Operational Highlights

Decline in new arrivals: The number of new arrivals declined compared to the previous reporting period, with a total of six (6) new arrivals: four (4) in Hamdayet Transit Centre and two (2) in Taya border entry point. UNHCR teams at the border are getting consistent reports from refugees that the border is sealed on the Ethiopian side and that crossing is very difficult. UNHCR provides protection and assistance to all new arrivals in close coordination with partners while also scaling up preparedness measures in the event of a new influx.

Relocation from Hamdayet to Tunaydbah camp: On 25 January, 82 refugees, including 13 people with specific needs and five (5) unaccompanied and separated children (UASCs) were relocated from Hamdayet Transit Centre to Tunaydbah camp. Upon arrival, this group were provided with water, hot meals and shelter. A core relief items (CRIs) needs assessment is currently underway and is expected to inform upcoming distributions.

Key Achievements

Results and Impact

- As part of a two-day CCCM workshop, UNHCR led a session on protection mainstreaming and gender-based violence (GBV) for 22 Commission for Refugees (COR) based in Gedaref. Other topics covered were protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) and community participation and engagement.
- Similarly, UNICEF held a three-day training on PSEA attended by COR, Communication for Development (C4D), Education, Protection and WaSH partners in Gedaref.
- **UNHCR conducted GBV awareness raising sessions** in Um Rakuba camp, reaching 479 individuals (265 male and 214 female). Topics covered the different types of GBV, reporting mechanisms, prevention and mitigation measures, and the services available inside the camps. In addition, **awareness raising sessions for 14 refugee mothers on child abuse** were also held in Um Rakuba. The aim of these sessions was to promote a better understanding of child protection.

- **UNHCR, in collaboration with Sudan’s State Council for Child Welfare (SCCW) and UNICEF, reunited four (4) children with their families in Tunaydbah and Um Rakuba.** Two (2) children from Hamdayet were also supported with family tracing by SCCW.

**Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps**
- Scaling up the number of training sessions on various protection-related topics for COR staff as part of capacity building is a priority.

### EDUCATION

**Results and Impact**
- **1,794 students in Tunaydbah (1,054) and Um Rakuba (724) enrolled** at the pre-primary level during the reporting period. Primary enrolment currently stands at 3,400: 2,819 in Um Rakuba and 581 in Tunaydbah. Enrolment is ongoing in both locations.

- **30 teachers were recruited in Tunaydbah** to support two (2) newly constructed primary schools, which will open in February. Outreach activities continue in order to scale up school enrolment in both locations.

**Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps**
- More funding is needed to procure school furniture in both camps.
- A total of six (6) schools require fencing in both camps.

### HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (MHPSS)

- **ALIGHT provided one (1) ambulance supported by one (1) nurse** trained on medical emergencies who will escort convoys relocating refugees from the Hamdayet to Tunaydbah and Um Rakuba.

- During the reporting period, a mobile medical facility service supported via ALIGHT and Sudan Family Planning Association (SFPA) provided medical care to 11 refugees with HIV and 5 with tuberculosis in Babikri settlement.

- **UNFPA provided sexual and reproductive health services** to refugees in Um Rakuba, Tunaydbah, Hamdayet and Village 8. Some 23 facility-based deliveries were carried out and over 191 women accessed family planning services during the reporting period. In addition, 17 women and girls received dignity kits.

- Collaboration between relevant Health and WaSH partners was stepped up after **five (5) new Hepatitis E cases were reported in Tunaydbah.** In response, community-based contact tracing, increased monitoring of the free residual chlorination level in distribution points and awareness raising on the importance of good personal and community hygiene practices has been carried out.
Three (3) positive COVID-19 cases were reported – of which two (2) were from Village 8 and one (1) from Um Rakuba. These cases are currently in isolation where they are receiving medical care.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps
- Efforts are ongoing to ensure 24-hour coverage for emergency services in Babikri.

WATER AND SANITATION

Results and Impact
- 1 mega litres of water per day was provided via water pumping from five (5) water treatment plants, five (5) boreholes and water trucking during the reporting period. Water supply was provided at 21 litres per person per day (l/p/d) in Um Rakuba, 21 l/p/d in Tunaydbah, 26 l/p/d in Village 8 and 17 l/p/d in Babikri. This brings the average available water supply to 21 l/p/d, which exceeds the SPHERE post emergency standard of 20 l/p/d.
- In Tunaydbah, CARE constructed 80 showers and rehabilitated close to 55 latrines. While in Um Rakuba CARE desludged 6 latrines and decommissioned 75 emergency latrines.
- CARE and ZOA completed construction work on the water network in Um Rakuba’s zone 3. Once testing is finalized, water trucking will be phased out in these zones. Work by UNICEF, Welthungerhilfe (WHH) and CARE on the water networks in zones 2 and 4 is progressing well.
- SRCS disinfected 6,780 jerrycans in Tunaydbah and Um Rakuba. CARE also disinfected 1,475 jerrycans Um Rakuba.
- In Village 8, UNICEF procured new pumps to support the rehabilitation of the water supply system serving both the refugee and host community.

Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps
- Solidarités International is building 60 showers to scale up WaSH provision in Babikri settlement.
- More accessible WaSH facilities are needed to accommodate people with disabilities across all locations.
- The person to latrine ratio currently stands at 1:19 in Um Rakuba, 1:18 in Tunaydbah and 1:19 in Babikri which is just below the SPHERE minimum standard of 1:20 in emergencies.
- More cleaning kit supplies are needed so that the refugees are able to maintain cleanliness of latrines.
**SHELTER AND CORE RELIEF ITEMS (CRIS)**

**Results and Impact**
- **108 tukuls** were completed by NRC in Um Rakuba during the reporting period, bringing the total number of **completed tukuls in Um Rakuba to 504**. The construction of **141 additional tukuls** is ongoing. In Tunaydbah, **15 tukuls** were completed by ACTED and two (2) by MEDAIR. The construction of an additional 41 tukuls is ongoing by ACTED (21) and Medair (20).
- **37 emergency shelter kits (ESKs)** were distributed to families affected by the recent fires. Fire preparedness awareness raising continues in tandem.

**Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps**
- More funding is needed to **scale up the provision of tukuls**. A total of **521 tukuls** have been constructed to date.

**CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT (CCCM)**

**Results and Impact**
- DRC and UNHCR organised a two-day CCCM workshop for 22 COR staff based in Gedaref. Various topics were covered, including humanitarian principles, service coordination and monitoring and community participation and engagement.
- DRC established a fire safety committee in Tunaydbah as part of ongoing efforts to scale up fire-preparedness. The committee is made up of 42 members representing from all the camp blocks and will be trained by the local fire brigade in Gedaref on fire safety, preparedness and response in the first week of February.

**Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps**
- Scaling up support for community-led livelihood initiatives, particularly for youth, continues to be a priority.

**COMMUNICATING WITH COMMUNITIES (CWC)**

**Results and Impact**
- As part of a two-day CCCM workshop, 22 COR staff were trained on how to provide information and receive feedback. The aim of the training to **enhance two-way communication with the refugee and the host community**.
- 378 households in Um Rakuba and Tunaydbah were reached via door to door **awareness campaigns by refugee community volunteers on the dangers of onward movement**. In addition, 25 booklets on the dangers of onward movement were distributed to COR staff across Gedaref state. The distribution of these easy-to-read booklets is part of a campaign to counter the false narratives employed by human traffickers and smugglers.

**Identified Needs and Remaining Gaps**
- More billboards on the dangers of onward movement need to be erected in the camps with contextualized information to reach a wider audience.
- Scaling up the number of CwC trainings is a priority.
WORKING IN COORDINATION

As part of the response to the Ethiopia situation in eastern Sudan, UNHCR is supporting the authorities with service mapping and inter-agency coordination. UNHCR works with over 40 partners to provide lifesaving assistance and protection to the thousands of Ethiopian women, men and children who crossed into the country in search of safety. UNHCR and Sudan’s Commission for Refugees (COR) co-chair the Inter-Agency Refugee Working Group. This forum meets on a bi-weekly basis and brings together actors active in Gedaref, including other UN agencies, NGOs and volunteer groups, to discuss their work on the ground. UNHCR also chairs the protection working group and co-chairs all sub-working groups but food security and livelihoods. In addition, UNHCR participates in thematic working group meetings on WaSH, Health and Education chaired by designated partners. Together, we work to provide refugees and others of concern the assistance and protection they need.

Situation in eastern Sudan

In early November 2020, clashes in Ethiopia’s Tigray region sparked an outflow of refugees into eastern Sudan via Hamdayet, Lugdi/Village 8 and Al Asera border points. Since then, some 59,000 refugees and asylum seekers have been welcomed in Sudan.

In late November 2020, UNHCR launched the Inter-Agency Refugee Emergency Response Plan, which was then revised in May 2021 with USD 182 million required for the response – an increase of USD 33 million – to incorporate additional flood mitigation and the response for Ethiopian asylum seekers in Blue Nile, as well as a reprioritization of the original requirements. A new Inter-Agency Response Plan for 2022 will be launched in the coming weeks.

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