

Sudan

January-March 2021

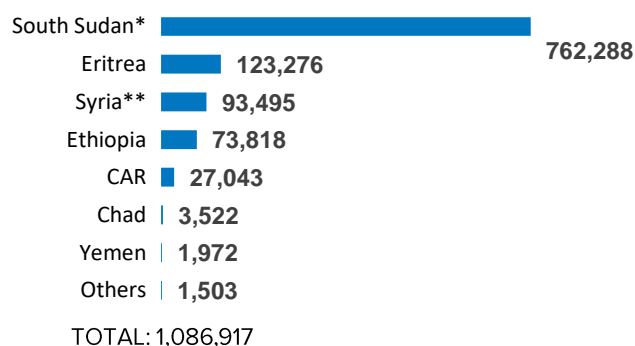
Sudan hosts **1,1 million** refugees and **2,5 million** internally displaced persons (IDPs). Recently, it saw new displacements from Ethiopia and within Darfur states.

UNHCR and partners continue responding to the needs of about **60,000 refugees** in East Sudan from Ethiopia's Tigray region and **7,000 asylum-seekers** in Blue Nile State from Ethiopia's Benishangul-Gumuz region.

In **West Darfur**, UNHCR is monitoring the situation closely with needs assessments in affected areas and assisted about **56,000 newly displaced people** with supplies since the start of the response.

REFUGEES (AS OF 28 FEBRUARY)

Countries of Origin



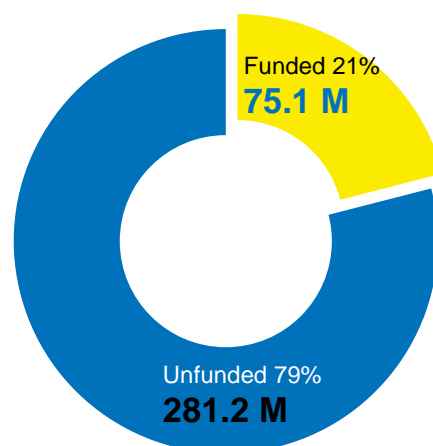
* Total South Sudanese refugees registered by the Commission for Refugees/COR with UNHCR support, by Immigration Passport Police (IPP) registered and unregistered population.

** includes both individuals registered by UNHCR and COR, and IPP statistics on annual arrivals and departures.

FUNDING (AS OF 30 MARCH)

USD 356.3 M

requested for UNHCR's operation in Sudan



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff:

470 National Staff

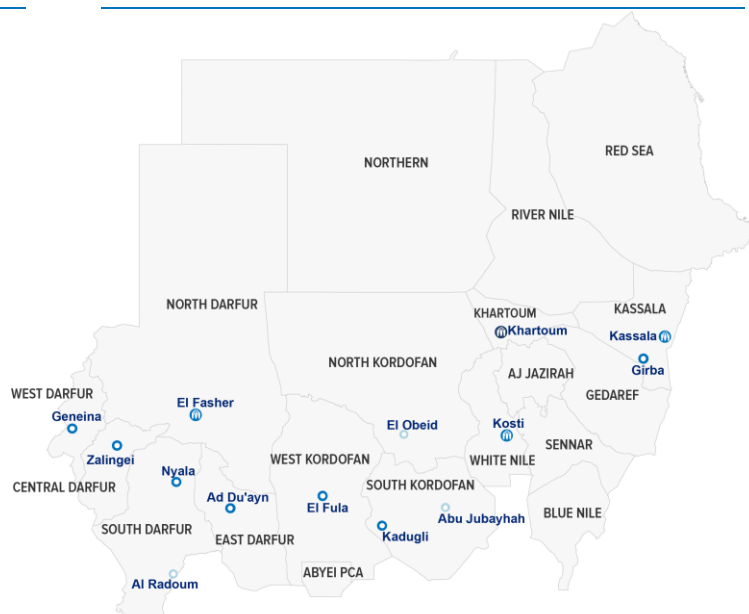
155 International Staff

Offices:

