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COI QUERY RESPONSE

CHAD – BORDER WITH SUDAN

A report issued in March 2025 by the *World Food Programme* notes that: “The Sudan conflict has compounded these issues, triggering a massive refugee influx. By 2024, Chad hosted 1.3 million refugees, including 722,000 new arrivals since April 2023, alongside 220,000 returnees...This unprecedented influx has strained food systems, particularly in eastern Chad, where refugees and host communities compete for limited resources in areas with high malnutrition rates.”¹

A report issued in March 2025 by the *Stockholm International Peace Research Institute* notes that: “The border region between Chad and Sudan has long been a space with ‘distinctive traits of both cross-border integration and cross-border conflict...The region is characterized by complex historical, political and socio-economic linkages reinforced by cross-border kinship and family relations as well as economic and social exchanges...”²

In April 2025 the *International Crisis Group* states that: “Sudan’s civil war, which erupted in April 2023 between the Sudanese army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF), has fuelled the world’s biggest humanitarian crisis. The conflict has forced millions to flee their homes, including about one million people who have sought shelter in neighbouring Chad. This influx has placed immense strain on Chad’s isolated and already impoverished eastern provinces, particularly Ouaddaï, whose population has increased by 60 per cent in the space of two years.”³

This document also states that: “The war in Sudan has triggered not just a humanitarian disaster, but deep economic and social transformations in eastern Chad.”⁴

¹ World Food Programme (27 March 2025) Chad: Annual Country Report 2024 - Country Strategic Plan 2024 – 2028, p.9).

² Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (28 March 2025) Through their Eyes: Experiences of Displaced Sudanese Women and Girls in Eastern Chad, p.8

³ International Crisis Group (10 April 2025) The Spillover of Sudan’s War into Eastern Chad, p.1

⁴ *ibid*, p.3

A report published in May 2025 by *Agence France Presse* notes that: “Some 20,000 people have fled to Chad in the past fortnight due to surging violence in Sudan's western Darfur Region...The rising numbers have created an alarming situation at the border, said UNHCR...”⁵

This document also states that: “...Chad's capacity to absorb new arrivals was severely overstretched, with the country already hosting 1.3 million refugees, including 794,000 arrivals from Sudan since the conflict erupted two years ago.”⁶

The *International Rescue Committee* in May 2025 states that the: “...humanitarian situation in Chad’s eastern regions which is reaching a breaking point. Chad has received more than 47,000 refugees from Sudan in the last 30 days, a number of refugees now reaching levels comparable to those at the beginning of the conflict in 2023. Overstretched local services are collapsing under pressure, leaving both refugees and Chadian communities in urgent need of critically limited health care, nutrition, water, and protection services. Chad already hosts over a million refugees, including over 800,000 arrivals from Sudan since the conflict started more than two years ago.”⁷

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