



Distribution of lifesaving non-food items to displaced families in Gedaref. © IOM SUDAN 2023

## HIGHLIGHTS

In response to the armed conflict that erupted in April 2023, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) remains committed to stay and help the people of Sudan. During the past week, we have:

- Distributed 1,000 non-food items (NFI) kits to approximately 5,000 displaced people in Atbara locality (River Nile state).
- Transported another 3,600 NFI kits to River Nile (Atbara), Aj Jazirah (Wad Madani) and River Nile (El Damer) states for distribution to approximately 18,000 crisis-affected people.
- Received 21 containers carrying 52,416 jerrycans in Port Sudan (Red Sea state) with another eight containers expected soon.
- Conducted awareness raising sessions on mental health, protection, gender-based violence (GBV), and irregular migration (trafficking and smuggling) reaching 162 displaced persons in White Nile state.
- Supported the ongoing cholera response in Sudan by providing 3 vehicles to be used for the ongoing vaccination campaigns.
- Provided health, nutrition and protection assistance to 3,420 internally displaced persons (IDPs) through our multidisciplinary mobile clinic in Gedaref.
- Completed hygiene promotion campaigns together with our partner Durra reaching 4,223 households in 6 IDP gathering sites and nearby host communities in El-Rosaries locality (Blue Nile state).
- Organized training in food processing, sewing and leather crafting for 85 participants among refugee and host communities near Um Rakuba (Gedaref state).
- Released the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) [11<sup>th</sup> Weekly Displacement Snapshot](#), which recorded displacements in 5,473 locations across all states.

**With the highest number of internally displaced people globally, the situation in Sudan is dire. Urgent action is needed to reach ALL in need.**

## KEY FIGURES



**24.7 million**  
PEOPLE IN NEED OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN SUDAN

**7,071,675**  
INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDPs)  
(AS OF AUGUST 2023)

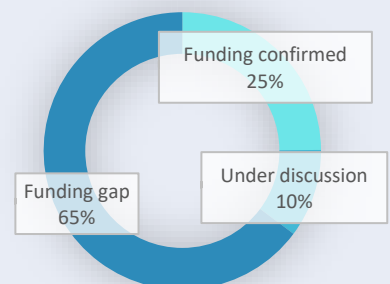
**5,090,869**  
DISPLACED WITHIN SUDAN (SINCE 15 APRIL 2023)

**1,400,375**  
CROSS-BORDER MOVEMENTS RECORDED  
(SINCE 15 APRIL 2023)

**501,314**  
PEOPLE REACHED IN SUDAN

**40**  
BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN

## FUNDING (AS OF 26 NOVEMBER 2023)



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# OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

After seven months of conflict, Sudan has become the largest internal displacement crisis in the world with over 7.1 million people displaced, over five million of whom have been displaced since the violence erupted in mid-April 2023. The protection of civilians remains a major concern, with reports of increased sexual and gender-based violence as well as reports of family separation, enforced disappearances and child recruitment.

## SITUATION

The conflict that broke out on 15 April 2023 between the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) and the Sudanese Armed Force (SAF) continues to have devastating consequences for millions of civilians in Sudan, with half of the population (24.7 million people) estimated to be in need of humanitarian assistance. At the end of August 2023, Sudan hosted approximately 7.1 million internally displaced persons (IDPs), including 3.9 million newly displaced by the recent conflict and 3.2 million IDPs in protracted displacement pre-April 2023. Now, as of 20 November, [nearly 6.5 million people](#) have been displaced to 5,473 locations across all 18 states as a result of the ongoing armed conflict.

Shortages of basic goods such as food, water, medicines, and fuel have become extremely acute across the country as a result of the disruption of normal trade routes and limited access, prices have dramatically increased, making it unaffordable for many people to meet their basic needs. This is further exacerbated by the recent collapse and slow recovery of banking and financial services, frequent interruptions to internet, telecommunications and electricity supply, and destruction of health facilities.

Clashes have had a severe impact on civilians, with reports of widespread human rights violations, forced displacement, and killings. Since the start of the fighting, more than [10,400 people have lost their lives](#). Reports of gender-based violence (GBV) are on the rise as women and girls are on the move, community and family safety nets are disrupted and the health sector is collapsing due to repeated attacks, looting and occupation of medical facilities and hospitals. As of 12 November, almost [3,000 suspected cholera cases](#), including 95 deaths, have been reported in seven states, according to the Ministry of Health and World Health Organization. Food insecurity has reached a new record high in Sudan, with 42% of Sudan's population (20.3 million people) facing high acute food insecurity.

The deteriorating situation in Sudan also has dramatic implications on neighbouring countries, many of which are grappling with their own protracted crises. Sudan shares borders with seven countries, spanning three regions, and is an important migration country at the intersection between countries in East and Horn of Africa and Libya and Egypt, along the Central Mediterranean route, as well as for migrants heading towards the Gulf, via the Northern route. Since the outbreak of the crisis, over 1.4 million people have been reported [fleeing Sudan into neighbouring countries](#) – namely Chad (39.2%), South Sudan (27.6%) and Egypt (24.5%). Approximately 65% of arrivals tracked in those countries were Sudanese nationals and [35% were returnees and third country nationals](#) (TCNs).



Shipment of NFI (Non-Food Items) kits has arrived in Port Sudan, Sudan. The kits, which include essential items such as blankets, cooking utensils, and hygiene supplies, will be distributed to humanitarian partners across the country to help meet the needs of those affected by the ongoing conflict. © IOM SUDAN 2023

# OPERATIONAL UPDATES

## DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX (DTM)

IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) tracks, monitors and analyses displacement and population mobility to provide a better understanding of the movements and evolving needs of displaced populations across all states in Sudan.

