

UNICEF HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Chad

SUMMARY FOR 2005

Critical Issues for Children and Women

The refugee crisis in eastern Chad has created a hostile and dangerous environment for Sudanese and Chadian children and women. Almost 200,000 refugees have sought asylum in Chad by end-September 2004. As the Darfur conflict drags on, humanitarian agencies are making contingency plans to assist between 50,000 and 100,000 additional refugees next year.

85% of the refugees are children and women, many of whom were victims of the worst atrocities and abuses in Sudan. Education opportunities are still insufficient for all children. Measles, acute respiratory infections, and water borne diseases contribute to excess mortality among refugees. The poor nutritional status of refugees and host communities is likely to worsen at the end of the upcoming dry season. The precarious water and sanitation situation is another major concern. Furthermore, children and women have been the main victims of tensions between the refugee and host communities, including assault and rape, and other incidents, such as the accidental explosion of ordnance.

Planned Humanitarian Action for 2005

UNICEF has established 2 field offices in Abeche and Iriba. UNICEF closely cooperates with UN agencies, NGOs and Line Ministries to strengthen the intervention in the country's east. Under the CAP 2005, UNICEF's humanitarian assistance programme focuses on Education, Health, Nutrition, Child Protection, Water and Sanitation.

Health and Nutrition: UNICEF will support therapeutic and supplementary feeding programmes in both refugee camps and neighbouring communities. UNICEF will implement emergency measles vaccination and vitamin A supplementation campaigns, expand routine vaccination activities and strengthen the cold chain. Additionally, UNICEF will raise awareness on HIV/AIDS in both refugee and host communities.

Water and Environmental Sanitation: UNICEF will construct and rehabilitate water infrastructure and gender sensitive sanitation facilities in refugee camps and local communities. Hygiene education, prevention and control of water borne diseases will be conducted.

Education: UNICEF will support the enrolment of primary school-aged children in camps and host communities, and distribute additional education and training materials. UNICEF will also implement life skills training of adolescents in camps and host communities.

Protection: UNICEF will provide essential training on appropriate code of conduct against sexual exploitation and gender based violence. Medical and psychosocial activities for affected children and women will be supported. UNICEF will implement birth registration activities, establish child welfare committees, and support the creation of recreational and cultural activities in camps and neighbouring districts.

Mine action: UNICEF will provide mine risk education to children living in refugee areas in Chad.

Summary of UNICEF Financial Needs for 2005 in eastern Chad	
Sector	US\$
Health and Nutrition	4,471,112
Water and Environmental Sanitation	7,489,535
Education	3,477,391
Child Protection	2,271,864
Mine action	561,900
Total¹	18,271,802

¹ The total includes a maximum recovery rate of 12%. The actual recovery rate on individual contributions will be calculated in accordance with the Executive Board Decision 2003/9 of 5 June 2003.

