

East Sudan

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East Sudan hosts an extensive population of refugees, asylum-seekers and other persons of concern. While continuing to receive new arrivals, East Sudan is also host to one of the most protracted refugee situations in the world with nine active refugee camps in Kassala, Al Jazeera and Gedaref States. UNHCR works closely with Sudan's Commissioner for Refugees (COR) and other partners to provide protection and assistance to persons of concern.

KEY DEVELOPMENTS

1,868

New arrivals were received at the border reception centers (**83 per cent** Ethiopians, **17 per cent** Eritreans, **60.9 per cent** male, **49.1 per cent** female, **1 per cent** unaccompanied children) – **173 per cent more** than November 2018

1,203

New arrivals were registered in Shagarab I camp (**60.7 per cent** male, **39.3 per cent** female, **1 per cent** unaccompanied children)

3,245

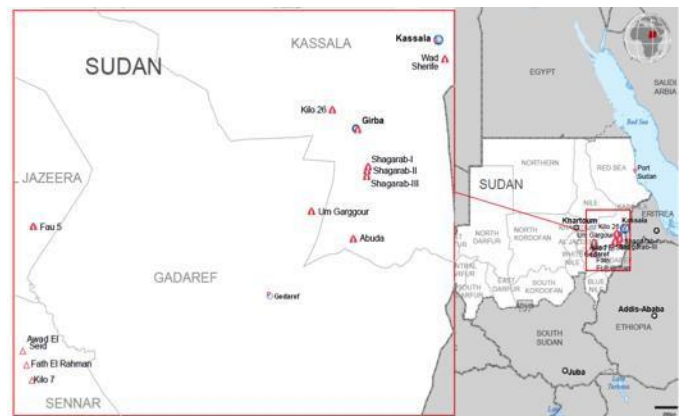
Refugees benefited from UNHCR's **livelihood** programme so far in 2018

37,968

Refugees received targeted **food assistance** in 8 camps

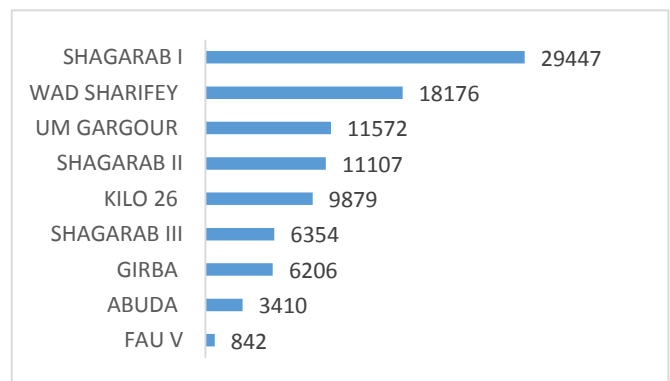
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Health consultations conducted in 9 camps



POPULATION OF CONCERN

Per Camp



UNHCR PRESENCE

Staff

52 National staff

13 International staff

Offices

3 offices located in Kassala, Girba, Gedaref

Highlights

Ethiopian Influx



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A total of 1,553 individuals (1,510 from the *Kement* tribe 39 *Tigray* and 4 *Amhara*) fled into Sudan, following insecurity incidents in Amhara region. 1,328 were relocated to Shagarab camp in three convoys from Al Fazra and Basunda localities for asylum procedures. The group was recognised *Prima facie* by Sudanese National authorities. A group of 77 new arrivals from *Kement* ethnic group who have also expressed their desire to seek asylum were temporarily hosted in Siefa and Kunena localities with 5,400 heads of cattle. This is a temporary arrangement as state authorities resolve the issues regarding the cattle. Another 126 individuals (83 from the *Kement* tribe 39 *Tigray* and 4 *Amhara*) were assisted to return to Ethiopia.

Education on Self-Reliance



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3 new school gardens were built in Abuda, Girba and Kilo 26 camps with the support of IKEA Foundation. The garden facilities include fencing, land preparation, installation of irrigation systems and installation of solarized water tanks for irrigation. To contribute to the sustainability and community self-management of the schools, a workshop targeting 42 participants, including PTA members and school headmasters was conducted on sustainable management of micro business (school gardening model).

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene



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UNHCR partner ISWO replaced the covers of 2 sand filters of the old water system and also completed the construction of the fence of the water station located in Shagarab camp. Also, 16 communal latrines and washing areas were provided for the new Ethiopian arrivals in Shagarab camp. The individuals also received water and sanitation services with the support of ISWO.

Working in partnership

Commission for Refugees (COR): Camp management and coordination, reception, registration, refugee status determination, protection, education | **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO):** Value chain | **Forestry National Cooperation (FNC):** Environmental management, energy | **Gedaref State Ministry of Education (MoE):** Education | **Human Appeal International (HAI):** Health and nutrition services, water sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services, primary health care, SGBV prevention and response, support to persons with specific needs, management of UAC Centre | **Islamic Social Welfare Organisation (ISWO):** Management of water supply | **Kassala Microfinance Institute (KMF):** Formal microfinance loans | **Sudan Organization for Development (SOD):** Legal assistance | **Sudan Organisation for Research and Development (SORD):** Informal microfinance schemes, functional adult literacy | **Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS):** SGBV prevention and response, child protection, counter-trafficking, support to persons with specific needs, WASH, health and nutrition services, women development, vocational skills training, shelter | **Talaweit Organization for Development (TOD):** Ready meal provision for asylum- seekers | **World Food Programme (WFP):** Food assistance

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