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SUDANESE SITUATION – FLASH UPDATES

Key numbers

1, 529, 647
Refugees and asylum seekers in Chad

926, 421
New Sudanese refugee arrivals from April 2023 –April 2026[2]

22,791
New Sudanese refugees registered since January 2026

Funding

$567.7 M requested for the Sudanese Emergency Interagency Regional Refugee Response Plan - Jan- March 2026- **18% received**

Update on Refugee Movements

Security Development Along the Chad-Sudan Border and Impact on Humanitarian Operations

The security situation along the Chad–Sudan border remains highly volatile. While the border closure imposed on 18 March remains in effect, humanitarian corridors for asylum seekers continue to operate. Between 14 and 21 April 2026, multiple drone and missile strikes were reported along the Sudan–Chad border, resulting in significant civilian casualties. On 14 April, a drone strike targeted fuel stocks at the Adikong market near Adré, causing an unknown number of deaths. On 15 April, drone attacks on RSF positions in Um Dukhun, bordering Kalma (Sila Province), killed over 40 people, followed by further missile strikes on 21 April targeting the motorcycle market in Um Dukhun, leaving at least 15 dead and several injured. In response, the Government of Chad reinforced military deployments, placed border patrols on high alert, and maintained the border closure while preserving humanitarian access.

On the Chadian side, the security situation remains generally calm but fragile, in a context marked by recurrent intercommunal tensions and protection incidents in the eastern parts of the country. On 26 April 2026, a violent intercommunal clash linked to access to a water point erupted in the Guéréda sub-prefecture (Wadi Fira Province), resulting in at least 42 deaths and several injuries. In response to the seriousness of the events, the authorities swiftly mobilised, with a field mission by the Delegate General (Governor), followed by the deployment of a high-level government delegation led by the Vice-Prime Minister, aimed at easing tensions and strengthening the security arrangements. In this sensitive context, the President of the Republic, Marshal Mahamat Idriss Déby Itno, began a mission to Wadi Fira on 28 April to personally assess the security and humanitarian situation and reaffirm the State's commitment to stability and social cohesion.

Earlier, on 18 April, authorities, CNARR and UNHCR met in Guéréda to address the return of refugees from Marassabré to informal border sites such as Koulbous and Korabo, raising serious security and protection concerns, particularly around the Korabo informal market. The area was identified as a hotspot for criminal activity and armed group transit, prompting discussions on its potential closure following community engagement and security coordination.

Cross Border Movements and trends (13– 26 April)

Despite the border closure, refugee arrivals into Chad continued at reduced levels, with 971 individuals (400 households) fleeing to Chad between 13 and 26 April - an average of 70 arrivals per day.

As of late April, only 1,674 newly arrived Sudanese refugees have been recorded this month, continuing a declining trend from February (5,900) and March (2,221). Entry patterns shifted:

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- Adré/Adikong accounting for 46% of arrivals (up from 22% the two previous weeks),
- Ouré Cassoni decreased to 22% (down from over 51%);
- Tiné is at 32% of arrivals, (up from 28%).

Since April 2023, Chad has received 926,421 refugees (267,382 households), including 43,193 arrivals since the October 2025 El Fasher attack. Since January 2026, a total of 22,791 refugees has entered Chad, and no obstacles to access to asylum have been reported by protection teams.

Protection Monitoring Trend Analysis (3-16 April 2026)

Border monitoring teams interviewed 298 households (766 individuals) at the crossing points of Kariari (Ennedi East), Adré/Adikong (Ouaddai), and Tiné Wadi Fira). According to information gathered, conflict (57%) and persecution (38%) remained the main drivers of displacement, with limited movements linked to preventive flight (2%) or economic reasons. Protection risks during displacement remain high, with over 60% of households reporting rights violations, including extortion (30%), although physical assaults decline (24%). Family separation persists, with 35% reporting family members still in Sudan, alongside ongoing mobility constraints driven mainly by voluntary decisions to stay (49%), financial limitations (46%), and to a lesser extent, fears of arbitrary arrest (5%).

