

# Chad

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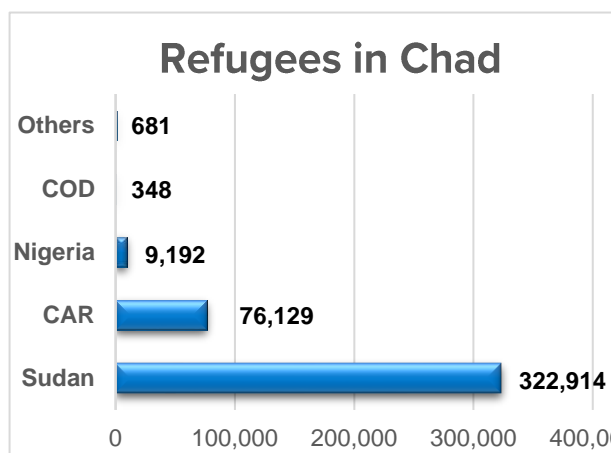
Persons of concern - refugees, asylum seekers, IDPs and returnees - for UNHCR operations in Chad

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Refugees interviewed by the French Office for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless persons (OFPRA) for potential resettlement.

**Go and see/ Come and tell** visits undertaken by Sudanese and Chadian refugees in accordance with the Tripartite Agreements.

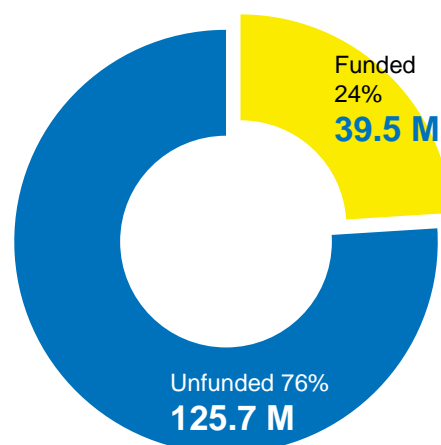
## PERSONS OF CONCERN



## FUNDING AS OF 31 OCTOBER

**USD 165.3 M**

requested for the situation



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### Staff:

295 National Staff

98 International Staff

### Offices: 13

01 Country Office in N'Djamena

04 Sub-Offices in Iriba, Goz-beida, Farchana and Goré

07 Field Offices in Bagasola, Guéréda, Amdjarass, Koukou, Hadjer-Hadid, Haraze and Maro

01 Field Unit in Abéché



Ms. Aminata Silla, urban refugee from CAR, receiving her Doctorate Degree in Medicine @ Diane, UNHCR 2017

## Working with Partners

- UNHCR works closely with the Chadian Government to provide international protection, to coordinate and deliver assistance, and to seek durable solutions for refugees, IDPs and returnees in the country.
- **Refugee response** ; the main Government counterpart is the *Commission Nationale d'Accueil et de Réinsertion des Réfugiés et des Rapatriés* (CNARR). UNHCR Chad collaborates with UN agencies (particularly WFP, UNFPA, UNICEF, FAO and IOM) to assist the refugee populations in eastern, southern and western Chad. UNHCR works directly with twelve (12) national and international NGOs partners throughout the country in providing a comprehensive refugee response namely: ACRA, ADES, AIRD, APLFT, CRT, HIAS, IRC, JRS, LWF, RET, SECADEV and WCDO.
- **Prevention of statelessness**; UNHCR's main Government counterpart is the *Direction des Affaires Politique et de l'Etat Civil* (DAPEC).
- **IDP response**; UNHCR implementing partner is the Chadian Red Cross (CRT). Within the cluster system, UNHCR is the Cluster lead for Protection as well as Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM)/Shelter/Non-Food Items (NFIs).
- **Mixed migration**; UNHCR works in collaboration with IOM, the Resident Coordinator/Humanitarian Coordinator and UNCT. CNARR and Chadian Red Cross (CRC) are the operating partners.

## Main Activities

- **Donor Mission to Iriba, Eastern Chad**: From 04 to 06 October, the Coordinator of Population Migration and Refugee (PRM) Bureau in N'djamena and the PRM Head of Central Africa Bureau in Washington D.C, accompanied by two members of the NGO JRS, carried out a field visit to Amdjarass, eastern Chad, to appraise the development of projects funded by PRM and to discuss the operation's major achievements and challenges. After a courtesy visit to the local authorities, the mission proceeded to visit various facilities and projects notably, the resettlement office, the health center, the thirteen (13) middle and high school classrooms under construction and the water pumping center. At the camp of Oure Cassoni, they met with the refugee leaders who expressed their gratitude for PRM continued support since their arrival in Chad in 2003 and called for continued support to meet their challenges; especially in term of refugee resettlement.
- **Chadian Government and UNHCR work together to prevent statelessness**: On 07 October, the Chadian Minister of Territorial Administration and Local Governance (MTALG) sent a circular note to all head of administrative divisions, urging them to respect the provisions of the law 008/PR/2013 regarding civil status. The circular note was a reminder that the delivery of civil documents to Chadians and all children born in Chad and registered within the legal timeframe of 30 days is free of charge. The circular also requested to facilitate the project "Support to **Citizenship and Prevention of Statelessness**" launched by the Ministry, executed through the Direction of Political Affairs and Civil Status (DAPEC) with the support and collaboration of UNHCR. The project's aim to deliver civil status documents such as birth, death and marriage certificates to refugee's children, IDPS, returnees and host communities in accordance with the Chadian laws.
- **UNHCR Representative met with Chadian Ministers**: In line with UNHCR mandate to search for durable solution for refugees and others POCs and to further implicate the Chadian Government into different socioeconomic projects, the UNHCR Representative met with several line Ministers; on 29 September, with the Minister of Education, on 20 October with the Minister of Health and on 25 October with the Minister of Planning. The Representative requested these meetings to advocate so as to formalize the integration of schools and healthcare of the camps and sites into the Chadian national system. The Representative continues to maintain constant communication with the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Local Governance with whom he met, both in person and through CNARR, on several occasion to discuss important issues such as the asylum law, the documentation for the refugees and returnees, the mixed migration strategy and the implementation of the recommendations of the Forum on the socioeconomic inclusion of refugees in Chad.

