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A Sudanese child at UNICEF-supported child friendly space at Karkar bus station in Aswan receiving an immediate psychosocial support.

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

Armed conflict in Sudan has resulted in massive displacement within the country and into neighboring countries since the armed conflict erupted between Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) on 15 April. As of 23 November, about 6.6 million people have been displaced with 5.1 million people displaced within Sudan including 3.7 million<sup>1</sup>, previously displaced, In the first three weeks of November there is an increase of 500,000 people displaced and 270,000 in the last week of November.

On the 7 November, the parties to the conflict in Sudan have adopted the commitments reached in Jeddah, on the establishment of a Humanitarian Forum for Sudan led by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) with focus of protection and access. The conflict in Sudan has created a humanitarian catastrophe in the region as civilians pay the highest price in what is considered the largest displacement in the world<sup>2</sup>.

On 13 November, the SG's report on the Situation in the Sudan and the activities of the United Nations Integrated Transition Assistance Mission (UNITAMS) in the Sudan was published and reported 3,130 grave violations against women and children committed by both sides, and on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November, Sudan's permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Al-Harith Idriss Al-Harith Mohamed, sent a letter to the Secretary-General conveying the Sudanese government's decision to terminate the UNITAMS with immediate effect.

## UNICEF RESPONSE

According to UNHCR, that coordinates the Sudan response under their Refugee Coordination Model, as of 21 November, there are 378,504<sup>3</sup> (cumulative) Sudanese who have entered Egypt through border points Argeen and Qustul.

<sup>1</sup> OCHA Sudan Humanitarian Update as of 12 November

<sup>2</sup> <file:///C:/Users/ibono/Downloads/Sudan%20Crisis%20Humanitarian%20Key%20Messages%20-%20November%202023.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://reliefweb.int/report/egypt/unhcr-egypt-sudan-emergency-response-update-21-november-2023>

Despite challenges around the determining the locations of the refugees after leaving the entering points, UNICEF continues to work with the Government and NGO partners to respond to the needs of Sudanese displaced in Egypt.

### Child Protection

- UNICEF, in partnership with NGOs, has established five Child Friendly spaces in Aswan governorate, including one in Karkar bus station. These spaces have benefited 7,059 individuals including 6,259 Sudanese children (4,466 female) and 800 other nationalities, with over 60 per cent female, through Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) interventions facilitated by highly qualified Egyptian and Sudanese professionals.
- Additionally, four mobile teams have been set up (one in Aswan, two in Greater Cairo, and one in Alexandria). These teams provide MHPSS services during Cash Assistance distribution days, having already served 2,143 children (1,025 female) in addition to their regular activities.
- In collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP), UNICEF has improved ten existing family clubs and established eight new ones, totaling 18 family clubs. These clubs, currently operational in Aswan, Giza, Cairo, and Alexandria, offer MHPSS services specifically for Sudanese children.
- Five new specialized service hubs have been launched in Aswan, Giza, Cairo, Alexandria, and Damietta, complementing existing ones. These hubs provided speech therapy sessions, psychosocial services (including psychiatric care for severe cases) and facilitated referrals to cash assistance for 363 children with 350 Sudanese children including 74 per cent girls. Given the high demand, UNICEF plans to sustain these specialized services beyond December 2023. Caseworkers have conducted 4,500 home visits (covering 1,500 families) to assess the children's situations Aswan and Alexandria governorates. During these visits, the caseworkers ensured that families in need were referred to cash assistance programs. For those already receiving cash assistance, caseworkers-maintained follow-ups to address any additional child-related needs through service providers.

### Health and Nutrition

- Close to 40,000 children were vaccinated against polio and 7,000 against measles. Primary health care services were provided to 1,200 women and children.
- UNICEF supported the capacity building of 46 health workers and 5 supervisors in 16 health care facilities of Cairo and Giza governates on digital health and reporting on nutrition screening results.
- UNICEF is currently providing support to 30 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in various governorates to enhance the quality of screening services. As of now, 451 mothers and 3,000 children have been screened.
- UNICEF is collaborating with the Ministry of Health and Population (MoHP) to improve the screening services in these 30 PHCs by providing financial and technical assistance for better implementation of digital health (DHIS2) and supportive supervision. UNICEF is also partnering with MoHP, National Nutrition Institute (NNI), academia, and other UN agencies to create national protocols for waste management and referral pathways.

