Beginning of November 2020, UNHCR has recorded an influx of asylum seekers at border entry points in East Sudan from Ethiopia, after military confrontations in the Tigray region in northern Ethiopia.

UNHCR’s teams at the border areas of the eastern Sudanese states of Kassala and Gedaref are working with the Sudanese Commissioner of Refugees (CoR), local authorities and partners to monitor and respond to the situation, as well mobilizing resources to provide life-saving assistance services to the new arrivals. Inter-agency coordination and contingency response planning is well underway.

Estimated Demographic Data

- 45% Children (0 - 17 yrs)
- 51% Adults (18-59 yrs)
- 4% Elderly (+60 yrs)

The estimated demographic data is based on convey movement lists captured by authorities at Hamdayet border-point (for 7000 Ind).

The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) has been working with Sudanese authorities to provide life-saving assistance services to the new arrivals, including food, shelter, and medical assistance. Inter-agency coordination and contingency response planning is well underway.

Refugee Camp Population in Kassala & Gedaref - Sudan

- As of December 2020
  - 8,702 Shimbela
  - 25,245 Hitsats
  - 32,029 Adi Harush
  - 21,681 Mai Aini

Refugee Camp Population in Tigray Region - Ethiopia

- As of October 2020
  - 34,651

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