Response at the Border and on sites

Assistance at the border entry (Tiné): The One-Stop-Shop (Guichet Unique) at the Tiné border crossing remains temporarily closed, with newly arrived refugees redirected to the transit site. This situation has resulted in the absence of a structured reception and triage mechanism at the point of entry. At the transit centre, located approximately 5 km from the Tiné border, UNHCR and its partners continue to provide essential services, including CNARR (protection and access to asylum), MSF Belgium (medical screening and health assistance), the Chadian Red Cross (border monitoring), ICRC (restoring family links), UNHCR (protection and non-food item assistance), Caritas (food security), and NIRVANA (community-based protection). As of the reporting date, 1,973 individuals (645 households) remain at the Tiné transit site awaiting relocation.

Relocation: Since 07 April, UNHCR, in collaboration with the Chadian Government, and with partners support, implemented the accelerated relocation operation, moving 3,555 individuals (874 households) - including 325 people with specific needs, to Kouchaguine-Moura through seven (07) convoys. Regular relocation enabled the relocation of 504 newly arrived Sudanese refugee (226 households) to Oure cassoni and Dougui, bringing the total since 7 April to 4,059 people (1,100 households). Cumulatively, over 619,460 refugees have been relocated inland since April 2023.

Targeting exercise ongoing in Adré: As refugee needs continue to grow in eastern Chad and humanitarian resources come under increasing strain, humanitarian and institutional actors are working together to make assistance fairer, more transparent, and better targeted. Experience has shown that one-size-fits-all approaches do not adequately reflect the realities faced by the most vulnerable families. In response, a vulnerability-based assistance methodology—validated in N'Djamena on 8–9 April 2026—is now being tested through a pilot phase in Adré. Community voices are central to this process, as demonstrated by the community validation workshop held on 21–22 April, which allowed findings to be reviewed and validated directly with affected populations. Data collection is progressing, with 6,675 households (27,625 people) processed as of 25 April. At the same time, community sensitization continues, helping sustain trust, encourage participation, and ensure that households understand and engage with the process.

Shelter update: on site, 850 emergency shelters have been constructed and allocated in Kouchaguine-Moura site extension with additional work ongoing. At Arkoum site (Ouaddai) construction has commenced for 1,515 family emergency shelters, with 200 frames already installed. At Maiba (Wadi Fira), 460 shelters have been built out of 7,500 planned, including 500 funded by the United States.

Cash assistance for non-food items (NFI) and improved cookstoves in Oure Cassoni was implemented with strong results. The Cash for NFI pilot distribution reached 6,227 refugees of 6,387 (97.5%), for an estimated value of USD 733,470, funded by PSP CEO Japan.

In parallel, the Cash-Based Energy (improved cookstoves) pilot assisted 694 households out of 1,045, achieving a 66.4% execution rate and an estimated value of USD 15,861, contributing to improved household energy access and reduced protection and environmental risks.

Health update: Meningitis Vaccination Campaign in Adré Health District achieved 91% coverage, with 337,810 children and young people (1 to 29 years) vaccinated, out of targeted 370,954 populations.

