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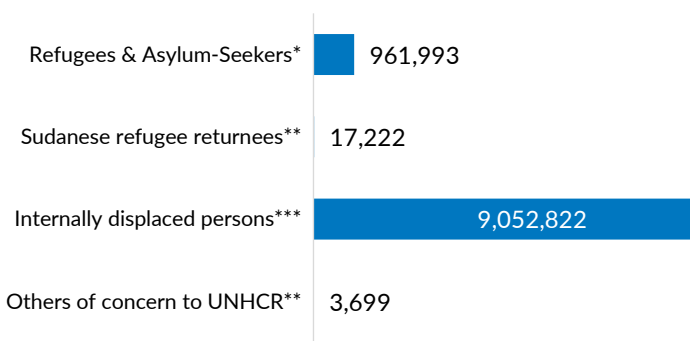
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Since the outbreak of conflict, the humanitarian situation in Sudan has worsened leading to **unprecedented displacement**. The Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2024 estimates that almost **25 million people are in need** of humanitarian assistance in Sudan.

UNHCR provides **protection services** and **critical life-saving assistance** to the most vulnerable forcibly displaced people and hosting communities across the country in multiple field locations despite the security situation.

UNHCR leads the **inter-agency refugee response** with the Commission for Refugees (COR) and the tri-sector coordination role for the **protection, shelter/NFI, and site management clusters** in the IDP response.

FORCIBLY DISPLACED POPULATION



* Source: UNHCR, 31 December 2023

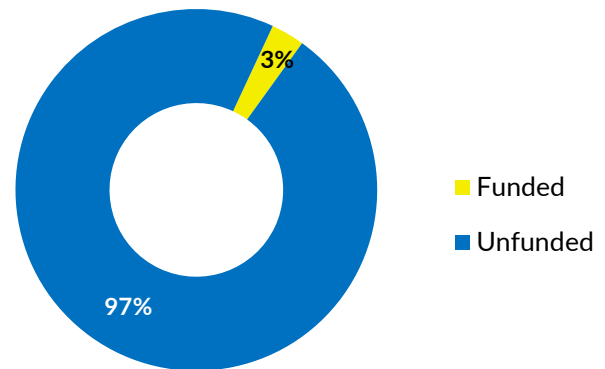
** Source: UNHCR Mid-Year Statistical Report, 3 October 2023

*** Source: IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix, Sudan's Internally Displaced Persons 2023 Estimates, 23 January 2024

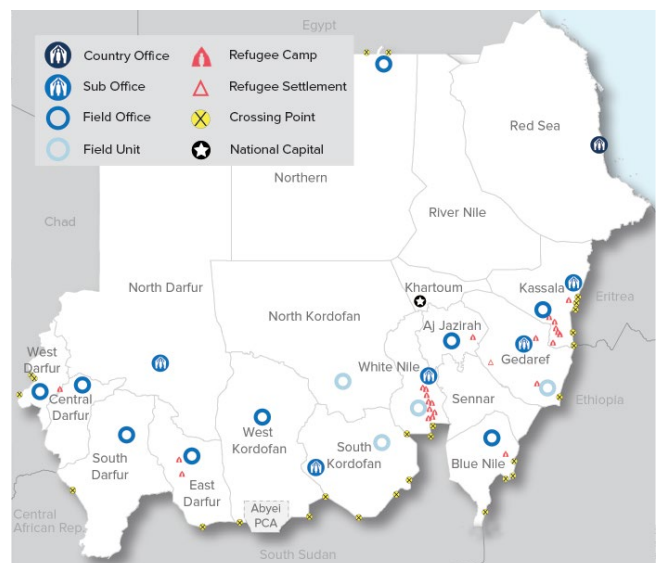
FUNDING (AS OF JANUARY 2024)

USD 423.9 million

requested for the Sudan Operation in 2024



UNHCR and its partner the Sudanese Red Crescent Society initiate group discussions for displaced communities providing psycho-social support in Wadi Halfa, Sudan. ©UNHCR/R. Cherif



Operational Context

Nine months since the start of the conflict in Sudan, the socio-economic situation has steadily deteriorated, the Sudanese pound plummeted to new lows and access to basic services and commodities such as food, fuel, and cash is challenging. Health care and communication services have broken down or are insufficient to meet the increasing needs. Inter-communal and ethnic tensions are resurfacing, and the conflict has resulted in massive displacement. An average of over 21,000 people are forcibly displaced daily across the country. Mid-December 2023, the conflict expanded into Al Jazirah State prompting the forcible displacement of over 500,000 people in just a few days both inside Sudan and to neighbouring countries.

End-December 2023 it is estimated that over 9 million people are internally displaced in Sudan and over 1.5 million people have sought refuge in neighbouring countries, making this one of the largest forced displacement crises globally. In addition, over 195,000 refugees and asylum-seekers, the majority of whom had been living in and around the capital Khartoum, have self-relocated within Sudan to safer areas and to established refugee camps in eastern Sudan. Prior to the conflict, Sudan already had a sizeable internally displaced population of ca. 3.7 million people, accommodated mostly in the Darfur and Kordofan States.

Emergency Response

Many of the people who fled Wad Madani, Al Jazirah State in December 2023 had already been displaced earlier in the year from Khartoum. Many of the forcibly displaced have once again lost their personal and household belongings and their support systems have been disrupted. Without access to Al Jazirah State, UNHCR is remotely monitoring the situation using the existing community-based networks and has resumed protection counselling through hotlines. In Sennar State, UNHCR partners are conducting protection monitoring with the re-displaced South Sudanese refugee population, tracking population movements and identifying their specific protection concerns.

