

Sudan

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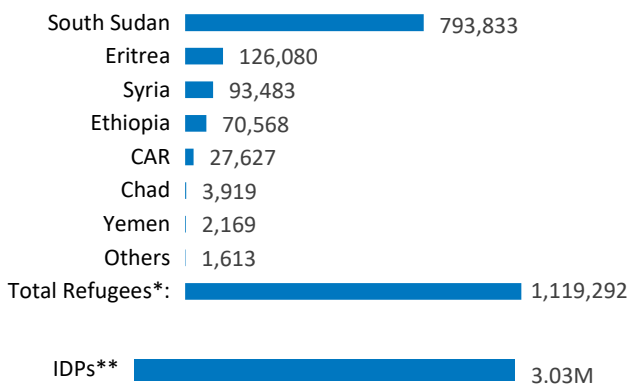
Sudan hosts **1.1 million** refugees and more than **3 million** internally displaced persons (IDPs). Recently, it saw new displacements from Ethiopia, Sudan and within Darfur States.

UNHCR and partners continue responding to the needs of about **50,000 Ethiopian refugees** in East Sudan and **7,800 Ethiopian asylum-seekers** in Blue Nile State.

UNHCR supports **solutions for IDPs and South Sudanese refugees**, such as voluntary return, legal work, self-reliance or resettlement, if needed and feasible.

POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF 31 OCT. 2021)

Country of Origin



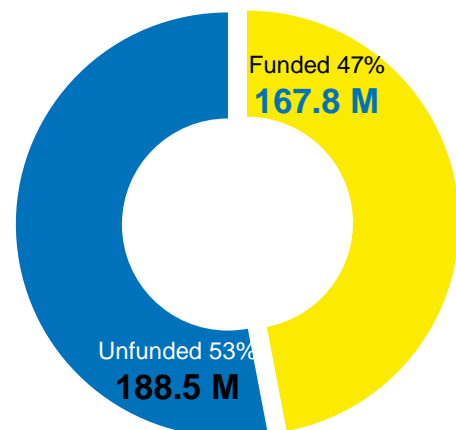
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FUNDING (AS OF 09 NOVEMBER)

USD 356.3 M

requested for the Sudan situation



UNHCR PRESENCE

639 Staff

457 National Staff

182 International Staff

15 Offices

1 Country Office in Khartoum

5 Sub Offices in Kassala, Gedaref, Kosti, Kadugli and El Fasher

7 Field Offices in Khartoum, Girba, El Foula, Nyala, Eg Geneina, Ed Daein and Damazine

3 Field Units in El Obeid, Zalengei and Abu Jubayhah



Two refugee girls pose for a photo outside their shelters in Um Rakuba camp in Eastern Sudan.
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Working with Partners

- Sudan hosts one of the largest refugee populations in Africa. South Sudanese make up the majority. Many others fled violence and persecution in neighbouring countries, including Eritrea, the Central African Republic, Ethiopia, and Chad, but also the wars in Syria and Yemen pushed people to seek safety in Sudan. Most refugees live in out-of-camp settlements, host communities and urban areas (67%), while others (33%) stay in 24 camps and many more settlements (10 in East Sudan, 1 in Blue Nile State, 10 in White Nile State, 2 in East Darfur and 1 in Central Darfur State).
- UNHCR, with Sudan's Commissioner for Refugees (COR), leads and coordinates the refugee response in Sudan as co-chair of the Refugee Consultation Forum (RCF). The forum brings together partners, including NGOs, who provide protection, such as legal aid, health services, food, water, hygiene, and sanitation.
- The [Country Refugee Response Plan 2021](#) brings together over 38 partners to respond to the needs of about 968,000 refugees and about 268,000 people in host communities.
- UNHCR coordinates the Emergency Shelter/Non-food-items (NFIs) and Protection sectors (i.e., clusters) for IDPs as part of an inter-agency response. It manages the NFI Common Pipeline as a reliable source of plastic sheeting, blankets, kitchen sets and mosquito nets, etc., for IDPs, distributed by partners. UNHCR co-chairs the Durable Solutions Working Group (DSWG) at Khartoum level which provides policy, broad coordination, and advocacy support. UNHCR with IOM also co-chair the Counter Trafficking and Mixed Migration Working Group (CTWG) aims at facilitating a holistic and comprehensive approach to prevent and combat trafficking in persons through coordination and collaboration among agencies and organizations.
- As part of the response to the Tigray situation in eastern Sudan, UNHCR has been actively supporting the authorities, at their request, with service mapping and inter-agency coordination. Currently, UNHCR works with more than 40 partners to provide lifesaving assistance and protection to the thousands of Ethiopian women, men and children who crossed into the country.

Highlights

Emergency Refugee Response in eastern Sudan

- During the month of October, 361 individuals were received in Shagarab, Kassala State – of which 357 were Eritrean and 4 Somali. Of this number, 24 were unaccompanied children. 234 individuals arrived to Shagarab on their own while the remaining 127 came in convoys.
- In total as of 28 October, the population of Ethiopian asylum seekers in Hamdayet was 6,001. In addition, 2,318 have arrived in Taya since the influx from Amhara to eastern Sudan began in July. UNHCR continues to provide protection and assistance to both groups in close coordination with partners while also scaling up preparedness measures in the event of a new influx in response to the intensified hostilities in Ethiopia's Amhara and Tigray regions.

