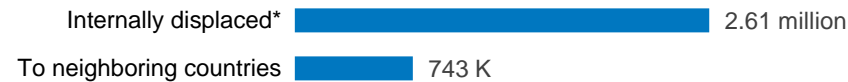


Sudan Situation Report

24 July 2023

DISPLACEMENT FIGURES

3.3 million displaced since 15 April 2023



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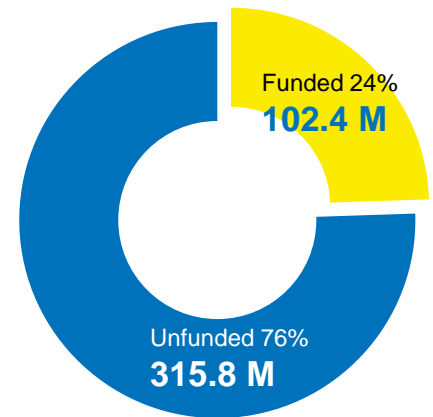
Operational posture and emergency structure

- 1 Representation Office in Port Sudan
- 1 Operational Center in Gedaref
- 3 Sub Offices in White Nile, Gedaref, Wad Madani
- 4 Field Offices in Blue Nile, Kassala, Girba, Wadi Halfa
- 2 Hubs in Nairobi (Kenya), Farchana (Chad)

FUNDING STATUS

USD 418.2 million

requested for the Sudan operation

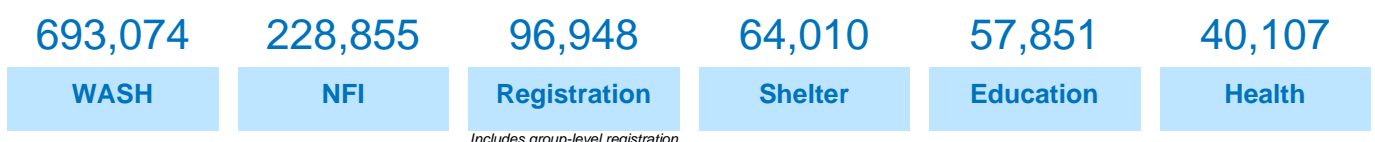


*As of 19 July

Highlights

- **One hundred days** since armed conflict broke out between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in Sudan, **over 3.3 million people have been displaced**, including 2.6 million internally and over 742,000 outside the country in search of safety and security.
- Negotiation talks led by the KSA and USA have reportedly resumed with the return of SAF in Jeddah while separate mediation efforts have also been initiated by Egypt and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development. However, the security situation in the country remains volatile particularly in Khartoum and the Darfur and Kordofan regions. In the two areas of South Kordofan State and Blue Nile State, clashes between the SAF and Sudan People's Liberation Movement—North have been reported.
- UNHCR remains committed to staying and delivering in Sudan. Following separate missions by UNHCR's Assistant High Commissioner for Operations and Director for the Division of Emergency, Security and Supply, UNHCR Sudan will strengthen security risk management and expand the IDP response in the country.
- UNHCR is leading the **Protection, Emergency Shelter/Non-Food Item**, and **Site Management** sectors in Sudan, following the activation of the Site Management sector in July 2023.

Since 15 April 2023, UNHCR has continued to provide refugees, internally displaced persons and host community members with **protection, critical assistance and essential services** including:



