

REGIONAL SITUATION REPORT

SUDAN, SOUTH SUDAN, CHAD

(April - June, 2024)



Thousands of Sudanese refugees in South Sudan struggle for basic necessities amidst extreme hunger and rising food prices.



SITUATION OVERVIEW

10,540,215

(IOM 2024)

INTERNALLY
DISPLACED PERSONS
IN SUDAN

1,870,473

(UNHCR 2024)

REFUGEES &
RETURNEES
IN SOUTH SUDAN

1,459,731

(UNHCR 2024)

REFUGEES &
RETURNEES
IN CHAD

Sudan, South Sudan, and Chad face severe humanitarian crises due to conflict, displacement, and climate shocks. These nations urgently need global attention for severe food insecurity, malnutrition, health emergencies, and climate impacts affecting many populations.

In **Sudan**, Rapid Support Forces (RSF) attacks in North Darfur & El Fasher City caused civilian casualties, including Suliman (Late), a Relief International staff member who saved many lives during his time with Relief International and left a tremendous legacy of bravery and impact. We are deeply grateful for the support Suliman provided to humanitarian programs in Sudan through his work as our team's ambulance driver.

In June, RSF invaded Sennar City, disrupting supply routes & access to Ad-Damazine. Violence forced thousands to flee to Zam Zam and Al Maha. The June 2024 update reported significant displacement and protection concerns in El-Fasher. Urgent needs include safe passage, logistical support, psychosocial assistance, agency coordination, economic support, legal aid, human rights monitoring, and infrastructure rehabilitation. Relief International's May 2024 assessment in Port Sudan revealed severe overcrowding, food insecurity, and malnutrition among 247,000 displaced persons, requiring mobile clinics and water distribution.

In **Chad**, 553,150 new Sudanese refugees have sought refuge in Eastern Chad, primarily in Ouaddai and Sila. As of June 28, 2024, Chad hosts 745,739 individuals fleeing the Sudanese conflict, including 617,013 Sudanese refugees (63% children) and 128,726 Chadian returnees (66% children). The Chadian Government expects around 910,000 refugees and returnees by year-end 2024. Eastern Chad faces a Hepatitis E outbreak with 2,723 suspected cases and 11 deaths in Ouaddaï, and a measles outbreak in Adré. Relief International is conducting a Multi-sector Needs Assessment to address the needs of host communities, IDPs, and refugees.

In **South Sudan**, a large influx of displaced persons has been entering the Upper Nile region, mainly through the Wunthow/Joda border in Renk County, which accounts for 85% of new arrivals. In the past three months, 26,665 households (100,533 individuals) crossed through Joda, averaging 1,400 individuals daily, including many young children and women. Intense fighting in Senar at the end of June caused a significant surge, swelling Renk's population to around 51,987 individuals, many without shelter or necessities. Despite weekly relocations to Maban and Malakal, the influx exceeds capacity, compounded by the rainy season. By June's end, about 22,000 new arrivals were in Maban, with numbers expected to rise.



Community Dialogue on Gender-Based Violence and Child Protection at Al-Salam 56 School, Zamzam IDP Camp, North Darfur, Sudan, April 2024

21,794
FAMILIES
REACHED

152,559
INDIVIDUALS
REACHED

OUTREACH

51%
FEMALES
SUPPORTED

30%
CHILDREN
SUPPORTED

SECTOR-SPECIFIC RESPONSE

HEALTH **83,071 INDIVIDUALS REACHED**

In Sudan, Relief International conducted 48,532 healthcare consultations, provided antenatal care to 13,308 pregnant women, and facilitated 1,207 deliveries. They also offered antenatal care (ANC) to 13,308 pregnant women and conducted 1,207 deliveries, 541 of which were by skilled health workers and 666 by skilled birth attendants.

In South Sudan, they offered outpatient care to 21,231 individuals, including 5,209 children under 5. In Renk, 750 pregnant women received ANC, and 124 deliveries were assisted. They also addressed increased Acute Watery Diarrhea cases with oral rehydration points, provided mental health support to 123 clients, and vaccinated 200 children under 1 year against measles.

