Chad – Sudanese Emergency

30 September 2024

Seventeen months into the Sudan conflict, more than 10 million people have been displaced, and more than 2 million have fled to neighbouring countries, including Chad.

As of 22 September, 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 FAO and national 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 consolidated refugee sites and ensure access to water, shelter, food, core relief items, health, and education.

KEY INDICATORS

646,796

New refugees counted as of 22 September 2024, i.e., 181,974 households

596,938 **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

87%

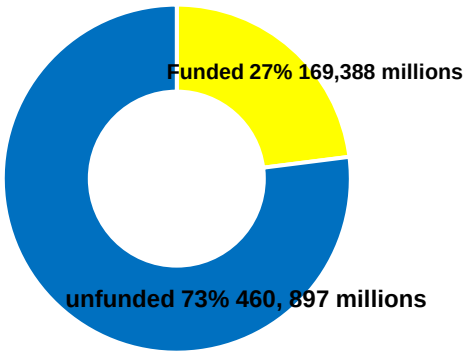
Registered are **Women and children**

14%

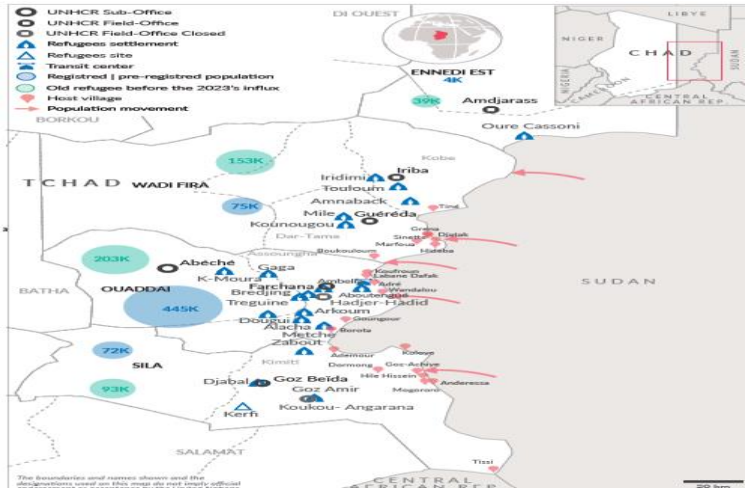
registered have **specific needs**

BUDGET REQUIRED FOR CHAD UNDER THE RRRP FOR THE SUDAN SITUATION (AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2024)

$630.2 million



The 2024 RRRP is financed at 27%. Microsoft Power BI



A Sudanese refugee sensitizes women on gender-based violence at the Abeche One-Stop center ©UNHCR/Bienvenu Daldigue

Emergency Response Achievements

Coordination

- A joint training by UNHCR, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and OCHA was conducted in Adré from 18 to 19 September as part of a project to promote and protect human rights in Chad. Thirty-six government officials participated in the training, including local security forces and the judiciary. UNHCR covered topics such as the legal framework for refugee protection, gender-based violence and child protection in emergencies. Recommendations were made to strengthen collaboration on refugee detention, proportional use of force, non-lethal weapons during demonstrations, and statelessness prevention.
- From 18 to 27 September 2024, UNHCR Chad conducted an independent assessment of the Level 3 emergency response through Key Aid Consulting. On 19 September, focus groups were organized in Adré, including refugees, host community members, and authorities. Additionally, interviews were held with refugees, humanitarian workers, and authorities in Abeche in the Ouaddaï, Sila, and Wadi-Fira provinces. The assessment aims to evaluate UNHCR and its partners' performance in responding to Sudanese refugees' needs since 2023, emphasizing good practices in relevance, effectiveness, and sustainability.
- With the assistance of the United Nations Humanitarian Air Services (UNHAS), UNHCR delivered its first humanitarian aid to refugee flood-affected victims in Goz-Amir in Koukou Department, Sila Province. This assistance includes basic necessities (soap, jerrycans, mats, buckets, tarpaulins, etc. to help the refugees restart their lives. UNHCR had already provided similar assistance to the refugee-hosting communities through the Governorate of the Sila Province.
- From 17 to 20 September 2024, a mission was carried out in Adré by the National Order of Physicians and Health Technicians of Chad. The objective was to collect the files of new refugees with a medical profile to issue them with authorization to practice medicine in Chad legally. To date, 20 files of refugee doctors have been received and analyzed.