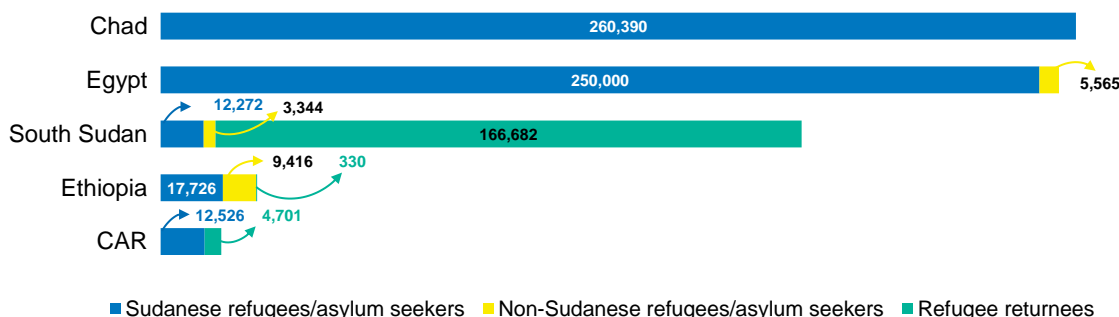
Security developments

- UNHCR released a **statement** on deaths affecting the refugee community in Khartoum, calling on warring parties to allow safe passage for civilians.
- In Blue Nile State, activities by partner staff and contractors remain suspended in Kurmuk locality, where UNHCR interventions are being implemented, in light of clashes between SAF and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement in the area.

Population movements

Movements outside of Sudan

A total of **742,952** refugees, asylum seekers, and returnees have been reported

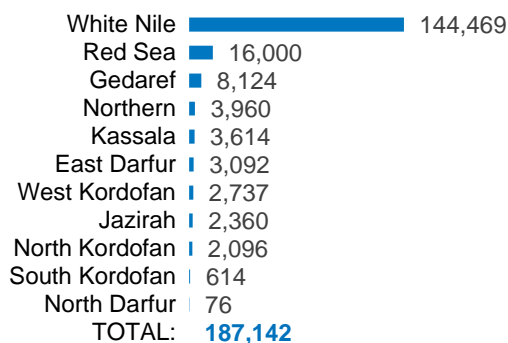


Movements within Sudan

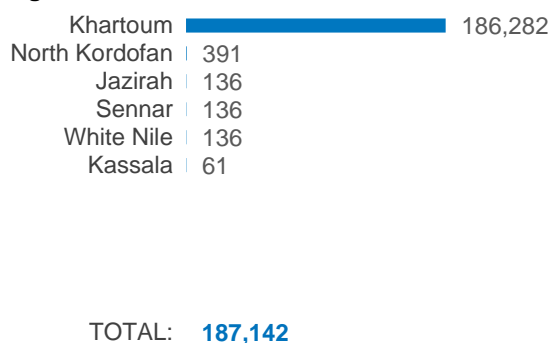
IOM DTM reports **2,613,036** internally displaced persons in Sudan since 15 April 2023

In addition, an estimated **187,142** refugees and asylum seekers have been **secondarily displaced**

Destination



Origin



*UNHCR and partners continue to map movements of refugees and asylum seekers within Sudan. ([Online interactive dashboard](#))

Operational context

- UNHCR has declared a **Level 3 emergency** for Sudan, Chad, Egypt, and South Sudan (Sudan situation) on 6 July 2023. The declaration will remain in force for six months and expire on 5 January 2024.
- In **White Nile State**, UNHCR and partners are **rapidly scaling up the emergency response** amid government reports that over 144,000 refugees and asylum seekers have arrived in the camps since the conflict started, stretching existing services. As of 20 July, UNHCR and COR have jointly

verified 128,858 individuals in the 10 camps of the new arrivals, representing 89% of the government estimates. Out of the verified population, 81% were not registered before the crisis. Interventions focus on addressing health, shelter, and livelihood needs of the affected population. With this influx, White Nile State is estimated to host a total population of 440,000 refugees and asylum seekers and 267,899 IDPs.

- Following the receipt from the Government of Sudan of written confirmation of **no objections to cross-border operations into Darfur from Chad**, UNHCR is preparing for the provision of assistance into West and Central Darfur from Chad. Warehouses are being constructed in Farchana to store NFI to be airlifted into Chad.
- Within Sudan, delivery of NFI assistance continues to be challenged due to losses from the **looting of 5 warehouses** (El Obeid, El Fasher, Nyala, El Geneina, Khartoum). Efforts are made to replenish NFI stock including through the recent airlift of NFI into Port Sudan from Dubai.
- In UNHCR's **new areas of operation (Wadi Halfa, Wad Madani, Port Sudan)**, partnership agreements continue to be explored to ensure timely delivery of protection and assistance covering various sectors while NFI assistance is being distributed by UNHCR in coordination with the Commission for Refugees and Humanitarian Aid Commission.
- The Humanitarian Country Team in Sudan has endorsed the **activation of the Site Management sector**, which UNHCR will be heading as sector lead.