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASH) **58,358 INDIVIDUALS REACHED**

In Sudan, Relief International upgraded water infrastructure and hygiene measures. In North Darfur, ongoing WASH improvements include hand pump repairs, new incinerators, and handwashing facilities. In Blue Nile, completed projects include an ash pit in Shinteshrab and handpump rehabilitation in Shanfoor. Maintenance for CMAM (Community-based Management of Acute Malnutrition) sites and handwashing facilities at several locations is in progress and will be completed soon.

NUTRITION **10,950 INDIVIDUALS REACHED**

Relief International conducted anthropometric screenings in Sudan for 5,292 children under the age of five (2598 boys and 2694 girls) and 237 Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW). The screenings involved Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC), Weight for Height, and edema assessments.

In South Sudan, 2,919 children under 5 years old and 2,011 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) were screened for malnutrition at the reception centers in Renk while in Maban, 437 children aged 6-59 months and 54 PLW were screened for malnutrition. Also, children and mothers identified with malnutrition were referred for relevant treatment within the outpatient therapeutic and supplementary programs.

PROTECTION **180 INDIVIDUALS REACHED**

Between May and June 2024, Relief International trained 10 Community-based Protection Networks (CBPNs) in Sudan's Blue Nile, North Darfur, and Sennar states. This training aimed to improve responses to protection issues and gender-based violence (GBV). The CBPNs analyzed concerns, raised awareness, and referred individuals at risk to support. During this period, 180 individuals (11 men and 169 women) received protection messages from the CBPNs.

HUMANITARIAN COORDINATION & ADVOCACY

While there is still an overwhelming need due to the ever-growing population in both the host community and transit centers, Relief International appreciates the support of all donors in responding to this crisis. Urgent funding is sought to establish a larger clinic at the new Transit Center in Renk, South Sudan, to provide comprehensive essential health care services around the clock and to increase resource allocation for health, nutrition, WASH, and food in Maban, in light of the growing refugee population.

It is very important to provide transportation for people in Renk so that they can move to other places. This will help reduce the need for shelter, water, and food in Renk and prevent overcrowding there. Relief International adapts its programs to the evolving security situation and advocates for flexibility to reprogram existing funds to support hospital care, repair damaged facilities, and ensure the continuation of essential medical services in Sudan. Relief International seeks donor advocacy for negotiating temporary or permanent ceasefires and safe corridors to secure the timely delivery of humanitarian supplies. Donor advocacy is also crucial in urging all parties to the conflict to ensure the protection of civilians, including allowing civilians to move to safer areas.



"Despite immense challenges & a severe lack of medical supplies, we are committed to providing essential health and nutrition services. The tragic loss of our ambulance driver, Musa Adam Suliman, underscores the dire situation. Nutrition supplies are critically low, with malnutrition rates soaring. Over half the population in the region faces critical food shortages, & the situation is deteriorating. Immediate ceasefire is needed to prevent further loss of life."

Mark Atterton
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MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

- [BBC Article: The Local solutions to an International Health Crisis](#)
- [France 24: Relief International CEO Speaks on Sudan Crisis](#)
- [CNN International: Country Director Speaks on Sudan Crisis](#)
- [BBC Radio - Sudan Country Director Speaks on Sudan Crisis](#)
- [The Guardian-Inside South Sudan's worsening refugee crisis](#)
- [Middle East Eye - Shut down of last major hospital in el-Fasher](#)



"My children were fragile and unwell due to the inadequate food we could provide, and we had no money to buy the medicine they needed. Relief International's medical team diagnosed my youngest as malnourished, but after a moment of despair, I felt relieved to learn that Relief International would provide Ready to Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) for her and free medical care for my other children"

Amna, a 25-year-old IDP from North Darfur, Sudan.

"Seeing my little Asha so weak and sick was heart-wrenching. When we arrived at the Renk Transit Center, I feared for her life. But thanks to the swift and compassionate care from Relief International's team, Asha started to recover quickly. Their support was a beacon of hope in our darkest hour"

Sarah, mother of Asha & a South Sudanese Returnee



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