

UNICEF Chad Situation Report

April 18, 2013

Reporting period April 15 - April 17, 2013

Highlights:

- Influx of more than 50,000 refugees and returnees from Darfur into Eastern Chad in the border town of Tissi; the majority of refugees wish not to be transferred further away from Tissi.
- The Government of Chad launched an appeal for humanitarian assistance.
- In response to the government call for assistance, the HCT is meeting on Friday, April 19, 2013.
- On-going Immunization Campaign against Measles: 17,165 children have been immunized.
- A UNICEF Team is in Tissi for immediate response.



Nutrition screening by UNICEF-trained Community Health workers.

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Situation Overview

A previous evaluation conducted jointly by the Government, UNICEF, OCHA, UNHCR and NGOs from March 21 to March 23, 2013, reported at that time 9,279 refugees and 10,878 returnees. The registered 9,279 refugees are being transferred to the existing refugee camps of Djabal and Goz A Mer. The majority of refugees are refusing to be transferred; only 300 of them have been relocated thus far.

UNHCR has pre-registered 18,221 refugees as of today; the process is still on-going.

Reports from the field indicate that up to 50,000 refugees have crossed the border to Tissi, in Chad. The Government and UNHCR are still processing and registering the second influx of refugees.

Humanitarian Needs

- Tissi is a remote border town between Chad, Sudan and CAR; the area is very difficult to access; basic social services are almost non-existent.
- At this time, UNICEF and partners are in Tissi to conduct an assessment.
- Reports from the local health authority indicate an outbreak of measles and 7 related deaths.
- UNICEF has deployed a multisectoral team to evaluate and provide initial humanitarian assistance.
- UNICEF is providing humanitarian assistance to refugees, returnees and host populations.
- UNICEF is working with UNHCR to set up a new refugee camp in Sterena, 25 km outside of GozBeida, to accommodate at least 30,000 refugees.

Inter-Agency Collaboration, Coordination and Key Partnerships

- UNHCR is coordinating the humanitarian response on the ground. Meetings are held every Thursday in Ndjamen, Chad by UNHCR to report on assessment and response activities.
- UNICEF, as lead for Nutrition, WASH, Education clusters, will hold cluster meetings to enhance preparedness and coordination.
- UNICEF signed a MoU with UNHCR and is closely working with UNHCR to deliver a timely response on the ground.

UNICEF Response



CHILD PROTECTION

Planned Response

- Ongoing assessment for refugee populations in partnership with the Government Regional Division of Social Welfare
- Prevent and respond to child protection risks
- Prevent and respond to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV)
- Protection PO deployed to Tissi for response and coordination

Key Actions to date

- 12 community workers identified and being trained on child protection monitoring and reporting
- Assessment conducted in partnership with “Direction Regionale Action Sociale du Sila” in 7 returnee villages around Tissi
- PCA agreement with “Direction Regionale Action Sociale du Sila” to strengthen child protection mechanisms in returnees villages
- Review of Contingency Planning



EDUCATION

Planned Response

- Planned UNICEF and Education cluster assessment
- Education PO deployed to Tissi for assessment and coordination
- Agreement with Regional Education Delegation to ensure school and learning activities for children

Key Actions to date

- Ongoing evaluation of education needs



HEALTH

Planned Response

- Vaccinate against measles, Vitamin A supplementation, Deworming
- Strengthen routine immunization
- Provide HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment including Post exposure Prophylaxis
- Support emergency obstetrical and neonatal care
- Support maternal and child primary health care
- Health PO deployed to the field for response

Key Actions to date

- Procurement of 200,000 measles doses
- Rehabilitation of Tissi health center
- C4D activities to promote health seeking behavior
- Deployment of a midwife and 4 nurses to support the health center
- PCA with Regional Health Delegation to provide medical assistance in Tissi, including immunization campaign

NFI NON-FOOD ITEMS

Planned Response

- Distribution of WASH materials and Non-Food Items (NFIs)

Key Actions to date

- 20 Ton of supply delivered to Tissi
- NFIs prepositioned in Goz Beida
- Additional NFIs delivered to UNHCR for transportation



NUTRITION

Planned Response

- Nutrition screening
- Vitamin A supplementation and Deworming
- Outpatient Therapeutic Care
- Plumpydoz Supplementary feeding to targeted group of children to prevent malnutrition
- Nutrition PO deploy to the field for response and coordination

Key Actions to date

- C4D activities
- Nutrition screening under way

- 200 cartons of BP5 delivered to 4,000 Refugees.



WASH

Planned Response

- Distribute WASH-NFI Kits
- Provide access to potable water
- Hygiene promotion interventions
- WASH PO deployed to the field for response and coordination

Key Actions to date

- C4D and hygiene promotion
- PCA with AFDI to provide hygiene promotion including water treatment
- PCA with “Direction Regional Hydraulique” to provide 06 waters points
- Review of Contingency planning

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