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RELOCATION

- On 20 September 2024, UNHCR and partners temporarily relocated 339 new arrivals from Tine to the Vocational Training Center in Kounoungou as they waited for the shelters to be completed in the Mile refugee site. This is a temporary measure to decongest the transit center as new Sudanese continue to arrive following the recent aerial bombardments in El Fasher. A second convoy is expected soon.

PROTECTION

- A massive influx of Sudanese refugees could be expected in the coming days following the deterioration of the security situation in Sudan. In just a single day on 23 September, Chad

received more than 1,000 new Sudanese refugees who crossed into Chad. From 16 to 22 September, 3,230 new arrivals. (884 households) sought refuge in eastern Chad, mainly through the Adré and Tine axis. The past week has seen an increase in the number of Sudanese crossing into Chad as renewed fighting intensifies. Since 15 April 2023, the start of the crisis in Sudan, 646,796 Sudanese refugees have been registered in Chad, including 160, 045 new arrivals in 2024.

- Registration of new Sudanese refugees relocated to the Touloum refugee site continued during the reporting period. The team registered 766 individuals (203 households).
- 2,745 individuals (797 households) were pre-registered at the Adré refugee spontaneous site, bringing the total to 218,336 individuals (56,136 households) awaiting relocation to consolidated refugee sites in eastern Chad.
- APLFT recorded fifty-one refugees in conflict with the law, which included criminal and civil offences, attempted infanticide, and death.
- Judicial follow-ups were conducted from 16 to 20 September 2024 at the High Court of Iriba, registering two cases involving refugee women for verbal death threats. UNHCR's partner APLFT will provide legal assistance during their trials. The High Court of Goz-Beida also sentenced five refugees for various crimes and years.
- A total of ten visits were made at detention centres, with twenty-seven (27) refugees found in custody, including four minors. Three individuals were released, and two civil cases were closed following the visits. UNHCR and APLFT will monitor the remaining cases, especially those for minors, to ensure their rights are respected.
- To avoid statelessness, 98 birth certificates were issued to children in the Kounoungou Métché Aboutengué and Milé refugee sites. *L'Agence nationale de titre sécurisé* (ANAT) in Farchana also transmitted 1,350 supplementary judgment files for refugee children to UNHCR for processing with the Sub-prefecture.
- 43 gender-based violence (GBV) survivors received psychosocial support provided by case managers. The APLFT psychologist supported those requiring more in-depth psychological assistance. Some of the cases received medical assistance and other physical protection.
- The GBV committees and community relays conducted seven awareness-raising sessions on the themes of "psychological/emotional consequences, the typology of GBV, and the legal consequences of physical aggression." These sessions reached 1,113 people, including 308 men, 501 women, 173 boys, and 131 girls.
- 26 children at risk were identified and assessed, which included separated children, children with impaired vision and physical and mental impairment and child labour cases. Some of the children were referred to specialized partners for medical support.
- From 17 to 19 September 2024, training for child protection committees and community relays was organized in Adré, Aboutengué, and Métché refugee sites. The training, organized by CRT, UNICEF, JRS, and *Soutien d'Urgence aux Services Vétérinaires* (SOSVET), aimed to raise participants' awareness of the code of conduct, prevention of sexual abuse and exploitation, child protection standards, and civil registration. A total of 198 people participated.
- 350 persons with specific needs (PSNs) were identified across the refugee sites. With the support of the partner *Soutien d'Aide Humanitaire pour les Kôtôkôset Autres* (SAHKA) and APLFT, 80 mosquito nets were distributed to the PSNs in the Farchana camp. OXFAM also distributed 196 solar lamps to vulnerable households in the Alacha site. In total, 400 additional households will be assisted with solar lamps.

