 277 Sudanese refugees), committing acts of violence against civilians, traumatizing the entire population who live in fear.
- Despite the presence of the Central African Forces and the MINUSCA forces in Birao, the security situation on the roads leading to the Korsi district remained unpredictable, especially on the axes leading to Am-Dafock, Boromata, Matala and Tiringoulou in the Vakaga prefecture. The active presence of non-state armed groups has been reportedly perpetrating severe human rights violations on the residents living on that axis and in certain localities linking Birao. This situation has caused a permanent apprehension of fear among the population around Birao, with reports of pre-emptive movements of residents into the bush or to rural camps.
- The security situation in Haute Kotto and Ouaka remained relatively calm this week, due to the presence of the MINUSCA forces and the *Forces de Défenses et de la Sécurité Intérieure*. Their efforts have helped maintain calm, despite the worrying situation on certain roads in the two prefectures.
- In Boromata, Sikikede, Tiringoulou and Birao, there have been cases of robbery and hold-ups against the population and humanitarian workers.

Population Movements and Registration

In Am-Dafock, a town on the border with Sudan, 19 households of 76 Sudanese refugees have newly arrived from Nyala after walking for 14 days. They have occupied a school in Am-Dafock, pending onward movement to Korsi in Birao once the road conditions improve. According to the information provided by these refugees, many Sudanese from El Fasher and Nyala are moving towards CAR. Thus, the border town of Am-Dafock RCA is likely to receive more refugees from Sudan in the coming days.

During the week, the CNR and UNHCR's registration team registered 94 new refugees (31 households), a significant drop compared to 198 refugees registered last week. This drop is due to the several reasons including worsening road conditions from Am-Dafock to Birao at the start of the rainy season, the high cost of transportation and security incidents linked to presence of armed groups. The population of Korsi stands at 13,854 refugees in 6,057 households. This week, the registration team continued producing and distributing Billet de Composition Familiale (BCFs) to 500 families.

The biometric registration of Sudanese refugees in Ouandja-Kotto, Bria, and Ippy was completed in June; a total of 2,974 Sudanese refugees from 978 households were registered. The breakdown per district is 2,407 people from 751 households in Ouandja-Kotto, 270 people from 94 households in Bria, and 297 people from 133 households in Ippy. Since the beginning of the Sudan crisis in April 2023, the Central African Republic has received 28,158 refugees as of 30 June.

Protection

During the reporting week, 158 protection incidents were recorded. Among the protection incidents reported were cases of violation of the right to property, GBV, violation of the right to life and physical integrity, and violation of the right to movement.

UNHCR's partner, INTERSOS, organized three focus group sessions on the importance of psychosocial support activities at the Safe Space in Bamingui Bangoran. These sessions were attended by 90 people, including 70 women and 20 girls from the Sudanese community. INTERSOS also raised awareness among 60 women and 48 girls about the use of sanitary pads and registered two births within the Sudanese community.

In addition, the psychosocial team followed up with 18 students with special needs in schools to enable them to participate in recreational activities in the child-friendly space during the summer holidays in Korsi. Furthermore, 13 needs assessments were carried out with newly identified people with special needs within the Sudanese refugee community in Korsi, including five women at risk, two older women, five people with physical disabilities and one widowed woman. Finally, five female heads of household who cannot care for themselves received a dignity kit in Korsi.

INTERSOS conducted 29 monitoring visits in Korsi during the week. During these visits, the monitoring team collected security information from the area, conducted surveys among newly arrived refugee households and provided psychosocial support to survivors of GBV in safe spaces. In addition, people with special needs were identified.

Prevention against gender-based violence (GBV)

This past week, in Korsi, INTERSOS organized an awareness-raising workshop for 24 community leaders on procedures for reporting cases of GBV to enable a better response.

During the week, cases of psychological and emotional violence, physical aggression, and denial of resources against Sudanese women were recorded and documented in Bamingui Bangoran.

Finally, survivors of GBV received support from case managers, including cash assistance for food and psychosocial support in Ndélé.

Education

Technical meetings took place this week between the Academic Inspection and the Regional Pedagogical Centre to plan the teacher training course for 35 teachers scheduled for 18-19 July. This training is in preparation for the launch of support courses for 250 vulnerable children, some of whom will benefit from a remedial holiday programme in Korsi, on the Yata site and in the host community in Birao.