1 Country Office in Khartoum

9 Field Offices in Gedaref, Ad Du'ayn, El Fula, Nyala, Khartoum, Girba, Geneina, Zalingei, El Obeid

4 Sub Offices in El Fasher, Kassala, Kadugli and Kosti



Working with Partners

- UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, implements the refugee coordination model in Sudan and co-leads the national inter-agency **Refugee Consultation Forum** (RCF) with the Government Commissioner for Refugees (COR), which includes Technical Advisory Groups on sector level and Refugee Working Groups on field level for a more effective coordination.
- Through the RCF, UNHCR develops the annual **Country Refugee Response Plan** (CRP), a multi-sectoral plan bringing together 38 partners to respond to the needs of all major refugee populations in Sudan in 2021.
- UNHCR represents the RCF at the national **COVID-19 Coordination Forum** and works to ensure that refugees are included in national and state COVID-19 plans. In partnership with IOM, UNHCR also leads a **COVID-19 internally displaced persons (IDPs) Camp Coordination Task Force** to ensure multi-sectoral coordination in IDP camps.
- As the lead agency for protection and ES/NFI sectors for IDPs, UNHCR works with partners to ensure a coordinated response, which includes joint planning for the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP).
- UNHCR supports the IGAD-led initiative on Durable Solutions for Sudan and South Sudan Displacement, including the development of a National Durable Solutions Strategy. It also co-chairs the **Durable Solutions Working Group** with UNDP and Danish Refugee Council (DRC).
- UNHCR and IOM co-chair the **Counter Trafficking & Mixed Movements Working Group** (CTWG) with IOM.
- UNHCR leads the **East Sudan Mixed-Movement Working Group** which supports the implementation of national counter-trafficking activities and supports the State Committee on Counter-trafficking (CCT) in Kassala.
- UNHCR co-chairs the interagency **Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP)** working group and is an active member of the **Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)** working group.

Main Activities

Protection

- UNHCR works with COR on building the asylum system and conducts joint asylum registration with contactless **Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS)**. In 2020, nearly 38,000 refugees were registered and over 13,000 issued identity cards, ensuring better access to protection and health services.

- UNHCR coordinates protection and assistance for persons at risk of statelessness by supporting birth registration and civil documentation. In 2020, UNHCR with the Sudanese Civil Registry registered **20,455 refugee and internally displaced children**. UNHCR also advocates for law and policy reform, and the ratification of the two Statelessness Conventions.
- UNHCR is strengthening risk mitigation measures regarding gender-based violence (GBV).
- UNHCR has carried out an exercise among refugees, using data collection and analysis, to identify risk levels for sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) in Kassala, White Nile, Kordofans and Darfur states. In Kordofans, it has rolled out **Community Based Complaint and Feedback Mechanisms** to ensure greater accountability to affected people.
- UNHCR has also significantly stepped up its activities in the areas of **internal displacement** and **durable solutions** in 2020, in line with the Sudanese government's pledges at the Global Refugee Forum in 2019 to develop solutions for forced displacement, enhance an enabling environment for return of forcibly displaced people and facilitate their reintegration.
- UNHCR supports the Sudanese government in implementing its **National Plan on Protection of Civilians** (NPPoC) through advocacy and tailored protection activities to prevent, respond and mitigate risks in areas of displacement and return. In 2020, it supported the formation of **Community Based Protection Networks** (CBPNs) in Darfur, including women networks and sectoral networks, as well as **Community Supported Projects** (CSPs), small, medium and large project – such as construction of health centres and water points – developed in accordance and per request of the local communities.

Education

- UNHCR supports **school maintenance** and expansion, as well as school fees for refugees. It also supports with training and teaching materials. In 2020, it supported five schools with extra classrooms and furniture in White Nile State, benefitting more than 8,400 refugee students.
- UNHCR supports the **inclusion of refugee education** in the current government sector strategic plan, ensuring refugee access to primary and secondary education, including remote learning in the context of COVID-19.
- UNHCR supports schools in improving access to water and sanitation facilities and participates in the **Safe Back-to-School Working Group**. The group supports the implementation of COVID-19 preventive protocols in schools.

Health

- UNHCR advocates for **refugee integration** into the national health system.

- In camps and large settlements, UNHCR supports **primary healthcare services and referrals** for secondary and tertiary health care in public facilities. In urban areas, UNHCR covers medications, life-saving surgical procedures and diagnostics at selected health facilities.
- UNHCR and partners continue to raise **COVID-19 risk awareness** in camps and settlements. UNHCR also provides health care workers, including volunteers, with equipment and knowledge to identify and manage COVID-19 cases.
- As part of the joint COVID-19 response, UNHCR is **supporting isolation centres** with key non-food items (NFIs), such as mosquito nets, blankets and plastic sheets.

