

# Sudan

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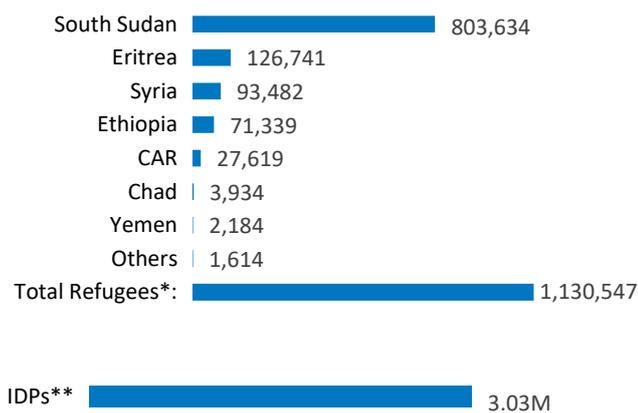
Sudan hosts **1.1 million** refugees and more than **3 million** internally displaced persons (IDPs). Recently, it saw new displacements from Ethiopia, Sudan and within Darfur States.

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 DEC 2021)

### Country of Origin



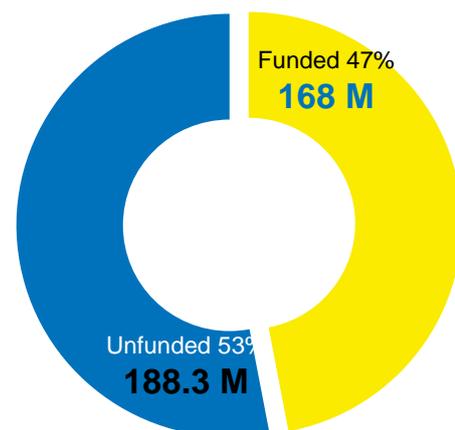
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## FUNDING (AS OF 31 DECEMBER)

# USD 356.3 M

requested for the Sudan situation



## UNHCR PRESENCE

### 679 Staff

490 National Staff

189 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



During the month of December, a total of 1,042 children were assisted with regular and late birth registration in North and South Kordofan and East Darfur states. © UNHCR

# 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 (61%), while others (39%) 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

- In collaboration with Sudan's Commission for Refugees (COR) and partners, UNHCR concluded the relocation exercise, transferring a total of 5,398 refugees and asylum seekers from Hamdayet Transit Centre to Tunaydbah and Um Rakuba camps and from Basunda Transit Centre to Babikri camp. The relocated people have been individually registered and provided with shelter and essential assistance, including hygiene and core relief items.
- In a COVID-19 vaccination campaign, supported by the Sudan's Ministry of Health and partners, a total of 17,864 refugees and asylum seekers received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine in Babikri, Tunaydbah, Um Rakuba camp and Village 8. This represents approximately 50 per cent of the target population of the campaign. Preparations for another round of COVID-19 vaccination are underway in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and partners.
- The number of new arrivals from Ethiopia decreased by 32 per cent compared to the previous month, with a total of 371 new arrivals (325 recorded in Hamdayet Transit Centre, 42 at Taya border entry point and four at Village 8).
- The construction of 110 durable shelters (tukuls) were completed in Um Rakuba camp, and 257 tukuls were built and transferred to refugee families in Tunaydbah camp.

### Displacement in Darfur States

- The overall security situation in the Darfur region remained tense and volatile. West, North, and Central Darfur states witnessed increased inter-communal clashes involving nomads and several African tribes in multiple locations. In addition to Jebel Moon, there have been several other violent incidents in other West Darfur localities, culminating in clashes in Krenik locality resulting in 88 deaths and 83 people injured. IOM estimates that 57,920 individuals in over 12 locations were displaced from the outskirts of El Geneina into the town. Thousands more people are experiencing the same situation in Central and North Darfur following inter-communal violence. UNHCR continues planning for NFIs distribution to support the forcibly displaced, and WFP will distribute food.
- As a result, Darfur Operation participated in a brainstorming consultation called by the protection sector and chaired by the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General (DSRSG). A special interagency taskforce is being created to lead the UN discussions and way forward at the country level.
- UNHCR Principal Situation Coordinator held meetings with the West Darfur Wali to discuss plans for support to IDPs, and the Nomad Commissioner of West Darfur on the prevailing situation. He urged the West Darfur officials to improve its prevention and response capacity to the current incidents, to ensure that it protects civilians, and also that it looks to develop peace building and durable solution plans.
- UNHCR Sudan, in cooperation with COR, completed the South Sudanese Intentions Survey in five states (Khartoum, White Nile, West Kordofan, South Darfur, East Darfur) in order to assess the intentions of South Sudanese refugees, and understand perceived impediments to achieving durable solutions, as well as to inform planning and programming.