- A total of 468 consultations/complaints relating to assistance, requests for information, and dissatisfactions were recorded at the Information and Feedback Centers. Feedback was provided for more than 95 cases. The remaining cases were referred for various supports.
- On 13 September 2024, the Adré management committee received complaints management training focusing on a community approach.
- From 16 to 20 September 2024, a total of 24 trainers of trainers (TOT) were trained in Abéché, focusing on teacher training modules for education in emergencies. The modules emphasized inclusive practices, psychosocial approaches, and child protection, aiming to enhance the capacities of Sudanese teachers in eastern Chad. The ultimate goal is to improve teachers' and students' learning environment and well-being, with plans to train over 590 teachers.

HEALTH/NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION

- 784,756 medical consultations have been carried out since the start of the emergency, including 12,442 new consultations over the past week. Malaria, acute respiratory infections (ARI), watery diarrhoea and malnutrition remain the main diseases.
- 60,313 cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and 27,573 cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) were treated among children aged 6 to 59 months screened.
- During the past week, 12,557 children were screened, including 722 MAM and 315 MAS.
- 86,094 pregnant and breastfeeding women were screened; 6,708 cases of MAM were treated. For the past week, 1,963 pregnant women were measured, including 153 women with moderate malnutrition.
- 10,551 births attended by qualified health personnel have been recorded since the start of the emergency, including 242 births last week.
- 16,905 mental health cases were received for consultation and treatment, including 93 new cases last week.
- Action Against Hunger (ACF) presented the results of the nutritional survey conducted on refugees at the Metché site from 21 to 29 August 2024. The survey, covering children aged 6 to 59 months and the retrospective mortality rate, reveals an average prevalence of acute malnutrition, requiring an intensification of curative and preventive care. Mortality rates remain below the alert threshold for the entire population and children under five years old.
- The general food distribution at the Arkoum assisted 34,375 individuals in the Arkoum II site.

CBI

- 9,630 households (36,452 individuals) received WFP cash for September and October. Each beneficiary received XAF 16,000.

Livelihood

- To support the host community and youths of Adre impacted by the influx of refugees, UNHCR and UNICEF organized a meeting on 17 September 2024 to identify productive projects to promote self-reliance activities. The creation of a large restaurant including a pastry shop, a bakery, and a café; a hairdressing salon with training for young girls; vocational training in animal skin processing for the fabrication of shoes, bags, etc.; and the purchase of a machine for making bricks, including training were the projects prioritized for the community.
- CIAUD organized a training for 20 households to support them in income-generating activities in the Kerfi. The training covered several vital aspects, including business plan development, basic accounting skills, and sales techniques.
- At the Zabout refugee site, a survey was conducted to strengthen drinking water catchment basins and promote an environment conducive to market gardening development. The activity is part of the European Union-funded project to support the resilience and development of refugees and host communities.

SHELTER / WATER, HYGIENE AND SANITATION AND CRIS

- Floods continue to cause significant damage in eastern Chad, destroying 8,573 shelters, 2,151 latrines and showers, 60 refugee housing units (RHUs), 3 water tanks, 2 schools with 64 classrooms, and 2 health centres. At the same time, 10% of medical supplies in the Sila Province were lost. The victims are occupying the classrooms despite the school year starting in October. Food distribution for August was halted in Dougui, Arkoum, and Alacha due to rising waters, which have made roads impassable. Some members of the host community lost their lives in the "Ouadis," (seasonal floods), and 3 UNHCR vehicles were completely damaged. Humanitarian personnel were forced to spend the night between the "Ouadis," and access to several camps remains challenging. Some areas in the Sila Province are still inaccessible, and relocation efforts have been blocked for weeks.
- IRC presented its PRM-financed project covering several refugee sites in eastern Chad to local authorities and humanitarians on 20 September 2024. The project plans to build boreholes, reservoirs, latrines, extensions of the water distribution network, and hydrogeological studies.
- Through UNICEF's funding, SECADEV has supported the Tine transit centre with portable water through a water-horsing system — a system in which horses transport water in a 4.5 m3 bladder with two taps.

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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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