

Chad – Sudanese Emergency

9 May 2025

Two years of gruesome Sudan conflict, more than 12 million people have been displaced, and more than three million have fled to neighbouring countries, including Chad.

As of 4 May 2025, Chad has counted more than **700,000 new refugees from Sudan**; **87% are women and children**. In support of the Government of Chad, **UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO FAO and national**

National and international NGOs provide protection and assistance in border sites and refugee settlements. UNHCR and IOM support the Government in coordinating the humanitarian response to refugees and returnees.

The most urgent need remains to relocate refugees from the border to consolidated refugee sites and ensure access to protection services, water, shelter, food, non-food items, health, and education.

KEY INDICATORS

794,482

New refugees counted as of 4 May 2025, i.e., 220,967 households

733,971 **pre-registered/registered**

biometrically in Abéché, Adré, Am Nabak, Arkoum, Djabal, Farchana, Gaga, Goz Amir, Iridimi, Kounougou, Metché, Milé, Aboutengué, Oure Cassoni, Tissi, Touloum, Zabout, Dougui

87%

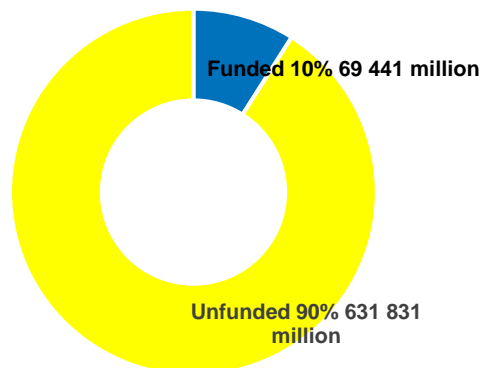
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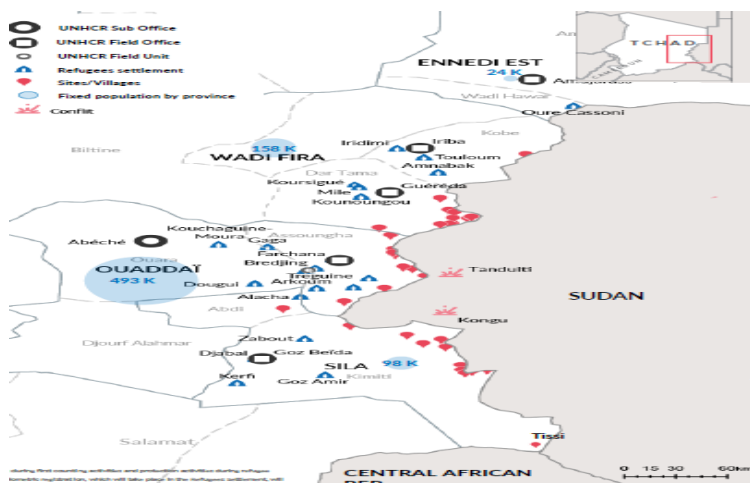
registered have
specific needs

BUDGET REQUIRED FOR CHAD UNDER THE RRRP FOR THE SUDAN SITUATION (AS OF 25 APRIL 2025)

\$701.3 million



The 2025 RRRP was financed at 10%. Microsoft Power BI



New arrivals from Sudan continue to cross into Wadi Fira and Ennedi Est Provinces, Chad, following attacks in El Fasher and Zam Zam IDP sites. UNHCR/Chad

