

REGIONAL SITUATION REPORT (JULY-SEPTEMBER 2024)

Sudan, South Sudan & Chad

The security situation in **Sudan** remains critical, with ongoing violent clashes between the armed groups since April 2023. Major urban centers, including Khartoum, Omdurman, and Al Fasher, have experienced intense fighting, resulting in over 20,000 civilian deaths by September 2024. By July 2024, more than 143,000 people had fled Al Fasher, and hundreds of thousands were displaced nationwide. In September alone, 385,000 individuals were forced to leave their homes due to the ongoing violence. The humanitarian situation in Sudan is worsening, with civilians trapped, hospitals under attack, and critical shortages of food and medicine. Darfur, especially El Fasher, faces severe violations, famine in parts of Darfur and South Kordofan, and flooding that has caused more deaths and displacement. A cholera outbreak has led to 19,378 cases and over 590 deaths by late September 2024, worsened by the collapse of services and rising lawlessness.

By the end of September 2024, 659,073 individuals had crossed into **South Sudan** via the Wunthow/Joda border in Renk County, with 82,691 arriving in the past three months. Renk now hosts 58,898 people, 77% integrated into the local community and 23% in transit centers. The influx, including many children, elderly, and women, highlights urgent needs for shelter and food. Onward transportation to Maban has been halted due to impassable roads from Renk to Maban. Although river transport to Malakal and Yambio continues, the number of arrivals in Renk exceeds the capacity of the current Onward Transportation Assistance (OTA) process, resulting in prolonged stays for many in Renk.



Dr. Ibrahim from Relief International spoke to patients about preventing weather-related diseases in Zamzam Camp, Sudan - August 2024.

Chad has registered 640,593 Sudanese refugees and 213,339 Chadian returnees since the onset of the conflict. A rapid assessment by Relief International in August 2024 revealed significant gaps in healthcare and WaSH services. Tiné's eight health centers, serving 40,000 people, have only one doctor and one midwife and face severe shortages of medical supplies, including oxygen extractors, birthing kits, and vaccines. Frequent medication stockouts and limited WaSH facilities pose serious health risks to refugee and host communities. The rainy season has destroyed several roads and bridges, making many areas, including Koukou in Sila and Bédaya in Mandoul, inaccessible to humanitarian aid. From July 2024, flooding has affected 1,688,439 people and caused 487 deaths. The Salamat region, which has long struggled with seasonal outbreaks of cholera and hepatitis E, has been severely impacted by flooding this year and remains prone to outbreaks of waterborne diseases due to inadequate sanitation and poor access to clean water.



RELIEF INTERNATIONAL'S RESPONSE

Health + Nutrition

Relief International has made significant strides in improving health and nutrition in Sudan and South Sudan. In **Sudan**, the organization provided extensive outpatient consultations across multiple health facilities, focusing on both communicable and non-communicable diseases. They offered antenatal care to many women, with skilled birth attendants assisting in numerous deliveries.

In **South Sudan**, Relief International delivered outpatient care to thousands, including children under five and adults. It also provided antenatal services, emergency deliveries, clinical treatment, and psychosocial support. The organization addressed cases of Acute Watery Diarrhea and ensured vaccinations for young children.

In the nutrition program, Relief International screened children and pregnant and lactating women for malnutrition in both countries, enrolling many in treatment programs for severe malnutrition. They also provided counseling on infant and young child feeding practices and breastfeeding hygiene, helping to support the health of mothers and their infants. Also, acute watery diarrhea cases were addressed with oral rehydration points in South Sudan.



One unforgettable moment was when a severely malnourished child came into our care. Though the situation seemed hopeless, we were determined to give the child a future. Today, that child is healthy, a reminder that we are truly making a difference.

However, our work faces challenges. Conflict makes reaching remote areas hard, and limited resources leave communities without proper healthcare. Despite this, Still, my team and I stay committed, using mobile clinics and working with local authorities and partners to improve health and nutrition.

Reem is Nutrition Field Supervisor with Relief International in Sudan.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- ◆ 118,768 individuals received outpatient consultations across 41 health facilities in Sudan, while 42,011 individuals received outpatient care in South Sudan.
- ◆ 7,368 women received antenatal care (ANC) consultations in Sudan, whereas 829 pregnant women received ANC services in South Sudan.
- ◆ In Sudan, 2,141 deliveries were conducted by skilled birth attendants, while 122 emergency deliveries were conducted in South Sudan.
- ◆ Clinical treatment and psychosocial support were provided to 288 individuals (142 men and 146 women) in Renk and Maban.
- ◆ 353 children under one year were vaccinated against measles in South Sudan.