Protection situation

- Sudan is facing a complex protection crisis of immense magnitude. Unprecedented levels of violence are being perpetrated against civilians, heightening the risk of further escalation and protractedness of the armed conflict. The situation requires a comprehensive response with a primary focus on protecting civilians including IDPs, refugees, and asylum seekers. ([Sudan Protection Brief, July 2023](#))
- Communication with communities: In June, the UNHCR hotlines received a total of 673 calls, a decrease from the calls received in May (1,072). The main requests from callers continue to be related to relocation from conflict-affected areas, evacuation from Sudan, and requests for basic assistance including cash, food, and medical services.
- Gender-based violence: With an increased number of people, especially women and girls, reaching safer locations, the risk of conflict-related sexual violence is now being cited as the main reason for flight. Reports in the field indicate that combatants looting civilians' homes increasingly target women and girls.
- In the Darfur region, the conflict has increasingly led to ethnic or intercommunal dimensions. The situation has calmed but remains tense across many capital cities due to increased recruitment by various actors and tribal support for the warring parties. Across the country, mobilization by specific communities/tribal groups is causing alarm due to the risks of potentially dividing various states along tribal lines and of the violence taking on more intercommunal dimensions.
- Return intention surveys are being carried out in the camps in Gedaref amid reports that some refugees particularly from Tunaydbah and Um Rakuba have returned on their own, including, reportedly, through the help of smugglers. UNHCR is conducting return intention surveys in all camps as well as heightening protection monitoring and community-based awareness raising on the dangers of smuggling and trafficking. A similar increase in incidents of irregular movements from the Shagarab camps in Kassala has been reported as a result of the socioeconomic impact of the ongoing conflict. Some refugees with ongoing family reunification and sponsorship processes

have reportedly been asked by family members in destination countries to move to other countries where procedures can reportedly be fast tracked or processed without delays.

- In Wadi Halfa, amid reports that some refugees and third-country nationals are among the displaced population waiting to cross into Egypt, UNHCR has begun a profiling exercise to establish intentions and inform programming. Protection risks remain high due to the lack of humanitarian services in Wadi Halfa.

Operational response

Locations	Operational response
Northern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ UNHCR has completed the mapping of gathering sites in Wadi Halfa, with a total of 57 sites mapped. This will support planning of interventions by UNHCR and partners. ■ UNHCR is providing NFI assistance to IDPs at various gathering sites, prioritizing persons with specific needs. ■ A protection desk has been established to identify persons with specific needs for provision of support and/or referral and monitor and address protection concerns.
Red Sea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ UNHCR has been able to monitor a total of 14 gathering sites accommodating refugees and IDPs in Port Sudan. ■ One of the gathering sites (Philip site) has been moved in view of space limitations. COR in coordination with the community committee identified land south of the Philip market to construct a replacement site. UNHCR is supporting the provision of tents for 599 refugees and 46 IDPs who will be relocated. An interagency visit will be conducted to identify site needs and develop a response plan.
Jazirah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ UNHCR has been able to monitor a total of 11 gathering sites accommodating refugees and asylum seekers in Wad Madani. Refugees and asylum seekers fleeing Khartoum continue to arrive in Wad Madani, as either destination or transit point. The gathering sites inside Wad Madani are beyond their hosting capacity. ■ UNHCR has activated the Protection Sector Working Group and S/NFI Cluster at subnational level. ■ A dedicated hotline number has been activated for Wad Madani. ■ The legal partner Mutawinat facilitated legal assistance to refugees through legal representation in courts and legal counselling. ■ UNHCR provided NFI distribution to 138 IDP families living in three gathering sites based on the needs assessment and in coordination with HAC.
North Darfur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ In North Darfur, UNHCR and partner SORR distributed NFI at various locations including IDP and refugee camps and new settlements, reaching 4,482 households (11,233 individuals) in total. ■ On 4 July, a team consisting of protection partners led by UNHCR conducted an assessment visit to Abu Shouk camp. During the visit, the team assessed seven different locations within the camp that were accommodating IDPs from

Tawilla and Kutum. The assessment revealed urgent needs for water, food, healthcare, and shelter materials.

