SUDAN
January 2022

Sudan hosts 1.12 million refugees and more than 3 million internally displaced persons. Recently, it saw new displacements from Ethiopia, South Sudan and within Sudan.

UNHCR and partners continue responding to the needs of about 51,000 Ethiopian refugees in East Sudan and 8,300 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.

KEY INDICATORS

440,000
New internally displaced persons during 2021

47% Women
Among refugees and Asylum seekers

3,500 South Sudanese
Crossed into Sudan in January 2022*

FUNDING (AS OF 8 FEBRUARY)

USD 348.9 M
requested for the Sudan situation

POPULATION OF CONCERN (AS OF 31 JANUARY)

Host Countries

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<th>Country</th>
<th>Refugees</th>
<th>IDPs**</th>
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<td>Others</td>
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<td>Total Refugees*</td>
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*Source: UNHCR
**Source: UNOCHA

Osman, 12, and Hussain, 12, on their way to school in East Darfur. © UNHCR/Saima Hassan
Update on Achievements

Operational Context
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, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, and Chad. Wars in Syria and Yemen also pushed people to seek safety in the country.

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.

The country also counts more than 3 million internally displaced persons, mostly in the Darfur region that has suffered from a volatile security situation for almost two decades. Together with the Sudanese Government, UNHCR ensures international protection and delivery of multisectoral assistance to displaced people in need in the Darfur region.
Highlights

2022 Country Refugee Response Plan Launch

- UNHCR together with 40 international and national partners, launched the 2022 interagency Country Refugee Response Plan (CRP). This US$ 517 million funding appeal aims to assist 925,000 refugees in the country. Read our press release HERE.

Emergency Refugee Response in Eastern Sudan

- The downward trend of new arrivals from Ethiopia continued in January, with 126 new arrivals recorded in Hamdayet (72) and Babikri (54). This represents a decrease of 66% in the number of new arrivals compared to the previous month. UNHCR teams at the border have received consistent reports from refugees that border crossing points have been blocked on the Ethiopian side, impeding the crossing of refugees and asylum seekers into Sudan.

- UNHCR and COR issued over 540 ID cards for registered refugees aged 16 and above in Um Rakuba (364) and Tunaydbah (180). This brings the total number of refugees with ID cards to 10,826, covering 48% and 32% of the population in Um Rakuba and Tunaydbah respectively.

- Two multi-purpose youth centres were completed, one in Tunaydbah, the first of its kind, and another in Um Rakuba. Each centre has three learning spaces, a library and a multi-use court, and will provide refugee youth with vocational training, computer literacy courses and sports activities. The centres offer refugee youth a platform for developing a sense of community and engaging in positive initiatives.

- To date, over 500 tukuls have been completed in Um Rakuba, of which 100 have been handed over to refugee families, and more than 280 tukuls have been constructed and handed over to refugees in Tunaydbah. The completion and transfer of over 4,400 additional tukuls is expected by the end of 2022 in all Tunaydbah and Um Rakuba camps and Babikri Settlement.

Achievements

PROTECTION

Refugee Status Determination

- UNHCR continued to provide technical support to COR, the government body mandated to conduct refugee status determination (RSD) of asylum seekers in Sudan. In January, a total of 159 individuals from Eritrea, and four cases from Somalia were recognized as refugees at the first instance level in Kassala state, with one rejection case and new appeal case. In Khartoum, 48 cases from Eritrea and Ethiopia were recognized as refugees at the first instance and appeal level.

Registration

- With an aim to reduce the risks of statelessness in Sudan, UNHCR continued to provide support to the Civil Registry of the Ministry of Interior, which is the government body mandated to conduct civil registration and issue civil documentation. During the month of January, 662 children were assisted with regular and late birth registration in South and East Darfur states.
A total of 56 individuals (26 females, 20 males, 19 children) are residing in the safe house managed by the Sudanese Red Cross in Kassala, comprising of the following nationalities: 6 Ethiopians, 8 Somalis, and 42 Eritreans. With legal support from UNHCR 3 residents (2 males, 1 female) completed their court processes as witnesses to trafficking incidents. They exited the safe house and were relocated to Wad Sherife reception centre for onward relocation to Shagarab camp.

