Chad – Sudanese Emergency

05 August 2024

With the escalation of the armed conflict in Sudan, extending to El Fasher, **more than 8 million people have been displaced,** and **almost 2 million have fled** to neighbouring countries, including Chad.

As of 26 July, Chad has counted more than **600,000 new refugees from Sudan; 89% are women and children**. In support of the Government of Chad, **UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO and National**

UNICEF, UNFPA, FAO, and international NGOs provide protection and assistance in border sites and refugee settlements. UNHCR and IOM support the Government in coordinating the humanitarian response to refugees and returnees.

The most urgent needs remain to relocate refugees from the border to organized sites and ensure access to water, shelter, food, core relief items, health, and education.

KEY INDICATORS

628,951

New refugees counted as of 26 July 2024, i.e., 177,031 households

582,019 **pre-registered/registered biometrically** in Abéché, Adré, Am Nabak, Arkoum, Djabal, Farchana, Gaga, Goz Amir, Iridimi, Kounougou, Metché, Milé, Aboutengué, Oure Cassoni, Tissi, Touloum, Zabout, Dougui

89%

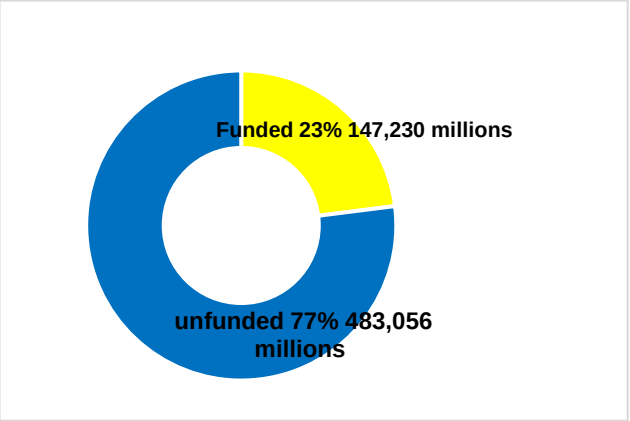
Registered are **Women and children**

14%

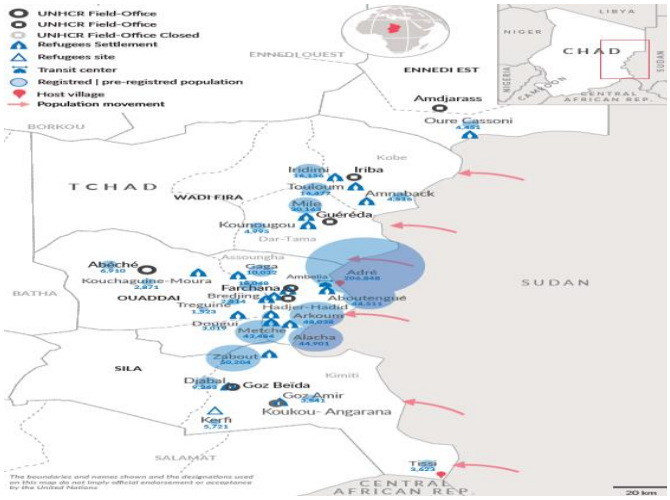
registered have **specific needs**

BUDGET REQUIRED FOR CHAD UNDER THE RRRP FOR THE SUDAN SITUATION (AS OF 29 FEBRUARY 2024)

$630.2 million



The 2024 RRRP is financed at 23%. Microsoft Power BI



The Wadis - a challenge for the operation © UNHCR/Aristophane

Emergency Response Achievements

Coordination

- Chad and the United Arab Emirates meet on the Sudan crisis. Chad's Minister of State, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Integration, International Cooperation and Chadians Abroad, government spokesperson, HE Abderaman Koulamallah, was in Djibouti where he met and spoke with the Minister of State for Africa of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Sheikhboot Nahyan Al Nahyan. According to media reports, the visit was part of the planning retreat of mediators on the Sudan crisis.
- The ECHO team in Dakar organized a monitoring mission on 22 July in Eastern Chad. The mission's objective was to assess WFP's interventions, with a visit to the activities at the border facilitated by UNHCR. The mission also visited Dougui and met with the newly relocated refugees and host community representatives.
- On 24 July, the UNHCR Office in Guéréda received a mission from the NGO Dignité Internationale composed of the emergency coordinator, a medical doctor, and their WASH focal person. The mission aims to evaluate the health and WASH systems in the Milé Extension. The intention is to build a health centre and work with SECADEV in the field of WASH.

