

# CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC FLASH UPDATE #1

Impact of Sudan crisis

28 April 2023



## UNICEF RESPONSE

### OVERVIEW


- On 15 April, fighting erupted in Sudan between the Sudanese army and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF), sparking a humanitarian crisis with thousands fleeing their homes and seeking refuge in neighbouring countries.
- According to UN estimates, since the conflict began, close to 12,600 persons have sought refuge in the Central African Republic, living in spontaneous settlements in Am Dafock in the Vakaga Prefecture along the northern border of the Central African Republic.
- The dynamics of new arrivals are rapidly changing, and local authorities are discussing the possibility of relocation to Birao.


### HUMANITARIAN SITUATION


- According to the 2023 Humanitarian Needs Overview released in November 2022, about 120,000 people are in need of humanitarian assistance and protection in the northern region. Acute food insecurity is also widespread in the said region and prices of food are increasing in the area.
- The situation in the upcoming months is expected to worsen with expected floods and road closures due to the rainy season, leading to a potential surge in and spread of diseases such as cholera and an increase in food insecurity.
- The situation is impacting the already very fragile host communities. The region is home to 17,600 internal displaced, with ongoing conflict in some parts of the territory.


### HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE


- The humanitarian country team met on 24 April. UNHCR with support from OCHA is coordinating the response.
- On 28 April, an interagency mission was deployed to the northern part of the country to assess the needs and have a proper estimation of the refugee population.
- Based on several scenarios the humanitarian country team is expecting an influx of up to 50,000 people.

 Pending a formal needs assessment, UNICEF, through the Rapid Response Mechanism, will send 1,000 NFI kits to Birao to meet the urgent needs of 1,000 households, or 5,000 people.

 UNICEF will send drugs and kits to help with the treatment of main killer diseases among children. Midwifery kits will also be delivered to ensure the safe delivery of pregnant women in the region. Vaccines will be prepositioned to immunise children against measles.

 UNICEF has already distributed 250 boxes of RUTF for the health districts in Vakaga Prefecture targeting children with severe acute malnutrition. UNICEF will reinforce the stock of Vitamin A, medicine for systematic treatment of acute malnutrition & RUTF and additional stocks will be sent thereafter to the affected districts.

 UNICEF will preposition in Birao district jerry cans, water purifications tablets, water containers, plastic sheets for latrines construction, and menstrual hygiene items etc. Water provision and treatment as well as hygiene promotion kits will be dispatched.

 UNICEF will provide protection services to vulnerable children. These services include psychosocial support, child friendly and safe spaces as well as the identification and assistance to unaccompanied and children separated from their parents.