**IDPs Response**

- During the reporting month, the protection sector issued two advocacy briefs on protection of civilians. Physical protection concerns of internally displaced persons, returnees and local populations in North, West and South Darfur states were brought to the attention of senior UN management.
- The protection sector finalized and shared its three-year Sudan Protection Sector Strategy 2021-2023 together with the work plan with concerned humanitarian actors in Sudan.

**Telling the Real Story**

- With the support of the Telling the Real Story (TRS) Project, refugees produced 3 short animation videos for newly arrived refugees. The videos inform in Tigrinya on services available in the Shagarab camps (Kassala State) for new arrivals: reception arrangements, registration, RSD, access to food assistance, health, shelter, water, education, child protection, security, smuggling & trafficking, hotlines, and complaints mechanisms in the camps.
- TRS community volunteers conducted 887 household visits in the three Shagarab Camps reaching a cumulative total of 4,436 refugees (1,527 children, 1,217 youth and 1,692 adults) with information on the tactics and disguises used by traffickers and how to avoid becoming a victim of trafficking.

**EDUCATION**

- The national midyear examination has been successfully conducted in all the schools in the refugee camps across Sudan.
- Following the introduction of a new Ministry of Education policy requiring refugees to pay school examination fees in USD, UNHCR and COR are advocating for a policy revision with the relevant authorities, as it penalizes refugee students. The Ministry has so far accepted that registered South Sudanese refugees pay the same rates that Sudanese students pay. Discussions are ongoing to reach an agreement for other nationalities.
- Windle Trust International, in coordination with UNHCR and COR, finalized the selection process of 150 new enrolments of the German-funded DAFI scholarship. The selected students comprise of 83 females and 67 males studying in different universities and colleges in Khartoum, as well as other states across the country.

**WATER AND SANITATION**

- To ensure environmental cleanliness and reduction of operation costs, solar materials for solarization and equipping of 12 existing water pumping systems were delivered as of 31st January. The newly solarized pumping systems are located in White Nile State (5 units), East Dafur (2), South Dafur (2), South Kordofan (2 units) and West Kordofan (1). However, there is a security challenge involving solar modules theft that has already affected one location in White Nile.
- Drought effects continue to affect some areas settled by refugees in South Kordofan. For instance, in Abu Jubaiyah the main water source dried up. The community in conjunction with the government mitigated the effect through provision of water through water trucking.
Regional Water Sanitation and Hygiene project in the East Sudan is going on well and anticipating implementation of phase 2 upon receiving funds from German cooperation, with UNICEF as the contributing agency.

In Kordofan, Water and Environment Sanitation team completed extension of water pipelines and constructed three additional water points within Kharassana refugee settlement to reduce crowding at water points and improve water access for peaceful co-existence.

SHELTER AND NFIs

UNHCR Shelter & Non-food Items (SNFI) Team in Kordofan participated in the interagency assessment. It recommended to support the 2,906 registered newly displaced with full package of NFIs with 1500 households of them being supported through the Rapid Response Fund, and 1109 households through the common pipeline in three localities.

In North Darfur, UNHCR in coordination with IOM responded by distributing NFIs kits to 2,000 households out of the 3,300 reached.

In West Darfur, UNHCR responded to 3,260 households newly displaced from the emergency in Kerenek locality.

DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Resettlement and Complementary Pathways

In January, UNHCR submitted six individuals for resettlement consideration to Sweden and the United States. 20 individuals have departed to Sweden and the United States during the same period.

UNHCR continues to implement the Family Reunification Project with support being provided to refugees with potential access to family reunification in third countries. In January 2022, UNHCR facilitated access to reunification programs in Sweden, France, Switzerland, Germany, the United Kingdom and Canada. Support included, inter alia, Best-Interest Determinations (BID), access to interviews with embassies, exit formalities.
Working in Partnership

- 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.

- UNHCR leads the refugee coordination within each state, in addition to leading the Protection, Emergency Shelter and NFI sectors for IDPs. UNHCR also engages actively with governmental counterparts such as the Commissioner for Refugees (COR), the Ministries of Interior, Justice, Social Welfare, Education, Health as well as the Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) for IDPs, and the Voluntary, Return and Resettlement Commission (VRRC) for return related matters.

- 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.

Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the operation amount to some US$ 23.3 million, 7% of the total requirements (348.9 M$).

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programs with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

FUNDING RECEIVED (IN MILLION USD)

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