Main Activities

Protection

- UNHCR, in partnership with COR, is distributing PVC ID cards to refugees in Khartoum, Kassala and Gedaref States. Resources are being mobilized to resume ID card issuance in Kordofan States in November. So far,

5,931 refugees received them in October, for a total of 43,427 issued ID cards. These new ID cards will help refugees to open bank accounts, get work permits and have better access to humanitarian services.

- Biometric Registration at Camp 6 in Blue Nile State is ongoing. As of 28 October, 2,763 individuals (88.5%) of the total population have been registered.

Mixed Migration

- On 17th and 18th of October, UNHCR conducted two days' Workshop on Mixed Migration & International Protection for COR staff. The participants were trained on international protection and trafficking in Sudan, particularly the national laws on human trafficking and smuggling as well as the obligation of Sudan under the Palermo Protocol (Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime). The participants also received training on identification of victims of trafficking among other migrants and the referral mechanism available.

Refugee Status Determination

- UNHCR continued to provide technical support to COR which is the government body mandated to conduct Refugee Status Determination (RSD) of asylum seekers in Sudan. During the month of October, a total of 116 household cases from Eritrea were recognized as refugees at the first instance level in Kassala state, with no rejection and new appeal case. In Khartoum, 24 household cases from Eritrea and Ethiopia were recognized as refugees at the first instance and appeal level, while one case of Ethiopian nationality was rejected at the first instance level.

Telling the Real Story

- During the month of October, through Open Media & Culture Agency, Telling the Real Story (TRS) has started a community empowerment film project for Eritrean refugee youth. The intense course has 16 youths learn and develop essential skills within everything from script writing to fundraising to acting to producing and directing movies. During the project 5 short films will be produced that are written and directed by the youth participants. These films will depict the stories important to the youth themselves and will be screened at the international film festival Karmakol in mid-December. The military coup created a pause in the project, but the project manager has informed TRS that the project is still on pace to be completed in time.

Education

- Most schools reopened successfully in September and October 2021. Students sat for national examinations in grades 6 and 8, with all examination centres being sanitized, and COVID-19 protocols being adhered to throughout the examination period. For grade 8, a 78% pass rate was observed among refugee students in Sudan and for the secondary national examinations the results expected to be announced in November.
- Following the devaluation of the Sudanese currency, refugee teachers were assessed and then graded as per the Ministry of Education payroll standards and incentivized accordingly. This will help a smooth transition when the government takes them onto their payroll. The new payroll is 100% implemented in all camps in Kassala state with the expectation to cover all other locations across the country.

Food Security and Nutrition

- During the month of October, UNHCR has conducted a preparedness planning for an expected influx from neighbouring Ethiopia. As far as nutrition and food security is concerned, relevant UN agencies and line ministries have been contacted and informed about the planning to ensure timely mobilization of therapeutic and supplementary food needed to meet the nutritional needs of affected people.

- Due to the prevailing internet issues and the closure of banks, WFP's October cash distribution to refugees was disrupted in Kassala and East Darfur states. Consequently, WFP has rescheduled the distribution to early November for October and November entitlements.
- In the Kordufans, 1275 children have been screened for malnutrition. Out of which 140 were found malnourished and referred to nutrition centres for management. In addition, 184 pregnant and lactating women were screened for malnutrition, 31 of them were referred to supplementary feeding programmes for management.

Shelter and NFIs

- UNHCR Shelter and NFIs sector continue to respond to the flood-affected areas, through UNHCR and partners interventions in some states. In Khartoum 330 households and in River Nile State 560 households received NFIs kits during the month October 2021.
- In Blue Nile State, at Camp 6, construction of 500 durable shelters (Tukul) are in at 75% and expected to complete in three weeks. There is need to increase the numbers of tukuls to match a growing number of families in the Camp.
- On October 17, in Khartoum State, UNHCR together with COR, partner agency and with the support of 15 community Volunteers distributed 300 shelter kits of NFIs as an emergency response to South Sudanese refugees and host community living in Soba Sharig / Sharg El Nile locality. NFIs set was composed of 2 plastic sheets, 4 blankets, 4 mats, 1 solar lamp, 1 kitchen set, 2 mosquito nets, and 2 jerricans.

IDPS RESPONSE

- There are 3.03 million IDPs in Sudan with around 2.5 million in Darfur. UNHCR has presence in all five Darfur States, and it plans to expand its presence in more remote areas.
- On 13 October, the Protection Sector participated in a workshop organized by USAID on Humanitarian Development Peace Nexus (HDPN), attended by different HDP actors. During the workshop, protection sector coordinators presented their views about protection activities for development partners to engage in and protection activities development partners can build on what humanitarian partners have been doing.
- On 11 October, the Protection Sector-led by UNHCR, together with UNITAMS/ Protection of Civilian and ProCap adviser, met with the members of the National Mechanism for the Protection of Civilians (NMPOC) and Ministry of Cabinet Affairs (MOCA) at the MOCA office. The meeting discussed and agreed on establishment of a Coordination Task Force (CTF) between the UN and the National Mechanism for Civilian Protection (NMCP) to support the Transitional Government's implementation of the National Plan for Protection of Civilians (NPPOC); and to hold joint workshop between UN and the NMCP to discuss NMPOC priorities, challenges, and the way forward.

DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Voluntary Return

- UNHCR identified 2,619 returnee families in Damazine and Bau localities in Blue Nile State. All have refugee identity documents of which 89% returned from South Sudan; 10% from Ethiopia and 01% from Kenya and Uganda.

Resettlement and Complementary Pathways

- As of October 2021, UNHCR has submitted 594 individuals for resettlement consideration to Sweden and Canada. 50 individuals have departed to Sweden, Norway and the United States.

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