Emergency Response Achievements

Coordination

- UNHCR **issued** a briefing note warning of soaring needs amid the Sudanese influx to Chad from Darfur. The UNHCR Representative in Chad urged the international community to support the response urgently. Of the \$409 million required to respond to the refugee crisis in Chad in 2025, only 20 per cent has been funded to date. *“We urgently call for increased solidarity and immediate funding to ensure these vulnerable populations receive the protection and assistance they need,”* said the Representative.
- The UN-Habitat mission, which aims to support UNHCR in the strategic and site planning of refugee sites and urban areas in Wadi Fira and Ouaddaï provinces, visited Farchana from 30 April to 2 May 2025. During the visit, the UN-Habitat Representative discussed several topics with refugees and host communities, including the survey findings conducted in Farchana in August and September 2024 and the project's next steps.
- UNDP, UNFPA, and the Government of Chad held a workshop in Guéréda to present a project aimed at strengthening social cohesion among host communities, returnees, and refugees in Ouaddaï, Sila, and Wadi-Fira provinces.
- A UNICEF mission met with UNHCR management and protection/education staff on 25 April to discuss Emirati-funded support for classroom construction, a multimedia center, school supplies, and teacher training in the Zabout (Silla Province) and Koursigué and Milé extension (Wadi-Fira Province) refugee site. A follow-up meeting with JRS was held to identify existing gaps. **Please visit our coordination tool [here](#).**



RELOCATION

- Over the past week, UNHCR and partners relocated over 2,600 refugees from the border areas of Adré to Dougui and Kouchaguine-Moura refugee sites (Ouaddaï Province), and from Tiné to Iridimi (Wadi Fira). With the influx ongoing, efforts are being intensified to deliver life-saving aid, including water supply and transitional shelters to protect vulnerable groups from extreme heat. However, mounting needs and severe funding gaps hinder critical shelter, WASH, health care, and food assistance responses. Over 273,000 people remain at the borders in urgent need of relocation.



PROTECTION

- As the crisis deepens in Sudan, Chad continues to receive an increasing number of new arrivals. For the past two weeks, UNHCR and its partners, in support of the Government, registered 24,051 new arrivals, the majority of whom are women and children in Wadi Fira and Ennedi Est provinces, with an average daily arrival of 1,718 individuals for the two provinces alone. At the Adré border crossing point, Ouaddaï Province, 762 individuals were registered during the past two weeks. The refugees share harrowing accounts of serious human rights violations that forced them to flee their homes abruptly. “The journey is made in secrecy: most of the men were killed, women and girls were raped, livestock was stolen, and homes were burned,” say the refugees.

- A working session was held on 25 April with all law enforcement agencies stationed at the Adré border to present and explain ongoing protection activities. Participating partners included CIAUD, IOM, MSF, and UNHCR.
- Biometric registration of refugees at the Kouchagin Moura refugee site ended on 26 April 2025. Agence Nationale Des Titres Sécurisés (ANATS) enrolled 1,500 refugees, representing 100% of the target.
- APLFT distributed 911 hygiene kits provided by UNHCR to women and girls of reproductive age in the Farchana camp and 50 for host beneficiaries.
- Three awareness sessions on the rights and duties of refugees, per Law No. 027/PR/2020 on Asylum in the Republic of Chad, reached 154 participants in Arkoum, Bredjing, and Treguine.
- UNFPA and NIRVANA distributed 60 birth kits in Koursigué and Kounoungou to support lactating mothers.
- Through supplementary judgments, NRC facilitated the issuance of 320 birth certificates in Metché to refugee children whose birth certificate delivery deadline had elapsed.
- Civil registration efforts covered 802 children, and 320 birth certificates were issued to refugee children through mobile courts. Despite growing needs with over 11,953 at-risk children, mostly new arrivals, limited case management capacity in Ouaddaï remains a key challenge.
- Six awareness sessions were conducted across Adré, Aboutengué, and Metché, focusing on the importance of available services, reducing vulnerability risks, and building resilience. A total of 4,493 people were reached, including 2,591 women, 421 men, 1,004 girls, and 477 boys.

EDUCATION

- To identify critical project issues and make informed decisions, JRS, UNHCR's education partner, trained data collection focal points and other key stakeholders in the refugee education system in the Amdjarass area. The training aims to strengthen their skills in data collection techniques related to educational activities, child protection, and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS).
- As part of teacher capacity building, JRS, with funding from Expertise France, organized a training course for teachers from the Aboutengué, Allacha, Arkoum, Farchana, Gaga, and Metché sites at the Farchana refugee site. Sixty women and 103 men participated.

CBI

- Cash distribution continues at the Touloum site, with 24,727 individuals (9,467 households) receiving assistance out of a planned 12,477 households (34,405 individuals). This represents 70.23% of the target.

