

CHAD EMERGENCY UPDATE

OUADDAI PROVINCE (EASTERN CHAD)

Over 2,390 newly arrived refugees from Darfur, Sudan, were relocated from the border area to the site Kouchaguine-Moura (located 133 km from Adre) since 04th February 2020. The **relocation** took place earlier than initially planned at the request of Chadian authorities, due to security concerns for the safety of refugees, in particular in Abelouk and Ardébé sites. UNHCR is rushing to complete the infrastructure and works still to be carried out in the new site. The host community around Kouchaguine-Moura warmly welcomed refugees by offering them hot meals upon their arrival in the new site.



Arrival of refugees in Kouchaguine -Moura, new site. February 2020 @ UNHCR / A. Ngargoune

Chad and Sudan, together with UNCHR, conducted on 30 January a **joint cross border monitoring mission** with the aim to assess the security situation of the new arrivals at the border. The mission discussed with refugees their reasons for flight and their perspectives regarding voluntary return. Sudanese authorities committed to improve the security situation in the place of origin of refugees. Since then, according to the protection monitoring report, some refugees have returned to Sudan.

mitigate risks of fraud (some people among the host community try to be registered as refugees in order to benefit from the assistance) and it was resumed on 04th February with the beginning of the relocation process to the new site. Identification of refugee students and teachers continues. This will help orient students to the appropriate level, by directly integrating the Chadian curriculum, in collaboration with local education authorities.

Pre-registration of newly arrived Sudanese refugees was temporary suspended to

Emergency response

Protection: 12,746 people were pre- registered as of 12 February 2020. The majority of them are women and children: 66% of the preregistered are children and 64% are women. Dire living conditions in Chad exacerbates their vulnerability. As of today, partners identified 138 children at risk, including unaccompanied minors. UNHCR in close collaboration with other humanitarian actors continue to identify people with specific needs for appropriate support.

UNHCR team is conducting sensitization campaigns in various sites around the border to inform refugees on the relocation process.



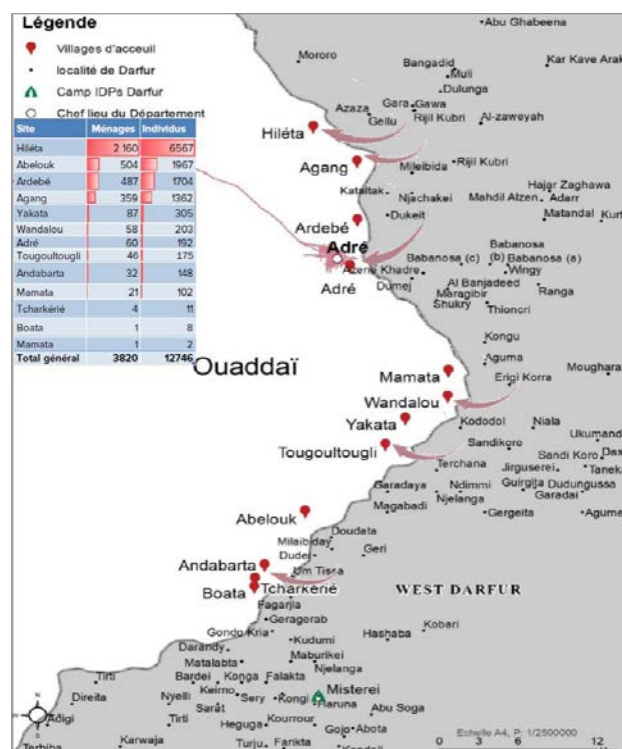
Emergency shelter in Kouchaguine -Moura, new site. February 2020 @ UNHCR / S. Kpandji

Shelter & Core Relief Items: UNHCR is setting up infrastructures in the new site including shelters, boreholes and latrines. 70 latrines and 70 showers have been completed in the new site. Two water tanks with a capacity of 10 cubic meters each have been used to meet the demand for drinking water. Community emergency shelters were built to host new arrivals, before they join household shelter which are currently under construction. So far, 235 family shelters and 6 hangars composed of 240 dormitories have been completed. Besides, CNARR (the government entity in charge of refugees), HIAS and UNHCR organized a sensitization session on peaceful coexistence for host community to mitigate potential tensions and risks of conflict. The main messages focused on the importance of protection, the role and responsibility of authorities and host communities, security, property of refugees, etc.

Health & Sanitation: UNHCR through its health partner, is providing health care and nutrition services in Kouchaguine -Moura and in the 10 sites where refugees are staying in the border area, through a mobile clinic. This complements the services provided in the four Chadian district health centres in Adre. As of 12 February 2020, the mobile clinic received 1,206 patients and screened 1,664 children aged from 6-59 months for acute malnutrition. The Ministry of Health and UNICEF are planning a vaccination campaign against measles and polio in the coming weeks, with the objective to vaccinate 6,500 children aged 6-15 years.

Food security:

WFP is distributing food for February to the refugees relocated upon their arrival in the new site and CSB + children aged from 0 to 4 years. To contribute to this joint effort against acute malnutrition, UNHCR provided Nutri Butter for 1,026 children while UNICEF committed vitamin A supplementation. Other NGOs such as HELP-Chad are mobilizing to intervene in their respective fields of action to contribute to the emergency response.



Newly arrived refugees from Darfur in Hilite site, Adré, Chad. February 2020 @ UNHCR / A. Ngargoune

Coordination

UNHCR is supporting authorities (central and local) to coordinate the refugee emergency response, in close collaboration with other actors in the Ouaddai Province. The CNARR, UNHCR's governmental counterpart, is deploying additional capacities to respond, notably to carry out registration. With the support of NGOs and UN agencies, existing government services are assisting refugees.

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