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RELOCATION

- On 22 and 25 July 2024, 175 new arrivals (60 households) were relocated from Adré to the Dougui refugee site, bringing the total number of refugees to 3,437 (1,021 households) since 29 May 2024.

PROTECTION

- Despite seasonal flooding, 813 people (217 households) still crossed the border last week at the Adré and Tiné entry points in eastern Chad, a 43% drop from the previous week. While the rainy season may significantly slow the rate of new arrivals, it also exacerbates the urgency of relocations and continued support in Chad. Women and children remain in the majority, and the localities in Sudan remain El-Geneina, Nyala and Zalingei, Khartoum, El Fasher, Ardamata and Mornei IDP Camp and other small localities. The main reasons for flight remain gross human rights abuses and family reunifications, including war-generated hunger.
- The registration of new urban refugees (Sudanese and Central Africans) began on 8 July at the Abeche "One-stop Shop" and ended on 27 July 2024, with 2,562 individuals (845 households) registered.
- Pe-registration of new arrivals continues at the Adré refugee spontaneous site. During the week, 99 households of 339 people were pre-registered. Currently, Adré has 205,849 individuals (52,623 households) yet to be relocated.

- During the week, 22 incidents of GBV were recorded and documented in the refugee sites. The survivors were referred to specific partners for support.
- On 23 July 2024, community relays and gender-based violence (GBV) committee conducted an awareness session on “forced marriage and its consequences”. This awareness session reached 67 people.
- 124 high-risk children, including 33 separated and unaccompanied children, were identified by UNHCR and partners, Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS), Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), and World Vision during the week under review, in Wadi Fira and Ouaddaï Provinces, 111 of whom benefited from the best interest procedure including the 87 best interests’ assessment and 24 determination of best interests. Thirty-seven (37) children were referred to various sectors, including health and nutrition and legal protection, for further assistance.
- As part of psychosocial support, several recreational and socio-cultural activities targeted 2,132 children, including 1,233 girls in the refugee sites. Activities related to life skills, such as tailoring, the production of improved bread, and arts and crafts, benefited (120) at-risk adolescents aged 15-17, including 60 girls.
- Equipment consisting of plasma screens, solar panels, batteries, sports equipment, and decoders were delivered by HIAS to Farchana and Bredjing youth centres.
- This week, the *“Services se Santé et d’Opération Vétérinaire”* (SOSVET) team trained community workers, focal points, and members of child protection committees in Adré, Métché, Arkoum, and Alacha refugee sites as part of the *“Direction des Réfugiés et des Apatrides”* (DRA) project. The training focused on referral pathways, trauma detection, referral systems, club capacity building, and support for implementing club action plans.
- During the week, 49 complaints/consultations were received at the various refugee sites' information and feedback centers (IFC). The complaints/consultations mainly concerned requests for assistance, particularly in shelter, health, and food.
- 122 refugees will be trained in September 2024 by partners JRS and Expertise France on education in situations of emergency, mental health, and psychosocial support. The identification of 163 teachers for the same training is underway in Farchana.

HEALTH/NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION

- The seasonal malaria chemoprevention (SMC) campaign was completed at the refugee sites and the Adré refugee spontaneous site. It targeted all children to prevent malaria. More than 70% of the target has been achieved.
- A meeting occurred between UNHCR and health partners in the Ouaddaï Province. It was agreed to improve coordination and pool resources to optimize referrals to district hospitals and Abéché to prevent avoidable deaths, especially during the rainy season, when the challenges are significant.
- 661,994 medical consultations have been carried out since the start of the emergency, including 14,118 new consultations over the past week. Malaria, acute respiratory infections (ARI), watery diarrhoea and malnutrition are the primary diseases.
- 52,430 cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and 24,152 cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) were treated among children aged 6 to 59 months screened.
- During the past week, 9,615 children were screened, including 764 MAM and 464 SAM.

