

Chad

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HUMANITARIAN OVERVIEW

- Since late July 2024, Chad has been affected by floods. Government data from 15 October shows that 1,941,869 people have been affected with 576 fatalities. The most severely hit provinces are Lac, Mandoul, Moyen Chari, Tandjilé, and N'Djamena. The capital N'Djamena counts 61,375 people affected.
- According to a joint report by the Institut de recherche pour le développement (IRD) and the University of N'Djamena, the level of the Logone River could rise to 8.60 meters and then overflow its banks, flooding neighborhoods in the 9th district of N'Djamena. The river Chari had already reached 8.42 meters by 24 October, exceeding the 8.14 meters recorded in 2022, when the Chadian capital experienced some of the worst flooding in recent years.
- The worst floods are expected between October and November when the water level of rivers will be at their maximum throughout the country.
- Due to the lack of access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services throughout the country and the existence of a cholera epidemic in Sudan and Cameroon, the risk of an epidemic in Chad is high.

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

- For the first time in Chad, in October, the humanitarian community activated the framework for anticipatory action. Chad received an allocation of 5 million USD from the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) to support anticipatory action to protect people at risk of river flooding in N'Djamena, out of which 700,000 were allocated for WASH interventions implemented by UNICEF.
- The budget needs of the National Flood Response Plan amount to 64 million USD. Around 12 million USD are available leaving a gap of 52 million USD. Additionally, the Government allocated 1 million USD for response interventions in N'Djamena and CERF allocated 12 million USD to support the response in the four most affected provinces: Lac, Mayo Kebbi Est, Mandoul and N'Djamena.
- UNICEF has finalized a response plan aligning to its Core Commitments for Children in Humanitarian Action. UNICEF's budget needs for this response amount to 10,021,852 USD.



UNICEF and its partner CAIDEL, a national NGO, continue to provide WASH assistance at two sites for internally displaced people in N'Djamena and at one site in Bongor, in Mayo Kebbi Est province. Two additional water fountains were installed at the Milezi 2 site in N'Djamena, covering 500 people, and bringing the total number of functional taps installed to 16. This ensures that 4,710 people have access to a minimum of 15 liters of safe drinking water per person per day. 72 showers and 76 additional latrines were built in the sites in N'Djamena and Bongor, covering 3,200 people. These latrines are emptied every two days. A total of 5,400 people now has access to sanitation facilities. 11,783 people received at least one awareness-raising message on good hygiene practices, bringing the cumulative number of people to 16,610.



Through child-friendly spaces at Milezi 1, 2 and the Basilica sites, UNICEF and the Chadian Red Cross (CRT) continue to provide psychosocial support to children. To date, 5,874 children, including 2,181 girls, have received psychosocial support. With the support of UNICEF, an additional child-friendly space was set up at the Toukra site. Thanks to CERF funds, UNICEF is partnering with CAIDEL to provide a child protection response in the provinces of Mayo Kebbi Est and Mandoul.



UNICEF and its partner World Vision International have distributed 200 non-food item (NFI) kits to 1,095 people in the sub-prefecture of Adé, in the province of Sila, in eastern Chad. In collaboration with the provincial delegation for social action, 200 kits were distributed to 1,200 people in the Borkou province. In addition, 500 refugee households, i.e. 2,899 beneficiaries, including 1,257 individuals from the Milé camp and 1,642 from the Touloum camp in Wadi Fira province, received NFI kits.



UNICEF has pre-positioned 2 test kits for cholera diagnosis in each of the 2 provinces of Ouaddaï and Wadi-Fira, and 1 kit in each of the other 21 provinces (a total of 25 kits comprising a total of 500 tests). In addition, a plan is being developed in collaboration with the N'Djamena Health Delegation and the Chadian Red Cross, to provide preventive and curative health services in the Toukra, Basilique, Milezi 1 and Milezi 2 sites.



UNICEF is working with World Vision to provide multi-sectoral humanitarian cash transfers to around 2,000 disaster-stricken households in Mandoul province.

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