## Main Activities

### IDPs Response

- There are 3.03 million internally displaced people (IDPs) in Sudan with around 2.5 million in Darfur region. UNHCR has presence in all five Darfur, and Kordofans, White and Blue Nile States where the remaining IDPs are residing. The office is planning to expand its presence in more remote areas of Darfur states.
- Due to the increase in inter-communal clashes involving nomads and local population in multiple locations in Darfur and Kordofan states, the Protection Sector in Coordination with UNITAMS Office of Support to Civilian Protection organized a brainstorming consultation on 11 December that was chaired by the DSRSG. The consultations focused on assessment and analyses of the situation from different perspectives. A special interagency taskforce is being created to lead the UN discussions and way forward at the country level. In addition to Protection Working Group coordinators, Protection Sector AoRs, heads of UN protection agencies participated.
- From 12 to 16 December, Protection Sector participated in an interagency assessment mission to Difra, North Abyei to assess the humanitarian situation and propose intervention.
- On 13 December Protection Sector participated in a half day workshop during which key findings from a research on Housing Land and Property rights recently undertaken by NRC were shared and discussed.
- The Protection Sector shared regularly the identified protection of civilians concerns with the senior UN management, including SRSG, DSRSG, Heads of Agencies, Sector Coordinators in Sudan, Regional Bureau and Global Protection Cluster (GPC).
- The protection working met on monthly basis in the above states, during which they discussed protection monitoring findings, decided on the type and level of intervention. At the same time, protection sector partners participated in a number of missions in West and Central Darfur states to assess the situation of recently displaced population.

### Mixed Migration

- UNHCR along with IOM planned to support the National Committee to Combat Human Trafficking (NCCT) in the roll out of Sudan National Action Plan (NAP) to Combat Human Trafficking in various States including East Sudan (Kassala, Gedaref), Northern State, and Darfur (north and west). However following October 25<sup>th</sup> Coup, the NCCT officially sent a letter to UNHCR to postpone the roll out of NAP to early 2022 due to the political situation and major changes in the government structure at the state and federal levels.
- Four interpreters and four social workers were recruited and deployed in the alien monitoring department and in the counter-trafficking unit in Khartoum to carry out interpretation for persons of concern. They attended a one-day workshop to be trained on the definition of trafficking in international and national law. Moreover, the meaning of the term (mixed migration) was explained, as well as the role of Mixed Migration team in Khartoum and the services it provides to refugees and migrants in the detention facilities and Counter trafficking Unit (CTU).
- UNCHR convened and chaired the East Sudan Mixed Migration working group meeting in Kassala on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 gathering GIZ/BMM (German cooperation), International Committee of the Red Cross, UNDP, Danish Red Cross and IOM. Key issues discussed during the meeting included refugees/migrants employment opportunities, planned visit of NCCT to the East, research on mixed movements and updates from the National Coordination Forum.

### Protection

- With an aim to reduce the risks of statelessness in Sudan, UNHCR continued to provide support to the Civil Registry of Ministry of Interior, which is the government body mandated to conduct civil registration and issue civil documentation. During the month of December, a total of 1,042 children were assisted with regular and late birth registration in North and South Kordofan and East Darfur states. From January to December 2021, a cumulative total of 8,884 children have had access to birth registration with UNHCR's support country wide.
- On 17-18 December 2021, UNHCR supported a field mission of the Identity Department of Civil Registry HQ to North Kordofan in order to assess access to nationality documentation among undocumented Dinka-Ngok from Abyei residing in North Kordofan. One of the recommendations is to decentralize the nationality investigation procedure at the local level through a mobile team so that individuals do not need to travel to Khartoum.
- On 19-20 December 2021, UNHCR supported Civil Registry to conduct capacity building training on access to civil documentation in El Obeid, North Kordofan and for Civil Registry, COR and other relevant authorities from the three Kordofan states. Some of the issues raised included the extremely high number of refugee children in need of late birth registration (aged 1+) and the difficulty for IDPs to replace civil documentation (including Birth Certificate) lost during their displacement from other states.