- 70,756 pregnant and breastfeeding women were screened; 6,107 cases of moderate acute malnutrition were treated. For the past week, 1,753 pregnant women were screened, including 45 women with moderate malnutrition.
- 15,972 mental health cases were received for consultation and treatment, including 72 new cases last week.
- 8,960 deliveries attended to by qualified health personnel have been recorded since the start of the emergency, including 206 deliveries last week.
- A total of 2,769 suspected Hepatitis E cases, including seven deaths, of which two pregnant women have been recorded.
- 336 children and pregnant women in Amnabak, Iridimi and Touloum refugee sites were vaccinated against BCG, Penta 3, measles, and VAT.
- WFP's general food distribution assisted 95,933 people (25,706 households) in the Arkoum, Aboutengue, and Dougui refugee sites. In the Zabout refugee site, 5,596 refugees (3,677 households) were served. The distribution continues.

CBI

- WFPs unconditional **c**ash distribution continues in the Iridimi and Touloum refugee sites. A total of 4,504 households have been served. Rain and flooding have affected movements to and from the Touloum refugee site during the cash distributions.

Livelihood

- The agricultural campaign has started well. Some farmers rent tractors to plough the plots, while others use their ploughs. CIAUD has also provided ploughs for some farmers. As of 24 July 2024, approximately 214 hectares have been ploughed and sown, and some crops are beginning to germinate in the refugee sites in Wadi Province.
- In the Mile camp refugee site, 46 refugee farmers were provided cash at an XAF 75,000 per farmer, approximately 123 United States dollars. Fifteen (15) host community farmers also benefited from the same amount.
- In the Sila Province, 150 farmer households (90 refugee and 60 host community households) each received 35,000 XAF (approximately 57 USD) to purchase agricultural inputs. This support will allow households to acquire the seeds of their choice.
- UNHCR and CIAUD facilitated the identification of 350 refugee households settled in opportunity villages. These households received coupons through the project *Résilience economique et sociale des Populations de l'Est face aux conflits et changement climatiques au Tchad* (RESPECCT), allowing them to benefit from the financial support of XAF 40,000 (approximately 65 USD) per month for eight months.
- As part of strengthening peaceful coexistence and support for agricultural production via the CBI initiative for agricultural inputs, 318 households (219 refugees from Treguine and 76 host community beneficiaries) received respectively XAF 8,591,000 (USD 14,041) and XAF 2,698,000 (USD 4,500) as financial assistance. In Alacha, 242 refugee households received XAF 7,774,000, and 92 host community households received XAF 3,266,000. This assistance continues at the Bredjing refugee site.

SHELTER / WATER, HYGIENE AND SANITATION AND CRIS

- Five community shelters capable of serving as dormitories for 50 households were built during the week at the Tine transit site. Plans are underway for the construction of a shed at the border entry point that could serve as an office for border monitoring and protection screening agents.
- In order to maintain health services at the Milé II extension site, three (03) new refugee housing units (RHUs) have been installed to support healthcare delivery.
- With the rainy season and the reduction in sunlight, the solar systems supporting the water supply systems have been affected, thereby increasing the use of generators and fuel to maintain water supplies at the refugee sites.

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Working in partnership

As part of this emergency response, UNHCR is working with the following partners:

- **Coordination and Registration**: CNARR
- **Relocation :** AIRD, CIAUD, CNARR, CRT, IRC
- **Protection:** ADES, ADRA, ANATS, ASTBEF, CNARR, COOPI, CRT, UNFPA, HIAS, KITES, OXFAM, UNICEF, APLFT
- **Health and nutrition:** ADES, IRC, ACF, Health and food security, Concern Worldwide, French Red Cross, CRT, MSF (France, Holland, Switzerland), Première Urgence International (PUI), Solidarités International/ACHDR, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP, and WHO
- **Food distribution:** WFP, CRT
- **Shelter, water, hygiene, and sanitation:** ADES, CRT, INTERSOS, IRC, LMI, SECADEV, in collaboration with ACTED, ADRA, ADRO, ACAFDI, ACF, AFDI, CARE, FLM, HELP TCHAD, MSF France, OXFAM, SAHKAL, Solidarités International/ACHDR, UNICEF, WFP and WORLD VISION

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