### Protection – Refugees

- **Registration and profiling of the refugee population**: As of 30 October, the number of refugee and asylum seekers in Chad is 409,264 individuals of 103,443 families. They live in 19 camps, 13 hosting villages and 2 urban areas of N'Djamena and Bongor. The refugees originate from Sudan 322,914 – 78.8%; CAR 76,129 – 18.6%; Nigeria 9,192 – 2.2%, DRC 348 – 0.1% and other countries 681 - 0.2%. Overall, 57% are minors; 56% are women; 4% are older adults,

and 68.68% of women and 0.36% of minors are heads of households. This global refugee increase of 1,268 compared to September 2017 is due to natural population growth as well as UNHCR continuous registration system.

- After the Lake Region, DAPEC, the Government entity in charge of civil status documentation in UNHCR's zones of interventions, continued its activities in Gore, southern Chad. From 12 to 30 October, 135 duty-bearers - registrars, local government officials, health workers and NGOs' Staff - were trained on the importance of civil registration to prevent statelessness. In addition, **510** communities' leaders - refugees, IDP and host communities - participated in an awareness-raising campaign on the importance of birth registration. UNHCR also equipped ten registrar offices of Maro, Moissala and Gore with administrative and supply materials such as application forms, chairs and tables, and register books of births, marriage and deaths. Next month, DAPEC team will proceed to eastern Chad.

### Durable Solutions

- Resettlement targets for 2017 were revised in October 2017 from 610 to 1,000 individuals (the initial target at the beginning of the year was 5,947 individuals). These revisions reflected the changing trends in US immigration policies since the beginning of 2017 and a drastic reduction in resettlement places offered by the US Government. Consequently, UNHCR Chad downscaled the resettlement processing and its staff capacity while increasing the advocacy with other States for increased quotas.
- Results of advocacy carried out, yielded interest and commitment by France for the submission of 3,000 refugees to be resettled out of Chad and Niger by 2019, within the framework of the solutions' strategy to address the central Mediterranean mixed migration problem.
- An adjudication mission by the French Office for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless persons (OFPRA) took place in Ndjamena Chad from 23 to 26 October 2017 during which a total of 70 cases / 225 persons were interviewed. The decisions are yet to be shared following the completion of security checks by the French ministry of Interior. Out-processing and departure for the concerned refugees is imminent once the decisions are shared.
- Other commitments made include that of Canada (250 persons to be submitted before 31 December, 2017) and Australia (100 person by June 2018). UNHCR expects that ongoing advocacy will yield further quotas from other EU countries.
- Regarding the USA, an adjudication mission by the USCIS (United States citizenship and immigration services) took place from 5-12 September 2017. 41 refugees (7 cases) were conditionally recommended for approval pending security checks and 1 case (1 person) was put on hold for further interviewing. Earlier requests for 500 individuals in addition to the 412 individuals already been submitted since January 2017, have unfortunately withdrawn. Currently there are close to 4000 individuals still pending in the pipeline with the USA.
- Submission statistics: As at 31 October 2017, UNHCR Chad has submitted 742 individuals (228 cases) to five resettlement countries with breakdown as follows. 271 individuals (86 cases) to France, 08 individuals (08 cases) to Finland; 06 individuals (04 cases) to Norway; 45 individuals (09 cases) to Sweden and 412 individuals (126 cases) to USA.
- **Go and see visit (GSV):** For the first time since their flight from Darfur in 2003, a group of 25 Sudanese refugees from 12 camps and a site in eastern are in their country since October 22, 2017. Meanwhile, starting 30 October till 8 November, a group of nine Chadian refugees from two Sudanese camps; Umchalaya and Moukhjar, central Darfur, visited their villages of origin in the localities of Goz-Beida, eastern Chad. These visits, organized by the Governments of Chad and Sudan and facilitated by UNHCR, are made in accordance with the provisions of the Tripartite Agreements signed on 31 May 2017 in Khartoum. More than 322,000 Sudanese refugees live in Chad while 8,500 Chadian refugees are in Sudan. Some 4,400 Chadian refugees have expressed a desire to return home and UNHCR is working to finalize a plan to help them return to their areas of origin in the Sila region. As for the Sudanese refugees, according to a return intentions survey organized in the camps of eastern Chad in 2017, 1,780 households of over 8,000 people have expressed the wish to return to Darfur.

