

# OPERATIONS UPDATE



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## CHAD: SUDANESE REFUGEES

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The Federation's mission is to improve the lives of vulnerable people by mobilizing the power of humanity. It is the world's largest humanitarian organization and its millions of volunteers are active in over 181 countries.

### In Brief

**Appeal No. 23/2003; Operations Update no. 4; Period covered: July 2004; Appeal coverage: 25.7%;**

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#### Appeal history:

- Emergency Appeal 23/2003<sup>1</sup> launched on 2 December 2003 for CHF 2,303,000 (USD 1,779,508 or EUR 1,448,063) for six months to assist 65,000 beneficiaries.
- Operations Update no. 1 dated 29 January 2004<sup>2</sup> was issued.
- Operations Update no. 2 dated 4 May 2004<sup>3</sup> extended the operating timeframe seven months until 31 December 2004.
- Operations Update no. 3 dated 25 June 2004<sup>4</sup> revised the Appeal budget to CHF 3,968,000 and confirmed the timeframe extension until 31 December 2004.
- Revised Emergency Appeal 23/2003<sup>5</sup> dated 27 July 2004 revised the Appeal budget to CHF 14,215,000, increased the number of beneficiaries to 80,000, and confirmed the timeframe until 31 December 2004.
- Disaster Relief Emergency Funds (DREF) allocated: CHF 160,000

**Outstanding needs : CHF 10,566,063 (USD 8,264,400 or EUR 6,856,600)**

#### Related Emergency or Annual Appeals:

- Chad Annual Appeal<sup>6</sup> no. 01.42/2004
- Sudan Annual Appeal<sup>7</sup> no. 01.06/2004

#### Operational Summary:

This Update is issued as a means to highlight recent events on the ground, both in Chad as well as Sudan (Darfur). The following information reflects this direct linkage between events in Sudan and the refugee situation in Chad.

Due to the quite recent launching of the revised Emergency Appeal, and the time required to establish a full presence, a full and more comprehensive Update will be issued shortly.

<sup>1</sup> Emergency Appeal - [http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?03/2303.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?03/2303.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Operations Update no. 1 - [http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?03/230301.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?03/230301.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> Operations Update no. 2 - [http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?03/230302.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?03/230302.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> Operations Update no. 3 - [http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?03/230303.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?03/230303.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> Revised Emergency Appeal - [http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?03/2303r.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?03/2303r.pdf)

<sup>6</sup> Chad Annual Appeal - [http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?annual04/014204.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual04/014204.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> Sudan Annual Appeal - [http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf\\_appeals.pl?annual04/010604.pdf](http://www.ifrc.org/cgi/pdf_appeals.pl?annual04/010604.pdf)

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For longer-term programmes, please refer to the Federation's Annual Appeal(s).

## Operational developments

The set-up of the Tréjine camp is progressing well. UNHCR has signed an agreement with local authorities authorizing the use of the land in Tréjine for the refugee camp. The site is being marked; Oxfam has started to dig the first wells. The Red Cross of Chad has started to erect the tents received in Abéché; new volunteers are expected to arrive in order to speed up the process. All ERU teams and equipment have arrived and are either on-site or in transit.

## Red Cross and Red Crescent action

**Objective 1: Camp Management: To install infrastructure and initiate operations in the Tréjine Refugee Camp, and to provide services for more 17,000 refugees in the fields of Camp Management, Basic Health, Sanitation and Community Services.**

### Progress/Achievements

The support to Red Cross of Chad in the setting up of Tréjine camp is underway. The Federation field operational structure has been strengthened by the arrival of all ERU teams and equipment. The movement of essential goods from N'Djamena to Abéché has been facilitated by access to air transport.

### Camp Management/Logistics ERU

The Federation Logistics Coordinator in N'Djamena has been joined by the Danish Red Cross logistics ERU with support from the French Red Cross and Belgian Red Cross. The team has been operational at N'Djamena airport and has received the incoming Danish Red Cross ERU consignment of equipment, tents and vehicle which has been transferred to Abéché. Additional warehousing has been secured through the WFP and will be strengthened in the field by the use of Rubb halls donated by the Norwegian Red Cross. The British Red Cross will also support additional cargo flights with essential relief goods and a vehicle. The ERU team will travel to Abéché to establish the local warehousing and relief goods' supply line for Tréjine camp.

