



Resettlement movement of refugees to Canada from Port Sudan. © IOM SUDAN 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

Since the armed conflict erupted in April 2023, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) has provided humanitarian assistance to more than half a million people across 15 states in Sudan and Abyei PCA North. IOM is committed to stay and help the people of Sudan.

- In response to the recent cholera outbreaks, IOM’s multidisciplinary mobile teams are covering nine displacement sites in Gedaref. Together with state authorities, IOM’s Migrant Resource and Response Centre (MRRC) is conducting a workshop on the role of the media in raising awareness about cholera in Sudan, in addition to training 190 health workers in Gedaref and White Nile state to support the cholera response.
- With funding from IOM’s [Rapid Response Fund](#), Samaritan Aid Organization provided emergency shelters to around 17,500 displaced persons in Nyala (South Darfur).
- In Port Sudan, IOM conducted a training on [gender-based violence \(GBV\) in crises](#) and referral pathways for local humanitarians, healthcare workers, psychologists and social workers.
- As part of its ongoing diaspora engagement partnership, IOM and [Shabaka](#) piloted a simulation-based training for medical professionals virtually bringing together 114 facilitators and 300 medical students in Sudan, Egypt and South Sudan.
- IOM’s Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) released its [10th Weekly Displacement Snapshot](#). Since 15 April, IOM has recorded 986,267 displaced households in 5,312 locations across all states in Sudan.

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)

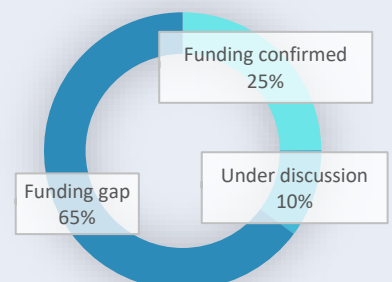
4,955,538
DISPLACED WITHIN SUDAN (SINCE 15 APRIL 2023)

1,373,223
CROSS-BORDER MOVEMENTS RECORDED
(SINCE 15 APRIL 2023)

500,770
PEOPLE REACHED IN SUDAN

15
STATES REACHED IN SUDAN

FUNDING (AS OF 17 NOVEMBER 2023)



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OPERATIONAL CONTEXT

Sudan has become the [largest internal displacement crisis](#) in the world with over 7.1 million people displaced, nearly 4.9 million of whom have been displaced since the violence erupted in mid-April 2023. Since the onset of the rainy season in July, around [89,000 people in 22 localities](#) across nine states have been affected by heavy rains and flooding. The most affected states are Northern, River Nile, North Darfur, and South Darfur.

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. As of 8 November, [more than 6.3 million people](#) have been displaced as a result of the ongoing armed conflict, including [3 million displaced children](#) and [almost 5 million](#) new IDPs. [Women make up 69 per cent](#) of the IDPs, including those in conflict zones.

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. 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 1.3 million people have been reported fleeing Sudan into neighbouring countries – namely Egypt (43.1%), Chad (26.3%), and South Sudan (19%). Approximately 65% of arrivals tracked in those countries were Sudanese nationals and 35% estimated returnees and third country nationals (TCNs).



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Medical consultation at IOM Mobile Clinic in Wadi Halfa, Northern state, Sudan. © 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, 10 weekly displacement snapshots, 2 monthly displacement overviews, 97 early warning flash reports and 30 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, 86 containers with relief items have been received in Port Sudan with another 33 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 29,855 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.



Distribution of 3,500 emergency shelter kits in Nyala camps, South Darfur. © IOM SUDAN 2023

MENTAL HEALTH & PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (MHPSS)

IOM has so far reached 1,040 people with psychological first aid (PFA) and other MHPSS services in Aj Jazirah, Gedaref, Kassala, Khartoum, Red Sea, Sennar, North Darfur, 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 35,168 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 129 migrants stranded by the ongoing conflict to return to their countries of origin. In coordination with UNHCR, IOM resettled 149 refugees in Canada and the United States, in addition to assisting an unaccompanied minor to reunite with his family in Belgium. Additionally, IOM assisted 29 people to be reunited with their families in the United Kingdom and Canada.

IOM also 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.



Nissreen shelters in a gathering site in Wadi Halfa, Northern state © IOM SUDAN

QUOTE

“I wait and pray for the day I will be able to return home.”

- NISREEN, a displaced mother

Nissreen, a mother and travel agency owner, lost her home and business due to the conflict in Sudan. Now displaced, she struggles daily to provide the most basic necessities for herself and her 13-year-old daughter.

KEY ADVOCACY POINTS

- Proper **coordination is essential to ensure no one is left behind**. This includes IDPs, returnees, refugees, third-country nationals, and other migrants fleeing the crisis, those trapped in conflict zones unable to move, as well as host communities that have welcomed displaced populations.
- Safe and **unhindered access must be granted** by all parties to the conflict, particularly in areas currently facing cholera outbreaks, to bring urgent relief and mitigate the risk of spreading throughout the country.
- **Funding is urgently needed** to ensure operational presence and continued critical humanitarian support in the first half of 2024. Half of the population of Sudan needs urgent humanitarian assistance.
- Investments are required to **expand cross-border systems**, to increase capacities to **deliver aid to hard-to-reach areas**.
- Aid investment is also required in neighbouring countries, for returnees, border and host communities, to mitigate the impact of the crisis on local populations and to **avoid a regional spillover** of the conflict.



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