A series of recreational activities and two group therapy sessions were also held in the child-friendly space in Korsi, reaching 107 refugee children - 66 girls and 41 boys.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

MINUSCA, UNHCR and their partners provided drinking water to the Zobossinda site in the Bamingui Bangoran, home to 277 Sudanese refugees.

Construction work continues on the water tower built by FAO to irrigate crops as part of the agricultural project for Sudanese refugees in Korsi.

Shelter and Core Relief Items (CRIs)

During the week, UNHCR provided emergency shelter assistance in the form of tarpaulins to five households of 30 Sudanese refugees affected by the fire in Koundji in the Haut-Mbomou.

Construction using sustainable materials continued this week on the Birao School Inspectorate office, six classrooms, and two headmasters' offices at Nguerendomo and Préfectorale schools. In addition, 121 temporary shelters in Birao were re-roofed this week, bringing the total to 502.

During the week in Korsi, 111 households benefited from clothing assistance, which was distributed according to household size to 235 beneficiaries, including 32 men, 85 women, 47 boys, and 71 girls from the Korsi community. To date, 5,260 beneficiaries have received aid, including 541 men, 943 women, 1,174 boys, and 2,602 girls.

Food security

During the week, WFP distributed 206 Scope Cards (WFP Secure Ration Cards) to Sudanese refugees in Korsi to improve the distribution of dry food. While waiting for food to be made available to new arrivals in Korsi, NOURRIR distributed hot meals to 1,663 people donated by WFP and 1,658 breakfasts donated by UNHCR.

In Bria, 270 Sudanese refugees in 94 households benefited from a general WFP food distribution. The ration consisted of one month of rice, oil, cereals, and vegetables.

Health and Nutrition

42 patients from the host population and 504 Sudanese refugees (including 74 new arrivals). Among them, 192 were children aged 0-59 months. The three leading causes of morbidity were malaria (151 cases), acute respiratory infections (131 cases) and intestinal parasitosis (123 cases). All these patients were treated on an outpatient basis.

23 Sudanese women were assisted with antenatal care in Korsi, bringing the total to 736 women who have been assisted with such consultations since the beginning of the year. Eight cases of post-natal consultation were also conducted, totaling 135 since the beginning of the year. Furthermore, 41 gynecological consultations were carried out, and 989 consultations have been done since the beginning of the year.

Since January, 71 deliveries have been assisted in Korsi, including two this week, for 74 births. Première Urgence Internationale, an operational partner of UNHCR, launched a medical assistance project for Sudanese refugees living on the Ngarba axis in the Bamingui-Bangoran prefecture.

Additionally, the NGO Oliver Homme de Galilée has positioned itself in Zobossinda, Koundi, and Akoursoulback to provide medical assistance to Sudanese refugees in these localities.

This week, medical partners recorded nine cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) in children aged between 6 and 59 months and four cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM). Since the beginning of the year, partners have treated 1,075 children suffering from MAM and 98 children suffering from SAM, and 844 cases have benefited from malnutrition prevention activities.

Lastly, two pregnant women received anti-tetanus vaccines, and 15 children were vaccinated against multi-antigens, including three measles cases. Thus, since the beginning of 2024, 384 children have received multi-antigen vaccines, including 151 measles vaccines. Two hundred-five pregnant women have also received anti-tetanus vaccines during routine immunization.

Cash assistance

In Nana-Grébizi, two people with special needs received cash assistance to meet their basic needs.

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 18 July, the total funding for the CAR reached some USD 6.1 million or **13%** of the requirements.

UNHCR Supplementary Appeal – January - December 2024

- UNHCR's total financial requirement for the 2024 [Sudan Emergency Supplementary Appeal](#) – in Sudan was revised on 3 July. It now amounts to **USD 1.03 billion**. As of 18 July, it was funded at **31%**.

Resources

- Data story: [Sudan: One year of spiralling conflict and displacement](#)
- [Sudan Regional Refugee Response 2024 - June revision](#)
- [Sudan Regional Response 2024 - At a glance](#)
- UNHCR's [Sudan Situation Supplementary Appeal - 2024 - June revision](#)
- [Sudan RRP 2024 Progress Report – January to April 2024](#)
- [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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