A month since the events in Wad Madani, the eastern states of Kassala and Gedaref are still receiving a regular influx of displaced people from Al Jazirah State, with many of them refugees and asylum-seekers. The situation in Gedaref State especially is tense marked by elevated security measures and rising tensions between hosting and displaced communities.

In Gedaref State, the Humanitarian Aid Commission and local authorities have identified new sites in Al Mafaza and Western Gallabat localities to accommodate IDPs from Al Jazirah State. UNHCR has provided tents to IDPs at the new Alhourri gathering site and participated in an inter-agency assessment of the additional new proposed sites in Wad Omer and Ed Al-Tine areas in West Gallabat. To support IDPs replace basic items lost during their recent flight, UNHCR through its partners also provides non-food items such as sleeping mats, blankets, kitchen sets, solar lamps, mosquito nets and hygiene items in coordination with other humanitarian actors.

UNHCR and the Commission for Refugees (COR) are relocating displaced refugees and asylum-seekers to established camps in Gedaref State where they will be able to access comprehensive protection services and life-sustaining assistance. In January, 445 refugees and asylum-seekers were registered and relocated to Um Gargour and Tunaydbah refugee camps.

In Kassala State, UNHCR constructed shelters and installed tents for secondarily displaced refugees and asylum-seekers who are arriving spontaneously at Shagarab camps, which helps to decongest the Shagarab reception centre. In addition to the influx of displaced refugees from conflict areas in Sudan, Kassala State also continues to steadily receive asylum seekers from outside the country via Galsa and Gergef entry points.

Key Achievements

In 2023, UNHCR and partners under the Refugee Consultation Forum (RCF) assisted over **900,000 refugees and asylum-seekers** with at least one form of assistance. Additionally, UNHCR reached **550,000 internally displaced people** (IDP) with multi-sector support.



Communicating with Communities

14 hotlines activated

This includes the inter-agency call-centre hotline number accessible across Sudan and dedicated hotline numbers in 13 states.



Community Engagement

107 community-based protection networks strengthened

including 50 newly established in 2023. Over 2,000 volunteers have been trained and engaged for mobile response and community outreach.



Resettlement

157 refugees departed on resettlement

Though resettlement is temporarily suspended, a number of refugees in the resettlement pipeline departed Sudan at the request of receiving countries.



Cross-Border Operations

37,000 people received non-food items

including refugees, IDPs, returnees and vulnerable members of the host community in West Darfur and Central Darfur since July 2023.



Non-Food Items (NFI)

396,000 people received non-food items

An NFI kit contains a kitchen set, solar lamp, blankets, sleeping mats, jerry cans, mosquito nets and plastic sheets and is intended for a family of five.



Shelter

103,000 people received shelter assistance

This includes accommodation in communal or semi-permanent shelters, emergency shelter kits, and family tents.



Health and Nutrition

101,000 people benefited from health and nutrition services

This includes the provision of primary health care, referrals for secondary health care services, health education sessions and community-based management of acute malnutrition.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

642,000 people benefited from WASH services

This includes the access to water supply in refugee camps and settlements, construction of latrines and bathing units, distribution of personal hygiene kits to women and girls and community hygiene promotion activities.



Cash-Based Interventions (CBI)

\$4.2 million disbursed as cash assistance

This includes multi-purpose cash assistance (63%), cash for shelter (33%) and sectoral cash assistance (4%) for over 111,000 forcibly displaced and hosting communities.



Education

73,000 refugee children enrolled in schools

This includes enrolment to education at the primary (89%), intermediate (5%) and secondary (6%) levels across 13 states.



Site Management

991 gathering sites mapped

This includes data collection, mapping and site assessment by UNHCR and partners in six states to facilitate coordination and enhance the protection environment of sites.



Needs Assessments

172 multi-sectoral needs assessments (MSNA) conducted

under UNHCR's leadership of the Site Management cluster to identify cross-sectoral needs of displaced persons.

Operational Management

UNHCR's Representation Office was relocated to Port Sudan, Red Sea State along with other UN agencies in May 2023. UNHCR has also established two new offices in Sudan to respond to additional needs of displaced persons in Wadi Halfa, Northern State and in Wad Madani, Al Jazirah State. However, as of December 2023, following developments in Al Jazirah State, the office in Wad Madani is managed remotely. In January 2024, UNHCR staff are present in four states: Red Sea State, Northern State, Gedaref and Kassala. With due consideration of security and risk reduction measures, UNHCR has ensured adequate international and national staff presence since the conflict on a rotational basis. This operational footprint is regularly reviewed to scale-up where possible, while maintaining flexibility to adapt as the situation changes.

In addition to in-country offices, new hubs were established outside Sudan. To support cross-border operations into Darfur an office has been set up in Farchana, Chad and a support hub has been established in Nairobi, Kenya. Initiation of cross-border operations from South Sudan is being explored.



In Um Gulja settlement, refugees and asylum seekers approach a UNHCR protection desk before boarding the buses which will bring them to refugee camps in Gedaref state. UNHCR protection and registration teams ensure refugees and asylum seekers are aware of available services in the camps and identify persons with specific needs to be supported in the construction of emergency shelters. ©UNHCR

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