## Mixed Migration

- UNHCR continues to work with the Government and the Chadian Red Cross to implement a mixed migration monitoring project. UNHCR have also engaged the consultancy of an international firm; Altai. This project will allow to collect data on the mixed migration in Chad and to refer refugees and migrants towards appropriate services where their immediate needs can be met. All 160 mixed migration monitors across the country were provided with mixed migration and protection trainings during the month of October and the first data sets have been collected, with analysis currently underway.
- Protection Training on Mixed Migration: on 26 and 27 October 2017, UNHCR provided a training on Refugee and Migrant Protection to the Chadian Red Cross staffs of the North Zone (Faya) on the Mixed Migration Project at the UNHCR Iriba office. The purpose of this training was to strengthen the capacity of these agents on the concepts and principles essential for the protection of migrants / refugees. CRC also received a refresher course on data collection tools.
- 12 victims of trafficking were rescued by government forces near Amdjarass, in the north-east of the country. UNHCR worked with the government to provide immediate assistance and to evacuate the group to N'Djamena for screening and counselling. UNHCR continues to provide humanitarian assistance such as shelter, nutrition and medical assistance in the short-term, and is working with partners, including IOM, to secure appropriate long-term solutions for these persons.

## Education

- The academic year 2017/2018 started on 02 October in Chad, including in refugee camps and sites. Due to the prevailing socio-economic crisis, the school year started timidly after the official launch by the Minister of Education. Of the 193.872 refugee children at school age, 86,295, – (44.5%) are registered to attend school in the 79 primary, 33 middle and high schools in the camps.
- At the university level, the academic year began on 16 October, yet attendance rates are low. Teachers at the universities such as Abéché are on strike, as they claim ten month arrears of salaries and performance bonuses. This situation is impacting refugee students, notably those benefiting from the DAFI scholarship. On a positive note, two Central African refugee students attending the University of N'Djamena were awarded a doctorate degree in medicine.
- UNHCR have provided cash assistance in education to refugees in urban areas. As of 31 October, 1,801 children, 48% of whom were girls, were assisted.

## Health

- From January to September, the nutritional unit treating severe acute malnutrition cases in the 19 refugee camps admitted 5,959 patients (1,621 Chadian nationals) aged 6 to 59 months with a coverage rate of 90%, a recovery rate of 89%, a dropout rate of 1.1%, and a death rate of 1%. The nutritional unit treating moderate acute malnutrition admitted 13.688 patients (2872 Chadian nationals) between ages 6 to 59 months. To prevent anemia on children age 6 to 23 months, nutritional supplement Nutributter was provided to 15,052 beneficiaries – 13,411 refugees and 1,641 nationals. Due the critical nutritional situation of the camp of Oure Cassoni, (Ennedi Est region, Eastern Chad) additional nutrition supplement were given to 4,690 pregnant and lactating women affected. UNHCR also continues to promote activities of hygiene sensitization.
- Statistical analysis of health indicators shows that the **leading causes of morbidity** among refugees as of 30 September 2017 are respiratory infections 34%, malaria 24% and diarrhea 6%. Below are the table with some comparative key indicators (January to September) for the UNHCR operations in Chad. The table shows an improvement in health indicators with a decrease in maternal mortality, referral to secondary and tertiary health facilities, and an increase usage of the camps facilities by the local communities.

## Food and Food Security

- **Cash and Vouchers distribution:** Implementation of the modalities of assistance using cash and vouchers, and cash multipurpose is ongoing. The refugee of ten camps in eastern and southern Chad benefit from cash and vouchers. Already, 250 merchants, including 191 refugees, have been enrolled in the CBI project as well as twelve (12) financial service providers (8 banking institutions, 2 microfinance institutions and 2 mobile phone operators) were evaluated with a view of providing financial services. UNHCR partner for cash transfer operations is the mobile operator MILLICOM TCHAD (Tigo). As of 31 October, 253,195 beneficiaries received vouchers to buy soap, 99,535 girls and women for hygienic and sanitation kits, 2,055 for healthcare and 2,200 for education for a total amount of \$1,572,000.
- Two surveys, namely the malnutrition **causal study and the** Nutritional Surveys SMART SENS 2017- are ongoing. The Causal surveys will be held in 7 refugee camps of eastern (Oure Cassoni, Amnabak, Iridimi, Goz Amir, Treguine) and southern Chad (Dosseye and Belom) while the SMART SENS survey will be completed in all Eastern camps.

## Water and Sanitation

- Water accessibility range varied in UNHCR operation in Chad; in the south, CAR refugees receive 47 l/p/d and in Nigerian refugee camp in the Lake, 28 l/p/d; both are above the standard of 20 l/p/d. A cost recovery and a regular maintenance system was set in place and refugees are contributing to maintain the main water points. In the east, however, water is extremely scarce and the refugees receive on average of less than 15l/p/d.

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