- Tabashir and NPO local partners constructed and renovated a number of emergency latrines in the schools in El Fasher town, where the new arrivals of Kutum and Tawilla as well as El Fasher residents, were displaced and settled temporarily.

West Darfur

- While operations of UNHCR and partners remain largely suspended as a result of the violence and insecurity, Protection Cluster meetings have resumed on 13 July. At least three agencies will resume protection monitoring with an immediate focus on three IDP gathering sites in Ardamata.

Central Darfur

- UNHCR continued remote protection monitoring of the situation of IDPs in Zalengei and other hotspot localities.
- Persons with specific needs cases for individual protection assistance have been identified across all the target localities and are under review.
- UNHCR partner DRC reported that a total of 137 persons with specific needs were provided with NFI assistance.
- Provision of group-based psychosocial support in target locations where community-based protection networks are active is ongoing.

South Darfur

- UNHCR continues to conduct protection monitoring through community-based protection networks in the state.
- In Mershing locality, the UNHCR protection center was utilized by the tribal reconciliation conference which resulted in the reduction of checkpoints along Mershing-Nyala road, restoring civilian access to movement.

East Darfur

- UNHCR partner World Vision provided emergency medication to Ed Daein hospital to support emergency healthcare and help facilitate the referral of refugees for secondary care.
- Healthcare support continues to be provided to refugees. This includes reproductive health services, immunization services, and house to house visits to raise awareness on malaria, diarrhea, and malnutrition prevention and MUAC screening.
- On 4 July, UNHCR partner World Vision resumed GBV prevention and mitigation activities in El Neem IDP camp including case management and provision of psychosocial support.

Kordofan Region

- On 15 July, UNHCR and partner International Aid Services (IAS) distributed NFI to 28 households (172 IDPs) who recently fled from Kadugli to El Fula. This follows the conduct of a needs assessment by UNHCR, IAS, HAC and SRCS.
- Health/nutrition services continue to be provided by Al Manar Organization, but there are challenges with drug shortages, suspended referrals, and malaria cases.
- UNHCR partner IAS ensures that water facilities in Sarajia, Dar Batti, and Kharasana settlements are operating optimally and providing water access to South Sudanese refugees in these facilities. IAS also continues to provide safe drinking water access to 2000 SSR in the Gubaysh settlement through the water vouchers system.

- In coordination with UNHCR, HAC, and COR at the state level, IAS distributed personal hygiene kits to 759 women of reproductive age in El Fula from 10-14 July.
- UNHCR partner Save the Children distributed material support to 10 unaccompanied and separated children in the El Salam settlement in coordination with refugee leaders and COR.

White Nile State

- A new settlement in Abu Dolou has been opened to address congestion in the existing camps. Land extension for the existing Um Sangour camp was also assessed. Relocation of refugees from overcrowded camps will commence.
- The Ministry of Health, UNHCR and partners continue to respond to the measles outbreak, including through immunization, case management, extension of admission capacity and line list recording and data transmission.
- UNHCR and partners continue to provide NFI assistance to the affected population including NFI kits to refugee households in Um Sangour, Aljameya, Khor Alwarel, and Al Alagaya camps.
- Flood mitigation works have been completed in Um Sangour, Al Alagaya, Dabat Bosin, Khor Alwarel, and Al Redis 2 camps. 12,000 plastic sheets have been prepositioned ahead of the anticipated road blockage due to the rains and flooding.
- UNHCR organized a two-day workshop from 12-13 July for 39 social workers to strengthen their capacity in addressing the protection needs of IDPs.
- UNHCR and FAO have enacted a joint framework to provide support to refugees and host communities in Sudan. As part of this engagement, FAO is currently distributing 1240 metric tons of sorghum seeds to 124,000 refugees and host community members in nine localities across the state to help cushion the food system in the region, enhance food security, and promote self-reliance among the affected populations.

