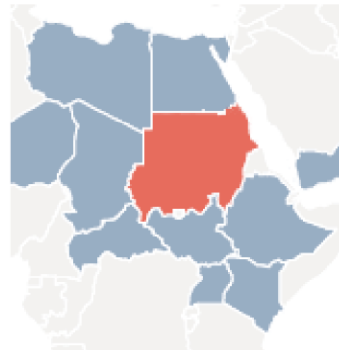


## PROTECTION AND SOLUTIONS IN SUDAN – TRENDS AND PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS

In 2019, Sudan witnessed significant political upheaval that led to the formation of a Transitional Government. In 2020-2021, Sudan has an opportunity to achieve lasting peace, political stability and durable solutions for the displaced. Significant investment is required to support the Government reforms to address the root causes of conflict, including political and socioeconomic marginalization, regional disparities, access to land, natural resources and basic services. As the situation continues to evolve, UNHCR has calibrated its approach to protection and solutions to respond to the evolving context.<sup>1</sup>

as of 30 September 2020



 **757,510**  
Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries

 **1.8** million  
Internally displaced in Sudan

 **990,223**  
Refugees hosted in Sudan

## UNHCR'S SUDAN STRATEGY FOR 2020-2021

### 1. Building Partnerships for Solutions

UNHCR will work with the Transitional Government and key partners to develop a common plan of action to advance provisions of the Sudanese Constitutional Declaration and peace agreement which pertain to solutions to displacement. While framing durable solutions in a regional context, UNHCR will play a catalytic role to raise awareness and mobilize financial and technical support from all relevant stakeholders. Systematized protection monitoring and high-quality protection and mapping data and analysis will serve to inform a range of actors in their durable solutions decision-making and programming. Engagement with the Friends of Sudan, the African Union, IGAD, Multilateral Development Banks and bilateral donors to plan for and mobilise resources for safe, sustainable and dignified returns or local integration will be prioritised while voluntary repatriation from neighboring countries continues to be planned for and facilitated. Continued progress in the peace negotiations is likely to produce opportunities to access areas under the control of non-state actors in Darfur, South Kordofan and Blue Nile. UNHCR will continue to closely monitor developments and prepare stand-by capacity to respond quickly to changes, this will include coordination with UNITAMS.

### 2. Placing Protection at the Centre of the Refugee Response

UNHCR will re-focus its resources on new arrivals, protection in mixed movements ensuring protection from refoulement and systematic access to national asylum procedures. This will include focusing on rapid biometric registration of new arrivals, verification and documentation. UNHCR will continue empowering refugee communities with the aim of implementing rights-based programming in areas of SGBV, child protection, civil documentation, support for persons with specific needs, and the nexus between migration and asylum. Improvements in evidence-based reporting and further streamlined mechanisms for complaints and feedback, anti-fraud, and PSEA are also priorities. Durable solutions programming for refugees will also be scaled up through intentions surveys, voluntary repatriation where possible, expansion of resettlement, and complementary pathways.

### 3. Operationalising the Global Compact for Refugees

UNHCR will support Sudan in drafting a phased roadmap to operationalize pledges made at the 2019 Global Refugee Forum, including mainstreaming refugee services into national systems and aligning the national displacement policies on freedom of movement and the right to work with international standards. The roadmap will include actions to hand over the education and water sectors in East Sudan to the appropriate Ministries, as well as longer-term area-based interventions which will enhance livelihoods, ensure inclusive government service delivery for refugees and host communities in out-of-camp settings, focus on minimum standards in life-saving sectors, and include refugees in national and state level development plans.

### 4. Responding Rapidly and Effectively to the Needs of IDPs

UNHCR will facilitate effective protection coordination, monitoring, analysis and advocacy, championing the centrality of protection, and leveraging its expertise in areas of protection and legal analysis, durable solutions, civil documentation, Age Gender Diversity Mainstreaming and Accountability to Affected Populations for IDPs. Continued leadership and delivery on Emergency Shelter/Non-Food Items (ES/NFI) will be prioritised, including by implementing more Cash Based Interventions in the sector and by providing protection sensitive packages including household solar lighting. The IDP response will be characterised by enhanced community mobilisation, peacebuilding and social cohesion, youth programming, protection monitoring, community support projects, and strong coordination leadership in the protection and ES/NFI sectors.

<sup>1</sup> Protection and Solutions Strategy 2018-2020. <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/documents/details/79272>