

## SUDAN SITUATION CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)

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*UNHCR's Representative a.i Meeting with Sudanese refugee leaders in Korsi – Birao (CAR). UNHCR/Stella FATIME*

### Highlights

- Insecurity continues in Vakaga prefecture, near the Sudan border, where non-state armed groups are committing serious human rights violations, including armed robbery, illegal taxation, extortion, and theft. These incidents are concentrated along key routes—Birao–Délémbé–Gordil, Birao–Amdafock, and within Birao town—severely restricting the movement of people and goods, leading to shortages of basic necessities and contributing to a high cost of living.
- The shelter situation in Korsi, the main refugee-hosting area in Birao, remains dire. The daily arrivals of Sudanese refugees continue, but the construction of new emergency shelters has been suspended due to lack of funds. As a result, some refugees are sleeping under trees or temporarily staying in humanitarian workspaces while waiting for shelter solutions.
- Water availability in Korsi has further deteriorated amid the growing refugee population and lack of new water infrastructure. The daily water supply has dropped from 12.8 liters per person three weeks ago to 11.4 liters, and, more recently, to just 10 liters—well below the Sphere standard of 15 liters per person per day. However, the construction of two water towers has resumed, led by UN Women's partner APADE and UNICEF's partner Triangle Génération Humanitaire (TGH), which could help increase water supply.
- Sanitation also remains a critical concern. The number of latrines in Korsi has stagnated at 393 (261 emergency and 132 semi-durable) since early February due to the funding shortfall. As the refugee population grows, the latrine-to-person ratio has worsened from 1:56 to 1:57, exceeding the Sphere emergency standard of 1:50. More than 15,000 refugees urgently need 795 additional latrines. Without immediate intervention, there is a high risk of a disease outbreak.

### Population Movement and Registration

Over the past two weeks, 1,002 new Sudanese refugees (265 households) were reported in Birao. Korsi is now hosting 23,968 Sudanese refugees (9,524 households), 56 per cent of whom are women and girls.

During the same period, UNHCR and the National Commission for Refugees (CNR) conducted biometric registration for 1,020 individuals from 360 households in Korsi. Among them, 65 individuals with specific needs were identified, including unaccompanied and separated children, women at risk, older persons,

people with disabilities, individuals with serious medical conditions, and single parents.

### **Protection**

UNHCR's partner, Le Comité International pour l'Aide d'Urgence et le Développement (CIAUD), recorded 37 protection incidents in Vakaga during the two weeks of 24 March to 4 April. These included killings, physical assault, robbery, and theft—mostly attributed to non-state armed groups.

Korsi's Feedback and Information Centres (CIFs) received 256 inquiries from refugees regarding available services and humanitarian assistance. Six door-to-door awareness sessions were conducted on collective feedback and complaints mechanisms—including complaint boxes, a green line, and discussion forums—reaching a total of 321 people.

In Birao, planned training and capacity-building sessions on protection and peaceful cohabitation were canceled due to the funding-related suspension of missions by UNHCR and CNR in Bangui.

### **Gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and response**

During the reporting period, UNHCR's partner, Le Comité International pour l'Aide d'Urgence et le Développement (CIAUD), received reports of several incidents related to gender-based violence in Korsi. These included physical assault, rape, denial of resources, and psychological abuse. All survivors who came forward received psychosocial support at the Korsi safe space. Additionally, 25 per cent accessed medical referrals, and 8 per cent received individual counselling to support their recovery and well-being.

CIAUD also conducted three group awareness sessions in Korsi on available GBV services, reaching 56 women and girls. As part of the prevention efforts, eight sessions were held on social cohesion and the impacts of physical aggression, with 115 women and girls participating.

In Ngolomandja (Ndélé), a group discussion brought together Sudanese and Chadian refugee women to discuss psychological and emotional abuse within marriage, raising awareness of the different forms of GBV and available support services.

### **Child protection**

Sudanese refugee children in Vakaga continue to face risks of gender-based violence, exploitation, and limited access to education—exacerbated by tensions with host communities and strained essential services. Many children lack birth certificates, which hinders access to civil rights. UNHCR partners identified key barriers, including distance to registration offices, limited parental awareness, local insecurity, and administrative costs.