Gedaref

- The displaced refugee population is increasing in the camps, where they are provided with protection and assistance and have been included in food distribution of WFP (Um Rakuba and Tunaydbah). In June, UNHCR relocated 784 refugees and asylum seekers from Um Gulja and Wad Madani to Babikri, Tunaydbah, and Um Gargour camps.
- UNHCR carried out a sensitization campaign and is conducting return intention surveys in the camps considering reports of some spontaneous returns of Ethiopian refugees and increased interest in returns.
- Telling the Real Story refugee community volunteers conducted a door-to-door awareness campaign and 26 focus group discussions to mitigate the heightened risk of trafficking.
- In Um Gargour, 184 shelter plots were demarcated to accommodate secondarily displaced refugees and asylum seekers. UNHCR's shelter partner NRC constructed rakoubas for 79 households. 427 emergency shelter kits were distributed to secondarily displaced refugees and asylum seekers.
- UNHCR participated in an interagency rapid needs assessment for IDPs in the state in two new sites identified by OCHA. The Protection Sub Working

Group has been activated to increase coordination on the protection response to the IDP situation.

Kassala

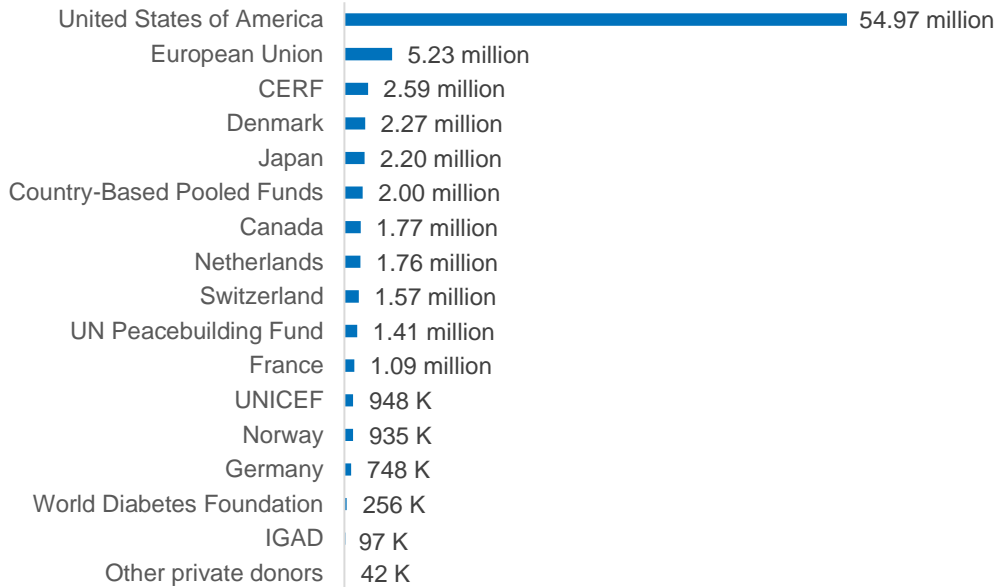
- UNHCR supported partners (WHH and COR) which could not procure diesel due to liquidity challenges to ensure continued provision of water in the camps and facilitate registration of new arrivals and refugee status determination procedures.
- Through UNHCR's advocacy WFP started distribution of emergency food assistance to some 67,000 registered protracted refugees across all camps in addition to 37,000 refugees normally targeted with monthly food assistance.
- Telling the Real Story refugee community volunteers conducted household visits and public information activities at reception facilities, primary healthcare facilities, and other public venues to enhance public awareness on smuggling and trafficking. UNHCR also conducted awareness sessions for unaccompanied children at the unaccompanied children center in the Shagarab camp on the dangers of irregular onward movement.
- UNHCR partner SRCS distributed NFI assistance to 18 IDP households staying at gathering sites in Kassala town.
- In June, 438 new arrivals were reported entering Sudan spontaneously through Gulsa and Gergef entry points.

Blue Nile State

- UNHCR distributed NFIs to 100 fa households milies in 4 locations in Damazine locality on 6 July (64 households from in Seka-Hadid, 30 households in Aburamad, 2 households in Sog-Shabyee, and 4 households in Aldraja area).
- In Camp 6, the shelter committee composed of UNHCR, COR, and UNHCR partner ACTED conducted an assessment and identified 400 households whose damaged shelters needed rehabilitation. UNHCR and ACTED will start the distribution of plastic sheets to respond to their needs.

Funding situation

Of UNHCR Sudan's total financial requirements of **USD 418.2 million** in 2023, a total of **102.4 million** has been funded as of **19 July 2023**, including earmarked contributions of **79.9 million**



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