Since 15 April, DTM has published 18 situation reports, 11 weekly displacement snapshots, 2 monthly displacement overviews, 100 early warning flash reports and 31 datasets that can be found [here](#).

## SHELTER AND SETTLEMENTS

IOM has distributed emergency shelter (ES) and non-food items (NFI) to 46,703 people in Aj Jazirah, Blue Nile, Gedaref, Kassala, North Darfur, North Kordofan, Red Sea and South Kordofan states since the conflict erupted.

As part of IOM's common pipeline mechanism, 98 containers with relief items have been received in Port Sudan with another 21 containers *en route* to Sudan. The items are being delivered to humanitarian partners to for distributions across Sudan.

## WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASH)

Since 15 April, IOM has reached 383,020 people through WASH interventions, including distributions of hygiene kits and other WASH supplies, construction and rehabilitation of water points and sanitation facilities, in addition to hygiene and garbage collection campaigns in Aj Jazirah, Blue Nile, Gedaref, Kassala, Khartoum, North Darfur, Northern, Red Sea, South and West Kordofan states.

## HEALTH AND NUTRITION

IOM has provided primary health services and specialized healthcare to 22,498 people in IDP and refugee camps and gathering sites, reception and transit centres, at points of entry and key migration routes, and host communities since the conflict began. The assistance is provided through eight static health facilities, four mobile clinics, two MRRCs, and a Migration Health Assessment Centre in Aj Jazirah, Blue Nile, Gedaref, Kassala, Northern, Red Sea and White Nile states as well as Abyei PCA North.

IOM also provides capacity building to community healthcare workers and midwives, as well as conducts community-level health promotion and awareness raising about health risks.

## FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOODS (FSL)

IOM is currently supporting community-led agriculture initiatives for winter cropping and other income-generating activities in Aj Jazirah, Blue Nile and Gedaref states targeting 600 households.

## CASH-BASED INTERVENTIONS (CBI)

To increase the ability of crisis-affected communities to meet their basic needs in a way that is most suited to their preferences, IOM has provided cash assistance to 29,856 households in Sudan. IOM also provides grants to community-based organizations (CBOs) as seed funding for livelihoods and other life-sustaining activities.

## RAPID RESPONSE FUND (RRF)

The [RRF](#) provides a streamlined and flexible grant application and disbursement process to finance the localized and life-saving emergency response. Through the RRF, IOM and its partners have so far reached 308,450 people in Sudan through ES, NFI, WASH, Health, Nutrition, FSL, CBI, MHPSS and Protection interventions.



IOM Mobile Clinic is providing primary health services to crisis-affected communities in Gedaref.  
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## MENTAL HEALTH & PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (MHPSS)

IOM has so far reached 1,125 people with psychological first aid (PFA) and other MHPSS services in Aj Jazirah, Gedaref, Kassala, Khartoum, North Darfur, Red Sea, Sennar, South Kordofan, West Darfur, West Kordofan, and White Nile states. The assistance includes group and individual counselling, psychoeducational sessions on stress management, and referrals to specialized care.

## PROTECTION

IOM places protection at the centre of its operational work, recognizing the heightened risk of violence, neglect, deliberate deprivation, discrimination, abuse, and exploitation affecting populations on the move and host communities in Sudan.

Since 15 April, IOM has reached 35,658 people with protection assistance through IOM's MRRCs, mobile clinics, and partners. Assistance includes vulnerability assessments, case management, tailored cash/in-kind support, information sessions, and referrals to specialized services, as needed. IOM also supports its beneficiaries to obtain identity documents, legal counseling on land and property rights, and representation in court IOM.

## MOVEMENT ASSISTANCE

IOM has assisted 144 migrants stranded by the ongoing conflict to return to their countries of origin. In coordination with UNHCR, IOM resettled 167 refugees in Canada and the United States, in addition to assisting an unaccompanied minor to reunite with his family in Belgium. IOM also assisted another 29 people to be reunited with their families in the United Kingdom and Canada.

Additionally, IOM provides humanitarian transportation to stranded migrants, refugees and IDPs who lack the means to leave conflict zones or areas of extreme hardship.

## HUMANITARIAN BORDER MANAGEMENT

In order to facilitate, assist, and protect populations affected by the clashes in Sudan as they (attempt to) cross the borders, IOM supports frontline workers in responding to the increased pressure at border crossings. This includes the training of border officials in rights-based humanitarian border management, protection, identification of potential victims of trafficking and referral of vulnerable migrants, as well as rapid needs assessments. The assistance also includes supporting relevant partners and initiatives in border areas and coordinating closely with IOM and UNHCR offices in neighbouring countries.



Fathia, a displaced mother of two shelters in a gathering site in Wadi Halfa, Sudan © IOM SUDAN 2023

## QUOTE

*“We fled our home when the attacks started. I fear now that my sons may never finish their education if we do not leave now.”*

- FATHIA, a displaced mother

Fathia and her two sons fled their home due to the ongoing conflict. They are now in Wadi Halfa, awaiting visas for her family and hoping for a better future.

## KEY ADVOCACY POINTS

- **Funding is critically needed** to ensure sustainability of the humanitarian assistance provided to displaced and affected populations in 2024.
- **Targeted interventions are required** to assist the displaced populations, some which have been in protracted displacement, to cater for their needs during the winter months, including food, shelter and core relief items.
- With the rising levels of violence and displacement in the Eastern parts of Sudan, investments are needed to **expand cross-border capacities** to access hard-to-reach areas and transport relief supplies from neighbouring countries.
- IOM remains committed to ensure that **no one is left behind**, including IDPs, returnees, refugees, TCNs and other conflict-affected populations.

“The world is not short of crises, but the unprecedented humanitarian needs in Sudan demand our immediate attention and action.”

Ugochi Daniels  
IOM Deputy Director General

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