### **Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFIs)**

Between 24 and 29 March, 400 refugee households (1,235 individuals) in Korsi, Birao, received non-food items from UNHCR's partner, CIAUD. The assistance included mattresses, blankets, jerry cans, buckets, cooking utensils, and mosquito nets.

### **Food Security**

Over the past two weeks, WFP, in collaboration with UNHCR and CNR, distributed dry food rations to 5,510 refugee households (15,970 individuals) in Korsi, Birao.

### **Livelihood**

As part of the project "Improving Self-Reliance, Livelihoods, and Economic Inclusion of Refugees, Returnees, and Host Communities," CIAUD carried out several activities in Birao from 31 March to 4 April. These included engagement with local authorities to raise awareness on current projects, monitoring of income-generating initiatives for women, and verification of beneficiary lists to prevent duplication. Consultations with women's groups identified key livelihood challenges and potential solutions. Joint planning sessions with CNR and refugee leaders focused on selecting agropastoral beneficiaries, with coordination underway with FAO to avoid overlaps. CIAUD also prepared for an upcoming advocacy workshop and collaborated with UNHCR on the launch of the new livelihood project in Bangui.

### **Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH)**

UNHCR's partner, NOURRIR, continued hygiene promotion activities in Korsi despite limited infrastructure. Through focus group discussions, block-level sessions, and door-to-door outreach, 4,510 households (5,152 individuals) were reached over the past two weeks. Topics covered included hygiene best practices, water point management, and sanitary facility upkeep.

To support improved hygiene, 30 handwashing buckets with taps remain in place at the registration center, health facility, and various residential blocks throughout Korsi.

### **Health and Nutrition**

Between 24 March and 4 April, medical teams from the Centre de Support en Santé Internationale (CSSI) and International Medical Corps (IMC), under the coordination of the Vakaga Health District, conducted 1,235 medical consultations in Korsi. Of these, 1,088 consultations (88 per cent) were for refugees—

including 203 new arrivals (16 per cent)—and 147 (12 per cent) were for members of the host community. Among all patients, 333 children aged 0–59 months (27 per cent) received treatment.

The most commonly diagnosed illnesses were acute respiratory infections (487 cases, 39 per cent), followed by malaria (230 cases, 19 per cent) and intestinal parasitic diseases (118 cases, 10 per cent). The majority of patients were treated on an outpatient basis in Korsi, while 32 individuals (2.5 per cent) were referred to the Birao District Hospital. The cumulative number of referrals in 2025 now stands at 255.

During the reporting period, 37 forcibly displaced women received prenatal consultations, bringing the cumulative total for 2025 to 460. Five postnatal consultations were conducted, raising the total to 27. Additionally, 39 women received gynecological consultations, with the year-to-date total now at 555. Eleven women accessed family planning services, bringing the cumulative number for 2025 to 115. Nine babies were delivered during the period. This brings the total number of deliveries and newborns in 2025 to 49.

A total of 333 children aged 6–59 months were screened for malnutrition, identifying 18 cases of Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM) and 8 cases of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM). Fifteen pregnant women received tetanus vaccinations, while 21 children received multi-antigen vaccines. Since the beginning of the year, 151 pregnant women and 138 children have been vaccinated. Additionally, nine new mental health cases were recorded during this period.

## Response Plans and Funding Situation

### Sudan Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRP) – January – December 2025

The [Sudan Regional Refugee Response Plan 2025](#), launched on 17 February 2025, is an appeal for **USD 1.8 billion to support 111 partners in providing** essential aid and protection to a total of **5 million people** in seven countries by the end of 2025. This includes 4 million refugees, returnees, and others who have fled the ongoing conflict in Sudan and over 800,000 host community members. Access UNHCR's Refugee Funding Tracker [here](#). In CAR, **USD 76,436,290** is needed to support **80,357 people**, including host community members.

### UNHCR Supplementary Appeal – January - December 2025

UNHCR's financial requirement for 2025 for the [Sudan situation emergency response](#) – in Sudan and RRP countries – amounts to **USD 1.1 billion**.

## 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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