Distribution round of the Targeted Supplementary Feeding Program (TSFP) in Zamzam C South and B2, ensuring vital nutrition support for the community - July 2024.



RELIEF INTERNATIONAL'S RESPONSE

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WaSH)

In **Sudan**, Relief International improved access to safe water, hygiene, and sanitation across 41 health facilities, delivering clean water, promoting hygiene practices to prevent waterborne diseases, and supporting infrastructure projects such as solarizing water pumps and building latrines. Environmental cleaning campaigns and proper medical waste management also enhanced the health facilities' sanitation. In **South Sudan**, Relief International leads WaSH efforts in all four refugee camps in Maban, but a lack of funding undermines the continuation of safe water delivery for the population of over 200,000 people.

RELIEF INTERNATIONAL'S RESPONSE

Protection

In **Sudan**, Relief International focused on mental health awareness, providing sessions to promote understanding, reduce stigma, and encourage help-seeking behavior. The organization also offered individual and group counseling, specialized case management for gender-based violence, and established community-based protection networks to improve the identification and referral of protection issues.

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I watched my 19-month-old son, Badradin, struggle with severe malnutrition and diarrhea. I tried herbal treatments, but nothing worked, and hope was fading.

I made the difficult decision to travel for a week to the Kaya refugee camp in South Sudan. I was exhausted and I saw that Relief International team immediately assessed Badradin. He was sent to their Stabilization Center for round-the-clock care. With proper feeding, hydration, and monitoring, he slowly gained weight and energy.

Badradin's Mother From Kaya refugee camp in Maban County, Upper Nile State, South Sudan.

KEY ACTIVITIES

- ◆ 63,561 people benefited (31,145 men and 32,416 women) under WaSH assistance in Sudan
- ◆ 438 cubic meters of safe water delivered in Sudan.
- ◆ 20,609 individuals were reached with hygiene promotion sessions (10,098 men and 10,511 women) in Sudan.
- ◆ 2 solarized water pumps installed in Sudan.
- ◆ 12 health facilities supported with medical waste management in Sudan.
- ◆ 182 latrines constructed through Community-Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) in Sudan.
- ◆ 3,029 individuals reached with mental health awareness sessions (301 girls, 253 boys, 1,923 women, and 552 men) in Sudan.
- ◆ 682 individuals received individual and group mental health counseling (86 girls, 82 boys, 202 men, and 312 women) in Sudan.
- ◆ 17 gender-based violence cases received specialized case management in Sudan.
- ◆ 6 community-based protection networks established in Sudan.



Relief International rehabilitated Water points in Zamzam Camps in Sudan.

Humanitarian Coordination & Advocacy

Relief International extends its heartfelt gratitude to all donors for their invaluable support in responding to this crisis. As the conflict persists and humanitarian conditions are projected to deteriorate further into late 2024, immediate and sustained assistance is essential to meet the escalating needs of the affected population. 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.

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ON WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY

- ◆ Relief International paid special tribute at Westminster Abbey in London to Musa Adam Suliman, an ambulance driver with Relief International for 14 years, and Ibrahim Suliman, a Senior Finance Officer. Both were tragically killed in North Darfur, Sudan.
- ◆ Relief International organized a webinar titled "[Coping Through Crisis: A Discussion with Frontline Humanitarians in Sudan.](#)"

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

- ◆ [Relief International Sudan Country Director Returns to BBC Newsday to speak on Sudan Crisis.](#)
- ◆ [Relief International Sudan Country Director Speaks on Sudan Crisis to Sky News](#)
- ◆ [Sudan Country Director Speaks on Sudan Crisis to BBC in August 2024](#)

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About Relief International

Relief International is an international non-profit organization that partners with communities impacted by conflict, climate change and disaster to save lives, build greater resilience and promote long-term health and wellbeing.

Our team of more than 7,000 staff and local volunteers work in 15 countries across Africa, Asia, and the Middle East, providing Health and Nutrition, WaSH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene), Education and Livelihoods programming that creates the foundation for community resilience.

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