

Sudan

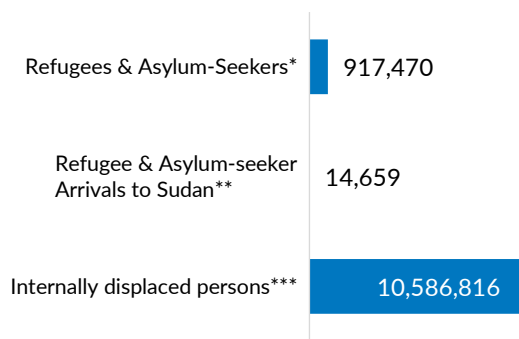
April 2024

The conflict persists over a year since the conflict broke out in Sudan. IOM reports that over **6.7 million people were displaced** by the ongoing conflict by end-April 2024.

Food insecurity threatens many communities in Sudan and **malnutrition** cases are on the rise especially **among children**.

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

FORCIBLY DISPLACED POPULATION

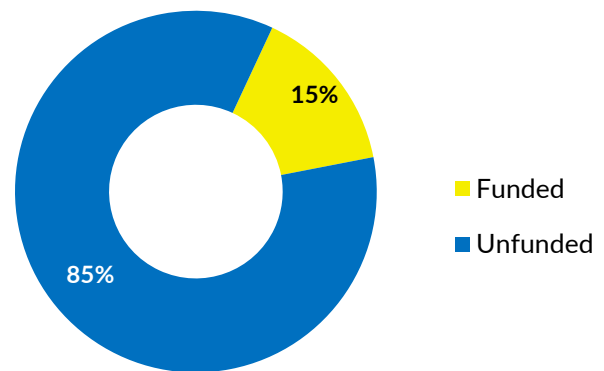


* Source: UNHCR, ProGres April 2024
 ** Source: UNHCR (January 2023 - April 2024)
 *** Source: IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix, Sudan's Internally Displaced Persons 25 April 2024 (6,786,816), and prior to the conflict (3.8M)

FUNDING (AS OF 30 APRIL 2024)

USD 424.0 million

requested for the Sudan Operation in 2024



UNHCR protection staff conducting a focus group discussion with displaced women at gathering sites in Wadi Halfa ©UNHCR /R. Cherif



Operational Context

The conflict in Sudan, now in its second year, is deeply concerning and volatile. There are daily reports of confrontations, civilian casualties and damage to public infrastructure across the country. Compounding these challenges is the grave food insecurity situation in many parts of Sudan. The latest Global Report on Food Crises, published by the Food Security Information Network reveals that a **staggering 20.3 million Sudanese**, 42% of the population, struggled to secure adequate food in 2023. This dire situation places Sudan at the forefront of acute food insecurity and alarming levels of vulnerability globally.

Access constraints due to supply chain disruptions and insecurity along the supply routes further hamper response efforts by impede the delivery of essential supplies. The humanitarian community is urgently **calling for unimpeded and rapid access** to all civilians in need.

In April, UNHCR together with the Commissioner for Refugees (COR) and JASMAR for Human Security conducted a **first assessment mission to Khartoum since the start of the conflict**. The mission highlighted pressing humanitarian needs like limited access to food, shelter, health care, and livelihood opportunities. Moreover, significant protection challenges, safety concerns, reports of gender-based violence incidents, and inadequate legal and child protection remedies were identified, underscoring the urgency to bolster partners' capacities and mobilize resources to address the needs of forcibly displaced and hosting communities.

In North Darfur, escalating tensions have prompted calls from the UN Security Council for the parties to the conflict to halt military build-ups and de-escalate the situation in El Fasher. The UN Emergency Relief Coordinator has cautioned that any escalation in hostilities would have catastrophic consequences, underscoring the imperative for immediate action to avert further humanitarian catastrophe in Sudan.

Achievements



UNHCR and its partners undertake protection monitoring in forcibly displaced and hosting communities identifying key protection concerns and identifying solutions in coordination with the authorities and specialised partner organisations. **Community-based networks are active** and members are being capacitated to **identify protection concerns** of forcibly displaced and hosting people and make referrals to specialised organisations for them to receive targeted assistance.

In hard-to-reach locations, where the security situation doesn't always allow for sustained access, like the Darfur and Kordofan States, UNHCR and its partners rely largely on protection monitoring takes by such community-based protection networks, community leaders, and other key informants.



Registration

Since the onset of the conflict, the Commissioner for Refugees (COR) and UNHCR have registered **14,659 newly arrived refugees and asylum-seekers** predominantly from Eritrea and Ethiopia, with 2,770 registered in 2024 alone. The country currently **hosts 917,470 refugees and asylum-seekers**, of whom close to **220,000 have self-relocated** within the country to safer areas. Registration in Sudan, is undertaken by COR and UNHCR and comprises the registration of newly arrived refugees and asylum-seekers, updating family records to register newborns, biometric enrolment into protection and assistance databases by capturing physical characteristics, fingerprints, and iris scans and issuance of identification documents. Registration enables refugees and asylum-seekers access not only protection services but also assistance provided by the authorities and other partners.



Resettlement

In 2024 so far, **78 Eritrean and Ethiopian refugees** have been resettled in third countries under the resettlement programme. In April one case comprising **six Eritrean refugees** departed on resettlement to Canada. Also in April, UNHCR provided individual counselling and updates on resettlement case status to 591 refugees. Overall, **2,529 refugees'** resettlement cases submitted before the start of the conflict are pending with the USA, Canada and Australia for final decision. Due to the conflict new resettlement case submissions are on hold while emergency cases may still be submitted for consideration.



CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT

In April, UNHCR and its partners **assessed 50 gathering sites** in Khartoum and Northern States, accommodating over 1,500 internally displaced households comprising nearly 8,000 people. The priority needs identified during the assessments, as has been reported in the previous months, are food, health care services, and shelter. The information gathered during these assessments is shared with Cluster partners to inform and coordinate the response which are aimed at enhancing the quality of life and dignity of internally displaced people residing in these displacement sites. To familiarize partners with the available data collection tools and harmonise information gathered, UNHCR is training partner staff, community leadership and others across the country, with some training already having taken place in Northern State.



CASH ASSISTANCE

UNHCR provides multi-purpose cash assistance (MPCA) to vulnerable internally displaced and refugee households to enable them meet their basic needs like food and shelter in a dignified manner. In April, 168 refugee households in Um Gargour refugee camp, Gedaref State received multi-purpose cash assistance of USD 140 each for two months from UNHCRs contracted the financial service provider Blue Nile Mashreg Bank. Since the beginning of the year 570 refugees and asylum-seeker households received cash assistance in Gedaref and Red Sea States, and 259 internally displaced households in Port Sudan, Red Sea State. So far in 2024, over USD 175,000 have been disbursed as MPCA to vulnerable internally displaced and refugee and asylum seeker households.



EDUCATION

So far in 2024, **33 schools in 14 refugee camps** in White Nile, Blue Nile and Gedaref States have re-opened under the management of Ministry of Education (MoE) and close to **31,500 students are enrolled by April**. Prior to the conflict, over 82,500 refugee children were enrolled in formal and non-formal education in Sudan showing the impact the conflict and school closures have had on refugee children's education.

UNHCR and partners provide formal and non-formal education for refugee children in camps, settlements and outside the camps. The schools follow the national curriculum and the Sudanese academic calendar. Before the conflict, the Government of Sudan had plans to gradually mainstream refugee education into the national system, but was put on hold as schools were when the conflict started. UNHCR still supports the payment of teachers' incentives in partnership with the MoE and is advocating with partners and Clusters to re-open schools across Sudan for children to resume their education, which has been interrupted for over a year.



Internally displaced women in Red Sea State receive solar lamps. UNHCR/R. Cherif



SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS

UNHCR distributes standard relief items, such as blankets, plastic sheets, mosquito nets, kitchen sets and solar lamps and also other non-standard items to vulnerable forcibly displaced and host community members. Non-food item (NFI) distributions are done by implementing partners in coordination with local authorities, partners and forcibly displaced people.

In April, over **1,150 refugee, internally displaced and host community** households received non-food item in Gedaref, Northern, Red Sea, Kassala and Blue Nile States. Since the beginning of the year **over 24,850 forcibly displaced and conflict-affected families** have received non-food items across the country from UNHCR through its partners. Additionally, nearly **1,400 refugees** in Blue Nile State received clothes during the reporting period as part of the NFI package.

In Gedaref State **438 refugee households** received **emergency shelter kits** which contain wooden poles, bamboo sticks, grass mats, locally produced ropes, and plastic sheets and another 14 shelters belonging to vulnerable refugee households in Babikri camp, Gedaref State were rehabilitated. In Blue Nile State, 37 refugee households received tents.



General cleaning, emptying wastebins and latrine disinfection using chlorine in White Nile State. ©UNHCR



WATER, HYGIENE AND SANITATION

UNHCR and its partners provide water, hygiene and sanitation support in refugee camps in White Nile, Gedaref, Kordofan, Kassala and Blue Nile States reaching over 650,000 refugees, asylum-seekers and host community members. In Um Rakuba, Tunaydbah, and Um Gargour camps in Gedaref State and in refugee camps in White Nile State, for example, partners are desludging latrines regularly, with close to 80 per cent of the latrines emptied and 34 tonnes of solid waste collected in April alone. In Blue Nile and Kassala States close to **4,300 refugee households received soap and hygiene kits** during sensitization campaigns on personal hygiene and hand washing.

TRI-CLUSTER ACHIEVEMENTS

In Sudan, under the inter-agency framework for IDP response **UNHCR leads the Protection Cluster** together with the Danish Refugee Council. Cluster partners reached approximately **24,500 IDPs, host community and others in 15 out of 18 states** Sudan in April. The Cluster partners provide legal aid assistance, psychosocial support, undertake protection monitoring, make referrals of people with specific needs for specialized services and conduct awareness raising campaigns on protection issues. Since the beginning of the year, the **Cluster has reached almost 100,000 people affected by the conflict in Sudan**.

UNHCR also leads the Shelter and Non-Food Items Cluster in Sudan, where partners play a crucial role in providing shelter assistance and non-food items. In April 2024, the Cluster partners **assisted around 14,000 households** with essential shelter and NFI items such as tents, blankets, and cooking utensils aimed at providing immediate protection and relief to displaced families. Since the beginning of the year, the Cluster has reached **over 75,700 households across Sudan**. Fifteen partners work in nine states across Sudan, with plans to reach more conflict-affected populations through cross-border operations from South Sudan.

The **Camp Coordination and Camp Management Cluster is co-led by UNHCR** and the Norwegian Refugee Council. The Cluster partners **assessed 99 sites** in April, reaching 4,202 households of 21,837 individuals. In 2024, the cluster has reached **115,536 individuals through site assessments**. The Cluster, comprising seven partners at national and sub-national level, enables the effective delivery of humanitarian assistance and protection services to displaced populations in sites and site-like settings in Sudan through information and data gathering.

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