ENVIRONMENTS & LIVELIHOOD

- A total of 957 agricultural producers (772 refugees and 185 host community members) were identified in Aboutengué and Metché to receive support for market gardening and rainfed farming activities.



HEALTH/NUTRITION AND FOOD DISTRIBUTION

- UNHCR and the Chadian government health authorities officially inaugurated a health centre constructed in the Arkoum Refugee site in the Ouaddaï Province on 29 April 2025. The facility is

financed by the Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Global Initiatives, commonly called the MBRGI foundation. It will serve the refugee and refugee-hosting communities.

- The National Office of Higher Education Examinations and Competitions (ONECS) conducted a mission to Arkoum and Alacha refugee sites to collect the files of refugee health graduates for equivalency assessment and registration with health professional bodies. A total of 37 files were submitted, with 30 deemed eligible for review, including those of general practitioners, veterinarians, nurses, pharmacy technicians, medical assistants, and public and environmental health graduates. UNHCR Chad continues to work closely with the government to provide job opportunities for refugees.
- On 24 April 2025, the National Polio Vaccination Campaign, coinciding with African Vaccination Week, was officially launched at Gouroukoun Health Centre, near Goz Beida. Under the theme *"Saving lives through vaccination is humanly possible,"* the campaign targets 171,000 children (ages 0–5) in the Sila Province, including refugee children.
- 137,715 consultations have been conducted since the start of the year, including 6,782 new consultations last week. Main health issues include acute respiratory infections, malaria, watery diarrhea, and malnutrition.
- 8,150 cases of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and 2,789 cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) have been treated in children aged 6-59 months.
- 18,997 children were screened, including 526 MAM and 173 SAM cases.
- 24,980 women have been screened, with 871 MAM cases treated; 1,475 pregnant women were screened last week, including 5 with moderate malnutrition.
- 2,741 births have been attended to by qualified personnel, including 180 last week.
- 169 patients have been referred for secondary/tertiary care, including 40 last week.
- With the massive funding shortfalls, critical needs such as specialist doctors (surgery, trauma) for district hospitals in Adré and Hadjer Hadid, additional ambulances (4) for medical and surgical emergencies, electrification of health centers, and prioritizing essential services for maternity and nutritional care, installation of cold chain and strengthening of the health care workforce such as midwives, nurses remain a considerable challenge for the operation.
- WFP and IMC distributed one-month food rations to 1,232 newly relocated individuals in Iridimi, Zabout, and Dougui refugee sites. Cash assistance distribution for April, May, and June resumed at the Farchana site on 2 May. A total of 2,869 individuals received assistance during the resumption.



SHELTER / WATER, HYGIENE AND SANITATION AND CRIS

- UNICEF WASH kits (can, soap, bucket, cup) were distributed to 2952 individuals (765 households) in the Kerfi and Zabout refugee sites.
- 880 emergency shelters have been completed by UNHCR's partner CNARR at the Arkoum refugee site out of 1000 planned.

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Working in partnership

As part of this emergency response, UNHCR is working with the following partners:

- **Coordination and Registration:** CNARR
- **Relocation :** AIRD, CIAUD, CNARR, CRT, IRC
- **Protection:** ADES, ADRA, ANATS, ASTBEF, CNARR, COOPI, CRT, UNFPA, HIAS, KITES, OXFAM, UNICEF, APLFT
- **Health and nutrition:** ADES, IRC, ACF, Health and food security, Concern Worldwide, French Red Cross, CRT, MSF (France, Holland, Switzerland), Première Urgence Internationale (PUI), Solidarités International/ACHDR, UNFPA, UNICEF, WFP, and WHO
- **Food distribution:** WFP, CRT
- **Shelter, water, hygiene, and sanitation:** ADES, CRT, INTERSOS, IRC, LMI, SECADEV, in collaboration with ACTED, ADRA, ADRO, ACAFDI, ACF, AFDI, CARE, FLM, HELP TCHAD, MSF France, OXFAM, SAHKAL, Solidarités International/ACHDR, UNICEF, WFP and WORLD VISION

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