

Sudanese situation - Chad

May 2024

More than a million Sudanese refugees are currently living in eastern Chad. Of these, **over 604,000** have arrived since the outbreak of conflict in Sudan **in April 2023**, including **almost 107,000** since January 2024. Refugees arrive in areas where **natural resources are scarce**, **essential services are lacking** and **livelihood activities are limited**. The situation is exacerbated by the continuing influx of new refugees. In 2024, the priority is to **save lives** with protection and assistance services, **protect livelihoods** and **strengthen the resilience** of **1.2 million Sudanese refugees**, including those in protracted displacement.

KEY INDICATORS

604,206

New Sudanese refugees in Chad as of 31 May 2024

89%

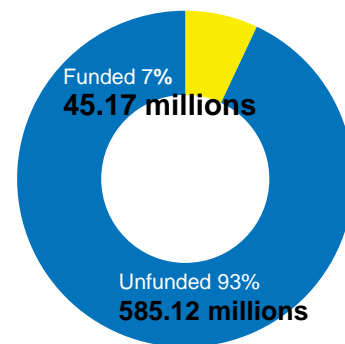
Of women and children

14%

People with specific needs

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR RRRP 2024 IN CHAD (AS OF 31 MAY 2024)

USD 630.2 million



Including 214.8 million for UNHCR in 2024. The 2023 RRRP for Chad of 388 million was 41% funded with 160.8 million received.



*Construction of shelters on the Dougui site by refugees and Chadians.
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Operational context

- Fighting in Sudan continues to intensify around El Fasher, forcing **more than 13,400 people** to cross the border and seek refuge in Chad in May. A total of **604,206 new arrivals** have been counted since the crisis began in April 2023.
- **A sixth site, Dougui, has been identified to relocate 50,000 refugees** still living in the spontaneous site of Adré. However, basic infrastructure, including shelter and water, is available for only 10,000 people due to a lack of resources.
- **As of 31 May 2024, only 7% of RRRP funding had been allocated to Chad. The situation remains critical**, and without urgent funding the situation will worsen, particularly with the rainy season, and have a devastating impact on the lives of forcibly displaced families and the communities hosting them.

Key achievements



PROTECTION

- In May, our partner *Association pour la Promotion des Libertés Fondamentales au Tchad* (APLFT) provided legal support to **203 refugees** in Wadi Fira, Ouaddai and Sila, bringing the total to **523** since the beginning of 2024. This support enables them to benefit from legal guidance in bringing their cases before the courts, and from legal assistance before the courts to defend their rights as refugees.
- UNHCR, through APLFT, has visited **364 former and new Sudanese refugees** in places of detention in Wadi Fira, Ouaddai and Sila, since the beginning of 2024, including **75** in the month of May. These visits enable us to provide them with legal and judicial assistance, and to advocate for better detention conditions.
- In May, UNHCR, with APLFT and in collaboration with the Goz Beida court, trained **59 community leaders** in the Zabout site on access to justice in Chad.
- In May, UNHCR, in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and host country authorities, supported the resettlement of **155 Sudanese refugees** in a third country, bringing the total number of people resettled since the start of the conflict to **1,245** in April 2023, including **984** in the USA, **223** in France, **16** in Sweden, **10** in Canada, **7** in Norway and **5** in Finland. Over the same period, **35 Sudanese refugees** left for third countries with complementary pathways to migration programs, some of whom benefited from family reunification, including **15** to Canada, **14** to France, **4** to the United States, and **2** Sudanese refugees were admitted to Italy under a humanitarian program for medical reasons.
- UNHCR and the *Commission Nationale d'Accueil de Réinsertion des Réfugiés et des Rapatriés* (CNARR), in collaboration with ADES, JRS, CIAUD and APLFT, inaugurated **a one-stop-shop** in Abéché, Ouaddai province, on 10 May 2024. This one-stop-shop is a reception, orientation and assistance center for refugees, offering a range of services such as registration and documentation.

Registration

- Since the start of the emergency, UNHCR and its government partner CNARR have registered/pre-registered **552,223 individuals** (153,582 households) in the east of the country. Registration results in the issuance of refugee certificates.
- Around **89%** of pre-registered and registered refugees are women and **14%** have special needs (people living with disabilities, the elderly, etc.).

