

CONCERN IN THE REPUBLIC OF SUDAN – 2024

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Concern trucks transport supplies across the Chad and Sudan border. Photo: Dominic MacSorley/Concern Worldwide

Humanitarian Overview

Conflict between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) is wreaking a path of violent destruction throughout the country. Almost two years of war has turned it into the fastest-growing displacement crisis, with an average of a staggering 20,000 people forced to move every day. Now, Sudan faces the world's largest humanitarian emergency with over 30.4 million people – more than half of the country's population, in need of aid. Since April 2023, an estimated 11.5 million people have been displaced, with 60% of the population unable to access health services. Sadly, in 2024, just 65% of the humanitarian funding required was provided to support those living through this devastation.

In 2025, if the war rages on and displacement continues, the already vast humanitarian needs will grow.

Total number of Concern programme participants in 2024: 483,991

Concern Worldwide in Sudan

We are working hard to alleviate suffering and build resilience in the country, by establishing programmes that strengthen household capacity, provide health and nutrition support, and humanitarian assistance in emergencies.



With this established presence, our dedicated teams have been on the ground since April 2023, to provide urgent support to those living in this crisis. At the end of 2024, Concern reached 483,991 vulnerable people with life-saving health, nutrition, livelihood and WASH services.

All of our programming reaches those who have been directly affected by the conflict, with implementation across the country in West Darfur and Central Darfur, West and South Kordofan, and the Red Sea State, and our teams are coordinating direct emergency responses to support as many people in need as possible.

Integrated Health Programmes



Concern ERM (Emergency Response Mechanism) team reach remote communities in Um Shalaya refugee camp in Central Darfur. Adam Mohammed Hasan (8) receives a check-up from a Concern ERM team member. Photo: Concern Worldwide

Health

The majority of the health facilities were being supported prior to the 2023 conflict but services needed to be scaled up in the absence of a functioning healthcare system, particularly in many of the rural health units. Services include provision of a curative medical support, immunisation, ante natal healthcare, a skilled delivery service, treatment of acute and moderate malnutrition, IYCF counselling service. In 2024, the Sudan Programme,

- worked in 81 static health facilities providing Primary Healthcare services (PHC)
- 15 mobile clinics across 5 states
- provided access to the facilities that brought an additional level of support for technical monitoring, coaching and mentoring for health facility staff

Nutrition

Integrating nutrition into health programming has been a cornerstone of Concern's operations throughout 2024. This integration included the treatment of children, pregnant and breastfeeding women and provision of specialised services to support children suffering from severe malnutrition with medical complications.

Concern, also conducted active case findings/screenings through community volunteers using integrated MUAC (mid-upper arm circumference) screening

However, the team faced significant gaps in supply chains for specialised therapeutic food for malnourished children. In addition, finding qualified staff remains a pressing issue in many rural health facilities due to movement and the relocation of personnel to safer areas.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

The WASH programme forms an integral component of the health and nutrition interventions in Sudan, aiming to address the underlying causes of malnutrition and mitigate the risks of disease outbreaks. The programme:

- constructed and renovated health facilities as well as incinerators for safe disposal of medical waste;
- actively engaged local communities on behaviour change education around safe hygiene practices;

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

164,445 participants were reached with enhanced support to health facilities

8,312 children with severe malnutrition (SAM) were treated

5,875 households were supported with multi-purpose cash of €1.2 million

Food Security and Livelihoods Programmes



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In 2024, two large integrated Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL) programmes were implemented in addition to three programmes with a cash component to support FSL improvement in Sudan. In these programmes Concern:

- trained farmers on climate-smart agricultural practices to adopt better production techniques and enhance incomes at the local level
- distributed food assistance
- provided cash assistance where possible

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

2,067 households (12,402 individuals) received in-kind food assistance

5,875 households were provided with multi-purpose cash assistance

300 farmers were trained on climate smart agriculture practices

and food insecurity. Concern's emergency response programme included:

- providing a stable presence in existing, but poorly functional health and nutrition facilities
- providing PHC services for children under 5 years old and pregnant and lactating mothers,
- renovating water and hygiene services in facilities,
- extending hygiene promotion services for local populations
- providing community nutrition services including household visits and health and nutrition education, mother support group services, multi-purpose cash assistance, direct food assistance, and non-food item distribution.



Emergency Programmes



Essential household items for those affected by the conflict in West Darfur at the Concern warehouse in El Geneina. Photo: Kieran McConville/Concern Worldwide

Total number of Concern programme participants in 2024: 457,343

We have been responding to the immediate needs of displaced communities, including food, water, shelter, healthcare, cash transfers, and essential household items.

In all areas of Concern's work, we faced a complex emergency context with limited accessibility, a high number of vulnerable IDPs (internally displaced persons) and a lack of stable health and nutrition services

Cholera outbreak

A Cholera outbreaks was reported in Red Sea State, along with high levels of malaria throughout the rainy season (August to October). Concern's response contributed to a reduction in the fatality rate and increased prevention measures. The intervention, included:

- Establishment of oral rehydration points across busy sites
- house-to-house community mobilisation and messages on how to prevent cholera

Famine prevention

In early 2024, the UN selected IPC 4–5 level localities across the country and launched funding for famine prevention and prioritised nutrition and food security for these localities. The response focused on:

- preventing famine by delivering therapeutic food from the UN pipeline (RUTF/RUSF)
- distributing non-food items from the UN shelter/NFI pipeline
- distribution of food for vulnerable beneficiaries and multi-purpose cash assistance

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

7 oral hydration points were established

70,004 people were reached through house-to-house community mobilisation

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