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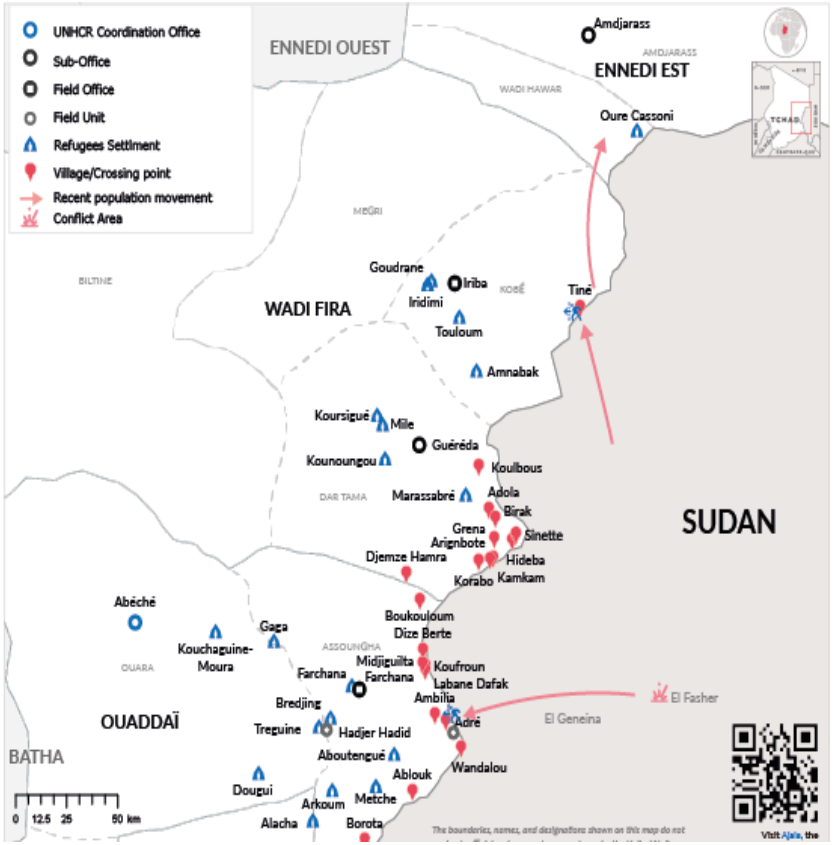
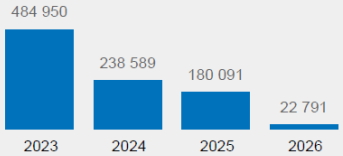


New arrival since april 2023

# Households	# Individuals
267 382	926 421

New arrivals by year



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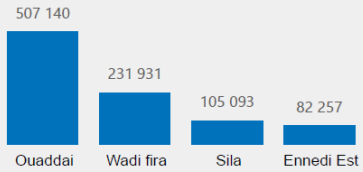
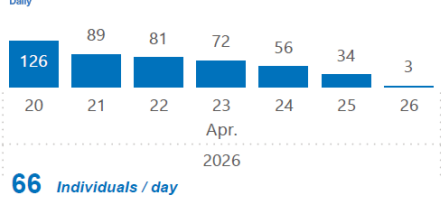
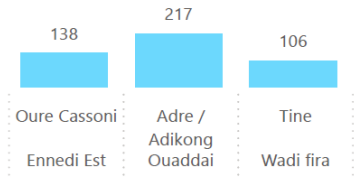


Trends in new arrivals over the past 7 days



66 *Individuals / day*
7-day daily average of arrivals



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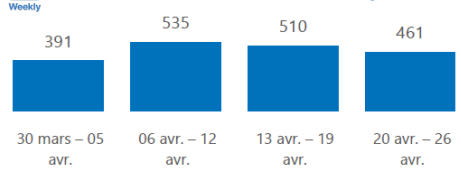
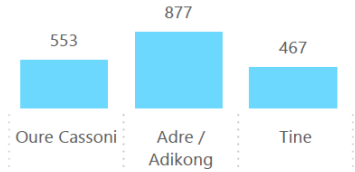
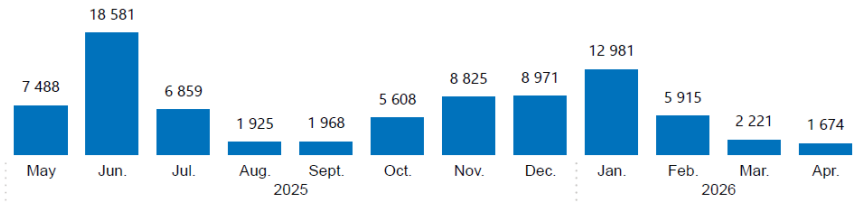


474 *Individuals / week*
4-week weekly average of arrivals



Monthly trend of arrivals over the last 12 months



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