### Sanitation ERU

The Mass Sanitation ERU is a joint deployment between the Austrian Red Cross who have provided the module of equipment, and the team supported by the Swedish Red Cross and French Red Cross. The ERU team is en-route to Abéché. The operational priorities will be: to establish the latrine system for Tréjine camp, set up the waste

<sup>8</sup> Code of Conduct - <http://www.ifrc.org/publicat/conduct/>

<sup>9</sup> Humanitarian Charter - <http://www.sphereproject.org/>

disposal system, and work closely with OXFAM (responsible for water treatment and distribution) and the health teams (to support hygiene promotion amongst the refugee population).

The area is endemic for malaria; with the onset of the rainy season, it is anticipated that this will be one of the major health problems. The ERU team will also support a vector-control program to reduce mosquito breeding. The incoming water and sanitation (WatSan) delegate will coordinate the overall program to ensure that needs are met and are compliant with Sphere standards.

#### **Basic Health ERU**

The six-person Basic Health Care ERU of the German Red Cross, with support from the French Red Cross, will be an essential part of the healthcare services for the Tréjine camp. This will be strengthened with the arrival of the Federation Health Coordinator by the end of August.

It is anticipated that the health needs of the refugees will be significant: water-borne diseases, malaria, diarrhea, acute respiratory tract diseases, malnutrition, risk of cholera, and other epidemics such as measles.

Most vulnerable groups will include children-under-five, pregnant women and the elderly. Together with the Red Cross of Chad, the Basic Health Care ERU will focus on providing essential preventive and curative health care. A recent outbreak of cholera in the region of N'Djamena affected 776 people and resulted in 45 deaths; the Federation provided the Red Cross of Chad with two kits that will be used to treat about 2000 affected persons, another three kits are expected to arrive shortly.

#### **Objective 2: Capacity Building.**

No direct progress to report at this time.

#### **Objective 3: Support to the Local Population.**

No direct progress to report at this time.

#### **Objective 4: Re-Deployment of the Transport Support Package (TSP).**

No direct progress to report at this time.

#### **Objective 5: Telecommunications .**

No direct progress to report at this time.

#### **Objective 6: Food Pipeline.**

No direct progress to report at this time.

### **Federation coordination**

#### **Security**

French Army troops are deployed in the border area and near the camps; however, their mandate is still unclear. The French Minister of Defense is in Abéché, and a meeting was organized at the army base Friday evening 6 August. It is hoped that the role of the French army will be clarified at this meeting, and whether they will have a role related to the external security of the refugee camps.

There has been no report on cross border attacks over the last week.

Currently, the security situation is calm in the camps and in Hadjar Hadid, the base camp/site for ERU teams and delegates working in the camp. The Federation is working on a common security backup plan to ensure a maximum security with the various NGO's and staff based in Hadjar Hadid.

## Situation in Darfur, Sudan

The following text reports on events in Sudan. Given the direct impact these events have on the Chad operation, the Federation considers it essential to provide this information in this Update.

### Background

The UN Security Council has agreed a resolution for Sudan to deal with rebel militia groups in the western region of Darfur: the SLM/A and JEM.<sup>10</sup> The African Union (AU) has plans to deploy a 2,000-strong peacekeeping force to the region; however, the Sudanese Interior Ministry has stated that the AU has not made an official request, and that the Sudanese Government would not agree to the presence of foreign troops in Sudan, regardless of nationality. Tens of thousands of people marched in Khartoum (4 August) in protest against any foreign intervention. The following day, the government announced it was doubling the number of security forces in Darfur to 12,000 over the next four months, and agreed to disarm the militias in Darfur.

### Assistance

Over the past month, the Sudanese Red Crescent has received in-kind contributions from the Kuwait Red Crescent Society, the Red Crescent Society of the United Arab Emirates, the Egyptian Red Crescent Society, and the Islamic Bank for Development for activities in Darfur.

Medical teams arrived from the Danish Red Cross and Norwegian Red Cross.