Relocation

- Since the start of the crisis in April 2023, UNHCR, in coordination with the government and partners, has relocated **more than 268,000 people** from spontaneous sites along the borders to developed sites in the provinces of Wadi Fira, Ouaddaï and Sila.
- In May, UNHCR and its partners finalized the relocation of **some 61,000 people** from the Farchana, Zabout and Kerfi sites.
- Thanks to the support of French forces at the request of the Chadian authorities, **241 people** (62 households) have been relocated to the sixth site at Dougui following the launch of the first convoy on 29 May.
- Basic infrastructure is available for 10,000 people at Dougui, compared with the site's capacity of 50,000, but funding is insufficient. **10,500 family shelters, five community sheds, four boreholes, 2,150 shared family latrines, four reservoirs, water points and 30 Temporary Learning Spaces (TLS)** are still required to meet the most urgent needs.

Child protection

- In May, child protection partners identified and monitored **727 children at risk**, including **58 unaccompanied** and **166 separated children**, who were included in the best interests/individual case management procedure and referred for multi-sectoral care. This brings to **over 6,200 children at risk** identified since the emergency began in April 2023.
- **181 temporary foster families** have been identified and trained in Wadi Fira and Ouaddaï to meet the needs of unaccompanied and separated children.
- **More than 24,000 children** benefited from psychosocial support through recreational, leisure and sports activities in Eastern Chad in May 2024.
- Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), in collaboration with UNHCR and UNFPA, trained **43 adolescent girls** from Kounoungou and Milé on menstrual hygiene and menstruation.
- **497 child protection actors**, including community volunteers and social workers, and **more than 15,600 people** benefited from capacity-building and awareness-raising on child protection. From 13 to 15 May, UNHCR, in collaboration with JRS, the Chadian Red Cross (CRT), and UNICEF, trained **35 participants** from partner organizations, including five local (APLFT and CRT) and governmental (CNARR, DPAS and Action Sociale), on the best interests of the child procedure and other child protection topics such as family reunification, case management, etc. in Adré.

Gender-based violence (GBV)/Prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA)

- UNHCR, APLFT, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS), CRT and UNFPA, have responded to **276 cases of gender-based violence (GBV)** as of May 2024, including **184 new cases** and **92 old cases** being followed up. This brings the total number of GBV cases managed since April 2023 to **2,455**, in the four provinces of Ouaddaï, Wadi Fira, Sila and Ennedi Est.
- The **276 cases** received psychosocial care among which **51** referred to medical care partners *Médecins Sans Frontières* (MSF), International Rescue Committee (IRC), *Agence de Développement Economique et Social* (ADES), and ALIMA, including **22** rape survivors within 72 hours for post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), and 76 to legal and security services. **16 individual case management meetings** have been organized with the various partners to decide on the most appropriate response to the most complex cases.
- *Lakarmissionen International* (LMI) installed **60 streetlamps** in Zabout, lighting up the site's main roads, squares and public service structures, to prevent GBV.
- During the month of May, APLFT, together with community mobilizers and members of GBV committees, raised awareness among **more than 8,400 people**, including authorities and the host population, of the risks involved in the search for firewood, the

importance of reporting incidents of GBV and the consequences of domestic violence on women and children.

- Thanks to UNFPA and CRT, **more than 950 girls and women**, including GBV survivors, from the Kounougou, Milé and Kerfi sites have received hygiene and dignity kits. Comprising jerrycans, underwear, soap, etc., these kits enable them to improve their physical health, preserve their dignity, and mitigate the risks of GBV.
- APLFT trained **33 community relays** from the Alacha and Arkoum sites on basic notions of GBV and the classification of incidents, psychosocial care, available services and the distinction between GBV and Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA).
- Oxfam and AINouri Charity Society provided monetary assistance to **51 survivors of GBV** in Alacha and Farchana to enable them to set up income-generating activities (IGAs) and thus become financially independent.
- Within the framework of individual biometric registration and relocations, UNHCR has sensitized **over 100 individuals** to the zero-tolerance policy on sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) and the obligation to report through existing channels.

Community mobilisation

- During the month of May, thanks to UNHCR and its partners, **more than 2,300 people** were informed about the electoral process, the governance structures in the sites, the humanitarian services available, the rights and duties of everyone, and peaceful cohabitation.
- In May, **1,499 complaints** were lodged with the Information and Feedback Centers (CIF) set up in the old and new refugee sites in eastern Chad, including requests for information, assistance or dissatisfaction. Of these, **273** have been processed, **529** are being processed, **242** have received feedback and **455** have been referred to appropriate services.
- **111 refugees living with mental disabilities** have been identified by UNHCR and APLFT in the Metché, Arkoum, Touloum, Iridimi and Amnaback sites and will benefit from adapted assistance. This exercise will be systematically carried out for the most vulnerable people with special needs (PBS), in order to improve the multi-sectoral approach to their care.



