

# WFP CHAD EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE

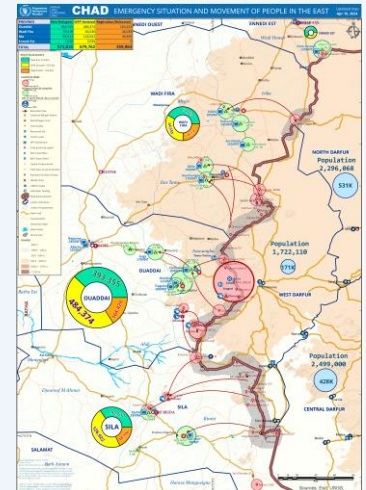
External Situation Report #15

15 APRIL 2024

## HIGHLIGHTS

### FOOD INSECURITY DURING 2024 LEAN SEASON TO BE HIGHEST IN CHAD'S HISTORY

- **A total of 3.4 million people are projected to be severely food insecure during the 2024 lean season** (June - August), based on the preliminary results of the March 2024 Cadre Harmonisé (CH) - the highest level of food insecurity in Chad's history. This marks the fifth consecutive year of rising severe food insecurity in the country and a 240% increase since 2020.
- In light of the Government of Chad declaring a 'food and nutrition emergency' this February, WFP needs urgent funding to start prepositioning. With the rainy season starting in June – a time when road access is extremely difficult, WFP's food and nutrition assistance is critical. So far, only 5% funding has been received for the lean season.
- In support of the Government National Response Plan, **WFP plans to assist 1 million people with food assistance for its lean season response** in Chad (80% via cash assistance and 20% with in-kind food). WFP's response plan also includes assisting 75,000 children and 50,000 pregnant and breastfeeding women with nutritional products to prevent malnutrition, screening for malnutrition and treatment referrals.
- The **15<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 marked the 1-year anniversary of the Sudan crisis**, which followed the outbreak of conflict in Sudan last April. Nearly 572,000 refugees (UNHCR) and over 164,000 returnees (IOM) have fled from Sudan to Chad in the last year, resulting in the total number of refugees doubling in the same period to over 1.2 million (UNHCR). This makes **Chad the largest refugee-hosting country in Africa and the fifth largest in the world per capita**, putting immense pressure on a country that was already struggling with scarce resources.
- **WFP has provided food and nutritional assistance to over 679,000** refugees, returnees, and the most vulnerable among the host populations in Eastern Chad (see map/graphs), since the onset of the Sudan crisis in April 2023.



- Despite the severity of the humanitarian situation in Chad, **WFP will start running out of food in April onwards**, as chronic underfunding continues to impact emergency operations – affecting all crisis-affected people, including refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs). **Refugees from Nigeria and Central African Republic are in extreme need as WFP has had no funds to assist them since January**. At a minimum, WFP should be supporting at least 1 million pre-existing and new refugees, returnees, host communities, and IDPs, in April.

**OVERALL 2024 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN:** TO REACH 2.5 MILLION PEOPLE

**SHORTFALL FOR APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2024: USD 207 MILLION**

\*The cumulative number of people assisted in the Sudan crisis response, since April 2023, is lower in this issue's update, following the reconciliation of figures.

## Logistical response to emergency in Eastern Chad/Sudan

- WFP continues to strengthen and expand its logistics hub in Eastern Chad, supporting its emergency operations and providing bilateral services for other agencies and partners (see below graphic).

The infographic consists of three white boxes on a blue background. The first box on the left features a truck icon and text: 'To support the response in Eastern Chad, WFP has two SHERPS (all-terrain vehicles) and has 34 trucks in available in Chad.' The middle box features a warehouse icon and text: 'WFP has 76 mobile storage units (MSUs) to support Eastern emergency operations for WFP and partners. WFP recently received five MSUs for the Sudan Logistics Cluster,'. The third box on the right features a cloud and arrows icon and text: 'WFP has delivered over 82,700 MT of commodities to Eastern Chad, since its response to the Sudan crisis began in April.'

- WFP cross-border operations from Chad to Sudan resumed during the month of March 2024. This has allowed WFP to maintain life-saving support inside Sudan, decreasing the likelihood of large influxes of arrivals into Chad. WFP Chad supported WFP Sudan with the transportation of 579 mt of mixed commodities to North Darfur via the newly opened Tiné border crossing – the convoy is expected support over 66,000 people in need of food assistance. In late March, following the Sudan government’s authorization, 1,344 mt of mixed food commodities successfully reached West Darfur via the Adre/Adekong border crossing – to assist 175,500 people. Following this, a further seven WFP trucks with 371 mt crossed via Adre to assist the most vulnerable people in West Darfur in April.
- WFP also continues to build a common logistics hub near the Farhana Airport, with construction ongoing, and there will be 18 MSUs set up upon completion. So far, 12 platforms have been completed - nine of which are functional. The hub will be shared between WFP’s Chad and Sudan offices and will include an office space and workshop area.

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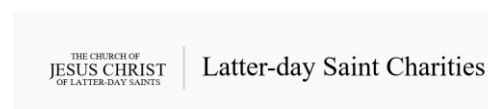
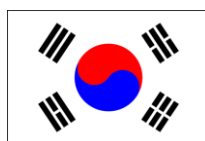
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