### Assessment

The Federation deployed a four-member FACT<sup>11</sup> to Sudan. This FACT has completed its mission and is expected to complete its report by 13 August. The team has been

- assessing the options for Federation support to Sudanese Red Crescent humanitarian activities in Darfur, in co-ordination and co-operation with the partner national societies (PNS) and the ICRC, and
- examining the scope of a proposed emergency and disaster management training course to determine how the National Society and Sudanese humanitarian workers can be better equipped in Darfur and post-peace Sudan.

Initial indications from the FACT highlight the possible role for the Federation with a range of capacity building interventions. In addition, the FACT saw a need to start planning for the transition to peace, for a returned presence of the Federation, and a more development orientated environment in which the Federation would take on a stronger co-ordination role. The FACT is proposing a range of capacity building activities at national headquarters level, at branch level, in Darfur, and specific to the Southern Peace process. The team envisages an annual budget of approximately CHF 3 million, and an initial two-year time frame.

A PNS Feasibility Study Mission to Darfur is currently underway and expected to be completed by 15 August 2004. The mission is comprised of representatives from the British Red Cross, the Australian Red Cross, and the Sudanese Red Crescent Society. It is intended that the mission will determine how the bilateral partner national societies approach might fit with ICRC, Sudanese Red Crescent, Federation and other operational national society capacities and planning particularly in the area of management, administration and coordination. The mission also expects to gain a stronger understanding of support being offered by ICRC, Sudanese Red Crescent and the Federation and, in turn, what support might be required from the PNS working together collectively.

*[Contributions list below; click here to return to the title page.](#)*

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<sup>10</sup> SPM/A – Sudan Liberation Movement/Army; JEM – Justice and Equality Movement

<sup>11</sup> FACT – Field Assessment and Coordination Team - <http://www.ifrc.org/what/disasters/fact/>

# Chad - population movements

ANNEX 1

APPEAL No.23/2003

## PLEDGES RECEIVED

28/07/2004

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
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### CASH

REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				14,215,000	TOTAL COVERAGE 25.7%	
AMERICAN - GOVT/PRM		400,000	USD	506,600	27.02.04	
DANISH - RC				57,933	19.12.03	
FINNISH - RC		40,000	EUR	61,940	19.12.03	
ICELANDIC - RC		2,000,000	ISK	34,800	25.06.04	
IRISH - RC		25,000	EUR	38,988	04.04.04	
JAPANESE - RC		58,700	USD	76,222	12.12.03	
LIBYAN - RC				7,000	11.12.03	
MONACO - RC		2,500	EUR	3,900	31.12.03	
NETHERLANDS - RC		1,065,000	EUR	1,628,385	06.07.04	PURCHASE OF KITCHEN SETS, BLANKETS, TARPULINS, MOSQUITO NETS, MEDICINES, TRANSPORT & DISTRIBUTION COSTS, PERSONNEL, TRAINING
NETHERLANDS - RC		4,527	USD	5,724	23.06.04	PROGRAMME SUPPORT GOODS
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		1,200,000	NOK	222,000	23.01.04	
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		31,850	NOK	5,892	23.01.04	PROGRAMME SUPPORT, GOODS
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		14,950	NOK	2,766	23.01.04	PROGRAMME SUPPORT, STAFF
SWEDISH - RC		1,000,000	SEK	172,000	10.12.03	
SWEDISH - RC		126,000	SEK	21,672	01.01.04	IN-COUNTRY COST & PROG. SUPPORT
SWISS - GOVT/RC				85,562	02.12.03	
SWISS - RC		4,359	USD	5,510	28.06.04	PROGRAMME SUPPORT
UNHCR		150,000	USD	187,350	22.01.04	TRANSPORT OF 80'000 REFUGEES
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				3,124,244	CHF	22.0%

### KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
NETHERLANDS - RC		147,650	USD	186,703	23.06.04	500 FAMILY TENTS, TRANSPORT/ INSURANCE
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		490,000	NOK	90,650	23.01.04	RELIEF GOODS
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC				42,000	23.01.04	DELEGATE
SWEDISH - RC				26,400	01.01.04	RELIEF & LOGISTIC DELEGATE, 6 MONTHS
SWISS - RC		141,566	USD	178,940	28.06.04	505 TENTS, TRANSPORT, INSURANCE

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DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				524,693	CHF	3.7%

## ADDITIONAL TO APPEAL BUDGET

DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED				0	CHF	