EDUCATION

- JRS has finalized **24 TLS** in the Aboutengue, Metché and Arkoum sites, bringing the total to **105 TLS** in the four new and extension sites.
- In Milé, JRS has identified **2,985 school-age children** among all the refugees relocated since 2023, and advocacy is underway to get these children back into school.
- Under the supervision of JRS, **more than 4,300 students** enrolled for national examinations took part in mock examinations for the *Brevet de l'Enseignement Fondamental* (BEF) and the *Baccalauréat* (BAC) at various sites in the east of the country. These mock exams enable us to assess the candidates' level of progress and prepare them for the final exams scheduled for June. JRS also organized tutoring courses for **467 new refugee Baccalauréat** candidates.
- **387 students** received reading and arithmetic books and guides in Arabic, and **72 teachers** received teachers' guides at various sites in the East. The Ouaddaï provincial education delegate also distributed a kit consisting of a backpack, notebooks and pencils to **50 girls** from Farchana and Adré on behalf of the National Director for the Promotion of Girls' Education.
- **There is still a huge need for access to education in the East. More than 2,000 TLS and 2,700 additional teachers** are needed. The number of **school kits, latrines and water points in schools** is also insufficient.



FOOD SECURITY

- In May, UNHCR, together with the World Food Program (WFP) and its partners, distributed food and made cash transfers to **475,780 people** in eastern Chad. Of these, **336,259** are new refugees, **111,510** are refugees who have been settled for several years, **27,116** are returnees and **895** are from the most vulnerable host populations.
- WFP has also distributed nutritional supplements to prevent acute malnutrition to **23,891 children aged between 6 and 23 months**, and **12,571 pregnant and breast-feeding women**.
- Since the start of the emergency, **more than 847,000 people**, including **over 139,000 vulnerable Sudanese refugees who arrived in Chad before the crisis**, have received food assistance from UNHCR, WFP and their partners.
- During the month of May, **76 households of newly relocated refugees and vulnerable former refugees** in Kerfi received a food kit consisting of bags of rice, sacks of sugar and cans of oil from the *Association Amis du Développement*.



HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- Since the start of the emergency, **551,655 medical consultations** have been carried out. The main pathologies are acute respiratory infections (ARI), malaria, diarrhea and malnutrition.
- Since the start of the emergency, **64,282 cases of malnutrition in children aged 6 to 59 months** have been treated, including **44,014** cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and **20,268** cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM), and **5,218 pregnant and breastfeeding women** have been treated for acute malnutrition. UNHCR, through CRT donated **20 blankets** to the intensive nutritional unit at the Farchana site health center, to improve hospitalization conditions for children suffering from severe acute malnutrition.
- **Some 15,299 mental health cases** were received for consultation and follow-up.
- **8,847 deliveries** have been carried out by qualified health personnel since the start of the emergency.
- Health partners have recorded **more than 2,490 suspected cases of hepatitis E**, including eight deaths, in Adré, Aboutengue, Metché, Alacha, Arkoum and Zabout since February. **Seven suspected cases of measles** are currently under investigation in Adré. Prevention and management measures are continuing under the leadership of the Minister of Health.
- IRC has set up **a health post** in the new Dougui site to provide primary health care.
- **218,924 refugee children** were vaccinated during the polio campaign, and **147,691 children** benefited from vitamin A supplementation in all sites and extensions in the East.
- On 16 May, UNHCR and the Ministry of Health signed **a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to facilitate the gradual transition of health centers in refugee sites to the Ministry of Health, with the support of development actors.



LIVELIHOODS AND ECONOMIC INCLUSION

- In May, UNHCR, World Vision and the *Comité International pour l'Aide d'Urgence et le Développement* (CIAUD) finalized a **market assessment of new Sudanese refugee sites to determine the feasibility of cash transfers**, with a focus on essential household items, school supplies and agricultural tools. Cash transfers are recommended in the sectors assessed, but with caution in the early months of the rainy season to avoid disruption.
- Thanks to CIAUD's support, and in collaboration with the State livestock department, **636 animals** have been vaccinated and dewormed in the former Milé site and its extension, in order to immunize the livestock of newly relocated refugees against the dominant pathologies, and thus enable households to strengthen their livelihoods.