### WASH

- UNICEF and WHO experts jointly assessed water, sanitation, and hygiene conditions in 11 healthcare facilities in Aswan.
- Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) supplies and water testing kits were provided to 11 PHC facilities in Aswan. Around 40 technical staff for MoHP in Aswan were trained in IPC and water testing.
- Results achieved under WASH (cumulative) include 14 mobile toilets (total 84 chambers) installed and functional, 27 fixed toilets rehabilitated, 50,000 hygiene and dignity kits distributed to Sudanese, 225,000 people had access to sufficient and quality of safe water for drinking and domestic needs and over 350,000 people reached with sanitation services.

## Education

- **Education Cash Grants and Learning Materials:** UNICEF and its partners provided education cash grants to kindergarten students, resulting in reaching 8,778 students, including 4,441 girls, through cash provisions. In addition to 2,143 children (1,118 female) new arrival Sudanese children were reached with access to the education and individual learning materials.
- **Catch-up Classes:** UNICEF, in collaboration with partners, conducted face-to-face and online catch-up classes using the Sudan curriculum (13 subjects), benefiting 1,000 grade 12 Sudanese students across greater Cairo governorates. These sessions were facilitated by 160 teachers from the Sudan Teacher Association.
- **Teacher Training and Learning Spaces:** A total of 161 teachers (110 female) received comprehensive 21-day training covering five key areas: active teaching, classroom management, evaluation, blended teaching, teaching skills for children with disabilities and empowerment of the scientific content of each specialty subject. This training, carried out in partnership with Ain Shams University and the Ministry of Education and Technical Education (MoETE), aimed to enhance teaching methodologies. Additionally, UNICEF established 24 new learning spaces in five districts within Aswan Governorate, targeting new arrival children. This initiative provided recovery programs focusing on foundational literacy, numeracy, life skills, and integration programs, benefiting 1,000 Sudanese children aged between 5-18 years old.

## Social Protection

UNICEF and WFP Emergency Cash Assistance programme in Greater Cairo, Aswan and Alexandria has reached to date, more than 72,459 individuals, who have been enrolled in the programme (63 per cent female, and 37 per cent males). Children under 18 years old represented 43 per cent.

### Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP)

UNICEF is actively supporting the MoHP in strengthening accountability to affected populations for Sudan crisis response by introducing three dedicated seats for Sudanese agents in the MoHP call center. The agents will respond to questions and inquiries from the Sudanese communities in Egypt. The call center agents are currently receiving training; the service will be activated early 2024.

RapidPro interactive platform registered 1,600 Sudanese, providing them with unique medical numbers for streamlined healthcare access. Additionally, the MoHP 100-health initiative's mobile units delivered health screening services to Sudanese individuals across Greater Cairo, showcasing a commitment to inclusive healthcare.

## Coordination and leadership

UNICEF collaborates closely with its partners and sister agencies to ensure the affected children and their families received the complemented services; therefore, UNICEF participates in the regular coordination meetings held in Aswan, covering the sectors such as WASH, Nutrition, Education, Child Protection, as well as contributing to other sectors. UNICEF continues to work with partners to identify locations of the vulnerable Sudanese groups and others including host community, ensuring their seamless integration into regular services via established systems.

## FUNDING SITUATION

UNICEF secured US\$ 8.56 million (71 per cent) out of the planned budget of US\$ 12.1 million. UNICEF expresses its sincere gratitude to all donors such as BPRM (USA), European Commission/ECHO, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), and Global Thematic Humanitarian Funds for their generous contributions, which are instrumental to providing much-needed support to vulnerable children and their families. Flexible funding received under Humanitarian Thematic was instrumental for UNICEF to start life-saving interventions immediately at the border while securing additional funds for the delivery of basic services to women and children.

Funding received from April to November 2023.

Sector	Funding Requirement	Funding Received	Funding Gap %
Child Protection	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 2,183,747	-
Education	\$ 300,000	\$ 1,220,000	-
Health & Nutrition	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 607,315	47%
WASH	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 915,537	69%
Multi-Sectoral (Cash)	\$ 6,450,000	\$ 3,649,715	43%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,100,000</b>	<b>\$ 8,576,314</b>	

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