### Telling the Real Story

- Through Shani Cultural Club, TRS finalized the art therapy project where 21 Eritrean female VoTs attended art and handicraft sessions led by a certified art therapist. This allowed the participants to use different forms of expression, build their capacity within art and provide them a new livelihood alternative. The project ended with a public exhibition where the artwork of the participants was presented.
- TRS in Khartoum held an awareness raising session on the risks of irregular onward movement and complementary pathways for COR community volunteers. The volunteers will share this information with community members. These awareness raising sessions will continue on a bi-monthly basis.

### Education

- BALADNA organization successfully finalized the payment of registration and tuition fees covering the months from September to December for 433 vulnerable children in the Eritrean, Ethiopian and Congolese community schools (381 in primary level and 52 from secondary level).
- Windle Trust International, with full coordination with UNHCR and COR, finalized the selection process of 150 new enrollment of DAFI scholarship where 83 are female and 67 are male. As the previous DAFI scholarship, the selected students are studying in different universities and colleges in Khartoum as well as other states across the country.

### Food Security and Nutrition

- UNHCR in coordination with the nutrition sector team, combining international NGOs and UN agencies implementing nutrition related activities, has participated in the annual Cluster Coordination Performance Monitoring (CCPM) – which is an exercise to assess the performance of the nutrition sector at all levels.
- In response to the ongoing emergency preparedness and response in Eastern Sudan, UNHCR has established an Emergency Nutrition Working Group for Gedaref in consultation with the Public Health Team. The group is focused on the Ethiopian emergency response in terms of operational planning in coordination with the State Refugee Working Group and the state level Nutrition and Health Clusters.
- Refugees from Hamdayet transit centre have been re-located: 3,700 persons have been relocated to Tunaydbah and 160 people will be relocated to Um Rakuba. Nutrition and medical screening are conducted for refugees upon arrival in these camps, whereby children and pregnant and lactating women who have been found malnourished are sent to nutrition programmes for treatment.
- Nutrition services, including management of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and moderate acute malnutrition (MAM), Infant and young child feeding (IYCF), Community outreach and community mobilization, were conducted in coordination with WFP, Ministry of Health, WHO and UNICEF. In Gedaref, 2,454 children under five years were screened and three were found SAM while two were found MAM. All malnourished children were referred to centres for therapeutic and supplementary feeding services.

### Shelter and NFIs

- UNHCR Representation Office of Khartoum, Shelter & NFIs focal point participated as sector lead in the conducted interagency rapid need assessment in North Abyei, jointly with all other sectors and came out with specific findings and recommendations regarding the gaps and needs in the area.
- The registration and sensitization in South Kordofan were completed with the distribution of 800 shelters to South Sudanese refugees (400 shelters in Abu Jubaiha and 400 shelters in El Liri).
- UNHCR achieved the planned NFIs distribution to IDPs in Abu Kershola/South Kordofan with Save the Children International and to South Sudanese Refugees in four localities of West Kordofan with the Sudanese Red Cross Society (SRCS).
- In White Nile, UNHCR and SRCS partner facilitated the delivery of materials for construction of 297 improved shelters and emergency materials for the rehabilitation of vulnerable family shelters in Um Sangour Camp.
- Shelter and NFI managed to construct 15 emergency shelters to improve the living conditions of Alagnaa (White Nile) affected population. Since last flooding episode, they are temporarily installed in Dabat Bosin Camp. A long term solution is being identified for the establishment of a new camp.

## DURABLE SOLUTIONS

### Resettlement and Complementary Pathways

- As of December 2021, UNHCR submitted 789 individuals for resettlement consideration to Sweden, Canada and the United States.

- 120 individuals have departed to Sweden, Norway, Canada and the United States.
- UNHCR continues to implement the Family Reunification Project with support being provided to refugees with potential access to family reunification in third countries. In 2021, UNHCR facilitated access to reunification programmes in Sweden, France, Switzerland, Germany, the United Kingdom and Canada. Support included best-interest determinations, access to interviews with embassies, exit formalities, among others.

## External / Donors Relations

### Thanks to direct contribution to UNHCR Sudan operation in 2021\*

**United States of America** 92.7 million | **UN Peacebuilding Fund** 4.1 million | **European Union** 3.6 million | **Country-Based Pooled Funds** 2.5 million | **Italy** 2.5 million | **Sweden** 2.4 million | **Canada** 2.4 million | **Denmark** 2.3 million | **Netherlands** 2.3 million | **Germany** 1.8 million | **Qatar** 1.2 million | **Switzerland** 1 million | **Japan** 1 million

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