SHELTERS AND CORE RELIEF ITEMS (CRI)

- With the opening of the sixth site in Dougui (with a relocation plan running until July), the east now has **six new sites and ten extensions**. In these sites, UNHCR and partners have built **12,500 emergency family shelters** since the start of 2024, including **6,235** in Ouaddaï, **1,665** in Sila and **4,600** in Wadi Fira. This brings to **over 71,546 emergency family shelters** and **174 community sheds** built since the start of the crisis in April 2023.
- **More than 60,000 emergency family shelters are still needed** to meet the needs of families settled along the borders and those living in makeshift shelters in the sites.
- UNHCR, in collaboration with CNARR, CRT, OXFAM and APLFT, has distributed core relief items (CRIs) kits to **257 new refugee households** in Milé site and solar lamps to **395 PBS**, including nursing mothers and the elderly, in the Alacha site.



WATER, HYGIENE AND SANITATION (WASH)

- In May, LMI built **four boreholes** in Dougui, bringing the total to **72 boreholes** constructed and **17,800 meters of piping** since the start of the crisis in April 2023.
- Partners have built a total of **12,233 latrines** and **over 400 hygiene promoters** have been mobilized at the various sites.
- Despite all these achievements, **38 boreholes/wells, 70,000 meters of water pipes, 28 water tanks, 20,000 latrines and 340 hygiene promoters are still needed**.
- *Action Contre la Faim* (ACF) has distributed WASH kits to **over 5,600 households** in the Zabout and Kerfi sites, and *MSF Suisse* has distributed jerrycans and soap to **over 37,000 households** in the Adré spontaneous site, enabling them to increase water collection and storage capacity and guarantee its quality.
- Thanks to awareness-raising campaigns carried out in the Amnabak, Iridimi and Touloum sites, UNHCR and its partners have educated **more than 6,500 people** about food hygiene and vector control, the water chain, and latrine management.



LOGISTICS, SUPPLY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

- UNHCR is continuing its efforts **to maintain and ensure uninterrupted connectivity at all sites**, including the spontaneous site at Adré to facilitate the registration of new arrivals and the verification of volunteers with a view to their relocation to the new site at Dougui. **A temporary kit has been deployed** and will soon be reinforced to enable wider connectivity to humanitarian actors on site.
- UNHCR has also deployed **a mobile connectivity infrastructure via a satellite terminal** to support registration at the Alacha site.



ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

- **A borehole field survey and an environmental and social impact assessment of the Albia project** at the Touloum, Iridimi, Amnaback and Maiba sites were carried out from 22 to 23 May. Financed by the World Bank, this project aims to improve natural resource management and the livelihoods of populations in certain climate-vulnerable areas. Preparations for the **manufacture and distribution of 4,500 Afrah improved metal stoves** in Arkoum, Zabout, Aboutengue, Metché, Alacha and Milé are underway by ADES.

Partnerships & Coordination

UNHCR and its partners are working together to support national and local authorities as they continue to welcome refugees and respond to the needs of all those who have fled in search of safety, as well as welcoming communities affected by the crisis in Sudan. While the Humanitarian Coordinator (HC) leads the overall humanitarian response in Chad, the UNHCR Representative leads the refugee response. At a technical and operational level, the distribution of coordination responsibilities has been agreed as follows:

- Refugee response (UNHCR)
- Response to returnees (IOM)
- Host communities and other affected populations (OCHA)

At national level, UNHCR leads coordination with the Ministry of Social Action, National Solidarity and Humanitarian Affairs, and works closely with the Ministries of Territorial Administration and Decentralization, and Public Security and Immigration, Foreign Affairs, Chadians Abroad and International Cooperation, Education and Civic Promotion, Health and Prevention, Justice and Human Rights, and Women and Early Childhood. UNHCR also leads the sectoral coordination of protection, shelter/AME, water, sanitation and health with co-leads such as Plan International, NRC, UNICEF, WHO, WFP, and ACTED. CNARR serves as the government interface between humanitarian partners, local authorities and decentralized state services at provincial level.

UNHCR has launched the [Ajala](#) platform to strengthen the coordination of the emergency response, enabling partners to find, among other things, a flash on new arrivals, registration data, strategies, achievements, gaps, contributions and the roles of the various actors.

Funding update

The 2024 Regional Refugee Response Plan (RRRP) covering Sudan and the 5 host countries was published earlier this year. In Chad, a total of \$630.2 million, including \$214.8 million for UNHCR, is required to provide vital assistance to new refugees, as well as to support the resilience of refugees already present since 2003 and the host community. As of 31 May 2024, UNHCR has secured \$22.2 million for the emergency response in Chad, representing 10%. **The partners reiterate the need for the necessary funds to support the implementation of the RRRP.**

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Situation map

Refugees' presence per host villages

