

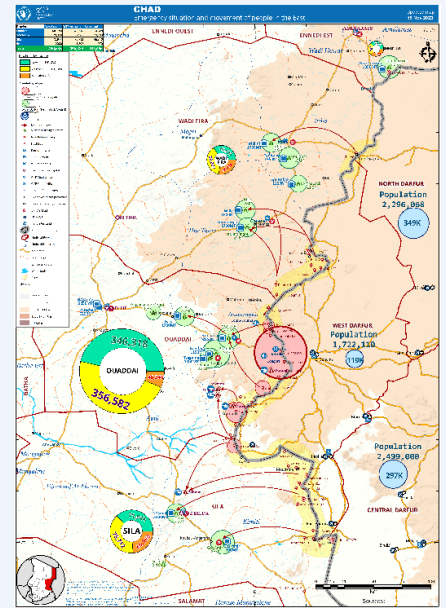
# WFP CHAD EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE

External Situation Report #12  
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## HIGHLIGHTS

### WFP SCALES UP EMERGENCY, AS NO. OF SUDAN ARRIVALS IN CHAD SURPASSES HALF A MILLION

- **WFP has activated a corporate scale-up** of its regional response to the Sudan crisis until May 2024, including Chad as a high priority country. Humanitarian needs have sharply escalated since clashes broke out in Sudan this April and WFP is highly concerned with the consequences of chronic underfunding for the multiple crises and increasing needs in the country. **Urgent funding is critical as Chad holds a role** in maintaining stability in the region, as it is surrounded by countries with unstable contexts and complex conflicts.
- Over 5 million are internally displaced and more than 1.28 million people (UNHCR)\* have fled Sudan, seeking refuge in neighbouring countries. **Chad hosts the highest number of arrivals in the region**, with 451,000 refugees (UNHCR) and 98,000 returnees (IOM) to Eastern Chad\*\*.
- Following the recent escalation in violence in Sudan's Darfur region, **8,200 people fled to Chad's border town of Adre** in early November (UNHCR)\*\*\*, though this is considered an underestimation. WFP is already responding to needs on the ground with food distributions for these new arrivals.
- **In support of the Government of Chad's response to the Sudan crisis, WFP has assisted 537,000** refugees, returnees and the most vulnerable among host communities in Eastern Chad (see map). Among them, **156,000 vulnerable women and children received malnutrition interventions**.



- WFP regularly carries out targeting exercises for host communities who have been affected by the Sudan crisis in Chad. WFP does this to better target its emergency food and nutrition assistance. Since the beginning of October alone, over 25,600 people were targeted in the East of the country, using a community-based approach. The most vulnerable households along Chad's border with Sudan and near refugee/returnee sites were prioritized.
- Due to limited funding, **WFP operations face a complete break in emergency food assistance by end of January 2024, with a complete break in nutrition assistance by February. This will affect 1.4 million** refugees, returnees, hosts, IDPs, and school children under the emergency school feeding programme. Internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the Lac province have not received assistance for several months and **this year has seen a sharp rise in the levels of poor food consumption among IDPs from 14% in 2022 to 40% in 2023** (based on WFP surveys).

**OVERALL 2023 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN: TO REACH 2.85 MILLION PEOPLE**  
**SHORTFALL FOR DECEMBER 2023 – MAY 2024: USD 162 MILLION**

\* UNHCR, Sudan Situation: Regional Displacement Update, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023

\*\* 451,894 refugees (UNHCR) and 98,513 returnees (IOM) have arrived from Sudan since April 2023

\*\*\* UNHCR press release on increase in violence in Darfur and no. of people who have fled to Chad, dated 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2023



## Response in Eastern Chad: Logistics, UNHAS and IT

- 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).



- As part of the common service provision for the humanitarian community, **a deep-field helicopter supported the humanitarian response in Eastern Chad, transporting over 1,800 passengers** since it arrived in Chad on the 31st of July up until the 26<sup>th</sup> of October. The service was managed by UNHAS and funded by the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO).
- WFP continues to develop the IT infrastructure to support humanitarian operations in Eastern Chad. This includes expanding internet connectivity to the Farchana logistics base, supporting WFP staff from the Sudan office with IT equipment, and digitally registering beneficiaries from host communities receiving cash assistance in Farchana and Goz-Beida. WFP has also started digitally registering new arrivals receiving cash, using the SCOPE platform to track and manage assistance more efficiently.

## Cross-border Operations to Sudan

- WFP and other agencies continue to support the humanitarian response in Sudan via cross-border efforts, under the leadership of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). The first convoy crossed from Chad to Sudan on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August. Since then, 7 more WFP convoys were successfully dispatched to West Darfur. Altogether, WFP has sent **153 trucks carrying over 4,900 MT of mixed commodities across the border to Sudan – enough to feed 560,000 people in need.**

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Families who fled Sudan arrive in Adre, along Chad's border with Sudan. WFP/Eloge Mbaihondoum

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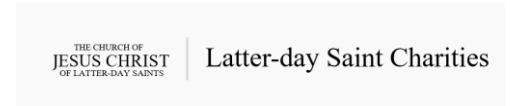
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