



Briefing

Sudanese Refugees in Eastern Chad – Urgent Humanitarian Response Prepared by Four Refugee-Led Organizations and Human Rights Defenders June 2026

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Context

Since the outbreak of armed conflict in Sudan on 15 April 2023, millions have fled widespread violence, collapse of essential services, and acute food insecurity. Eastern Chad has become the primary destination due to geographic proximity and strong social ties.

As of June 2026, Chad hosts more than 1.3 million Sudanese refugees, with thousands arriving monthly. Needs far exceed available resources, creating urgent pressure on food, health, education, water, and protection services.

Priority Needs

- Food Security & Nutrition – Monthly food baskets, community kitchens, therapeutic feeding, nutrition for children and mothers.
- Health – Medicines, mobile clinics, maternal & child health, mental health services.
- Education – Classrooms, textbooks, teacher training, support for Sudanese exam students.
- Water & Sanitation (WASH) – Wells, latrines, hygiene kits, waste management.
- Protection – Child protection, legal aid, prevention of gender-based violence, psychosocial support.
- Livelihoods – Vocational training, small grants, women's economic empowerment, youth entrepreneurship.
- Shelter & NFIs – Tents, blankets, mats, kitchen sets for newly arrived families.

- Special Groups – Tailored support for women, children, youth, elderly, and persons with disabilities.

Achievements of Refugee-Led Organizations

Despite limited resources, refugee-led groups have delivered impactful responses:

- Food Security – Humanitarian Meal Initiative, food basket distribution, Eid livestock project, winter blanket campaign.
- Education – Support for exam students, meals, school supplies, volunteer teacher support, medical and psychosocial services.
- Health – Medical outreach days, first aid, hygiene campaigns, breast cancer prevention.
- Psychosocial Support – Sessions for children and women, resilience activities, holiday celebrations with toy distribution.
- Advocacy & Human Rights – Reporting, amplifying refugee voices, advocacy campaigns, *16 Days Campaign*.
- Capacity Building – Training volunteers and leaders, supporting initiatives, recognition of community contributions.

Why Support is Urgent

Funding gaps have already led to reduced food rations, weakened health services, stalled education programs, and delayed WASH projects. Without immediate and sustained donor investment, conditions will deteriorate further as refugee inflows continue.

Investing in refugee-led organizations ensures:

- Faster, more efficient delivery of aid
- Stronger community participation and ownership
- Sustainable solutions rooted in local realities
- Protection of dignity and resilience of refugees

Vulnerable Groups – Priority Needs

Women and Girls Women and girls represent the majority of camp residents and face overlapping challenges: food shortages, heavy family burdens, limited income opportunities, need for reproductive health services, hygiene supplies, protection, and psychosocial support.

- Food

- Reproductive health services
- Hygiene supplies
- Protection
- Economic empowerment
- Vocational training
- Psychosocial support

Children are the most affected group, facing malnutrition, interrupted education, and psychological trauma.

- Education
- Nutrition
- Healthcare
- Vaccinations
- Safe spaces
- Psychosocial support
- Recreational activities

Youth and Men Youth require real opportunities for self-reliance to reduce risks of unemployment and frustration.

- Vocational training
- Employment opportunities
- Small business support
- Community leadership training
- Capacity-building programs

Elderly Older persons struggle to access healthcare and food, requiring tailored support that considers their health and social conditions.

- Medicines
- Food
- Healthcare
- Mobility aids
- Home-based care

Persons with Disabilities Persons with disabilities need specialized services to ensure fair access to aid and participation in community life.

- Assistive devices
- Rehabilitation services
- Healthcare
- Accessible services
- Inclusion in education and livelihood programs

Chapter Conclusion

The four refugee-led organizations stress that investment in these sectors is an urgent humanitarian priority. Bridging the gap in needs requires genuine partnership between donors, international organizations, and refugee-led groups. This ensures a more efficient and sustainable response, upholds refugee dignity, and strengthens resilience until conditions allow for safe and voluntary return.

Role of Refugee-Led Organizations

Sudanese refugee-led and local responders Initiatives have played a **central role** in bridging gaps. They have implemented community projects in food security, education, health, psychosocial support, protection, and capacity-building. These efforts show that investing in local refugee-led organizations not only improves efficiency but also strengthens community participation and ensures faster, more effective service delivery.

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Call to Action

We urge donors and partners to:

- Provide flexible, multi-year funding to sustain essential services.
- Support refugee-led initiatives as frontline responders.
- Invest in community peacebuilding to strengthen coexistence with host communities.
- Prioritize vulnerable groups to ensure inclusive humanitarian response.

Together, we can safeguard lives, uphold dignity, and strengthen resilience until conditions allow for safe and voluntary return.

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