Food Security and Nutrition

- Through advocacy, UNHCR supported the **integration of refugee nutrition programmes** into the national health system, enabling refugees to access treatment for moderate and severe acute malnutrition. UNHCR continues to advocate for and support the government in enabling refugees to access basic services with host communities.
- UNHCR supports nutrition programmes through the **Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition** (CMAM) model.
- UNHCR monitors nutrition levels with **Standardised Expanded Nutrition Survey** (SENS) assessments and coordinates with partners to cover nutrition gaps.

Water and Sanitation

- UNHCR works with partners to provide **access to water, hygiene, and sanitation** (WaSH) to refugees, IDPs and host communities. It coordinates closely with UNICEF to support access to WaSH for refugees living out of camps.
- UNHCR provides women and girls with **personal hygiene items** to manage periods safely with dignity and comfort. In 2020, it distributed over 136,600 kits.
- In response to COVID-19, UNHCR has delivered over **9.6 million bars of soap** and installed **920 handwashing facilities** in camps, settlements, and host communities.

Shelter and non-food items (NFIs)

- UNHCR manages the **NFI Core Pipeline** on behalf of the sector. It procures and stores NFIs in strategically located warehouses in Darfur, Khartoum and Kassala, which serve as hubs for further distribution.
- As sector lead UNHCR ensures a coordinated response during emergencies, making NFIs available to front-line responders.
- UNHCR and partners also carry out distributions to newly displaced IDP families or new refugee arrivals.

- In 2020, UNHCR reached more than 305,500 refugees, returnees, IDPs and hosts with shelter support and NFIs in its **response to flooding**. NFI kits include plastic sheets, blankets, kitchen sets, jerry cans and seasonal mosquito nets.
- Since the beginning of the **Tigray crisis** in November 2020, UNHCR has relocated some 30,000 of the refugees who crossed into eastern Sudan from Ethiopia to the refugee sites Um Rakuba and Tunaydbah.

Energy

- UNHCR works with partners to explore **alternative cooking energy** to improve the protection to women and girls. In White Nile State, it pilots a project in which refugee and Sudanese families are being provided with fuel efficient stoves and ethanol made from a locally produced by-product of sugar.
- UNHCR brings together refugees and hosts in White Nile, East Darfur and East Sudan in forest protection initiatives for livelihood. In White Nile and East Darfur, UNHCR's has supported tree plantation covering **342.7 hectares**.
- UNHCR has introduced **solar systems to replace diesel generators** in water pumps, schools and health centres in White Nile, East Darfur and East Sudan.

Durable Solutions

- UNHCR supports **voluntary repatriation** of Sudanese refugees from Chad in line with the Tripartite Agreement between UNHCR, Sudan and Chad. It assists with return packages, cash, and transportation.
- UNHCR also supports **voluntary return of IDPs** through facilitating Go and See visits, assessments, and provision of assistance to returnees. In 2020 it supported two Go and See visits in Central Darfur for 70 IDPs.
- UNHCR uses **resettlement** of refugees to third countries as a durable solution and protection tool. In 2020, **316 individuals** were resettled.
- UNHCR leads an initiative, supported by PBF and CERF, which seeks to collect and use **data to inform durable solutions** to internal displacement in selected locations in Darfur, Blue Nile and South Kordofan.

External / Donor Relations

Thanks to donors of earmarked funds for the operation in 2021

Earmarked funds for the operation amount to **USD 44.5 million**.

United States of America 27.1 M | UN Peacebuilding Fund 4.3 M | Sweden 2.4 M | Denmark 2.3 M | Netherlands 2.3 M | European Union 1.7 M | Qatar 1.2 M | Japan 1 M | United Kingdom 810,000 | Education Cannot Wait 500,000 | UN Children Fund 468,000 | Latter-day Saints Charities 172,000 | IGAD 156,000 | Other private donors 6,500

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Flexible funds allocated to the operation amount to **USD 30.6 million**.

Norway | Sweden | Netherlands | Denmark | Germany | Switzerland | Private donors Spain | Ireland | United States of America | Belgium

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