

Dear Friends of JRS Family - Western and Eastern Africa Regions!
Partners, Donors, and Collaborators,

On behalf of the JRS Sudan Conflict Crisis Group (JRS SCCG), we are writing to thank you for the support we have received so far to carry out our intervention in Sudan's neighboring countries as well as to provide some updates on the crisis and our response.

Since our last update, Sudan has continued facing a complex and volatile situation due to the continued clashes between Sudan's military and the country's main paramilitary force. Hundreds of people have lost their lives and thousands keep crossing Sudan borders in search of safety. The conflict is leading to a catastrophic humanitarian crisis.

People fleeing the war are not only Sudanese nationals, but there are also other nationalities who have been in refuge in Sudan. In South Sudan, for example, most people crossing are South Sudanese refugees who have been forced to return to their country. You can read stories of people fleeing Sudan in search of safety who are supported by JRS on our website.

As of May 31, at least 90,000 people have crossed Chad's frontiers, about 6,183 to Ethiopia and more than 84,000 people to South Sudan. JRS is present in all these three countries, and we are part of the inter-agency response and reception teams providing services to people fleeing the conflict.

JRS South Sudan team has been present in Renk, the main point of entry of displaced people from Sudan to its southern neighboring country, since late April. Working hand in hand with our partner organizations on the ground, we have been providing services in counselling, protection referrals, childcare activities, basic physiotherapy services, as well as NFI distributions. Our main focus in the South Sudan response is MHPSS (Mental Health and Psychosocial Support) as a response to the needs of the people.

The needs of the population in Renk are increasing daily, and the capacity of all NGOs is not enough to respond to the needs of the increasing and every day more vulnerable displaced population. For that reason, we need to continue mobilizing funds, so we can accompany the most vulnerable people in Renk.

Since late April, JRS Chad has been operating in Ouaddai, Silla, and Wadi Fira as a part of the interagency response, providing assessment and services. One of our major efforts is ensuring access to education for refugee children, so we are identifying school-age children in the reception sites and trained and qualified teachers among the new arrivals. We are also distributing school supplies, raising awareness about the importance of

education among the community and in discussion with the local education authorities to ensure that the children are accepted into official Chadian schools.

We will continue being present where the needs are greatest. This response equips us to be prepared and contribute to coping with the human consequences of this outbreak of violence, as we continue to **serve, accompany, and advocate** for those who need us most during this tough time.

In case new significant updates arise, we will notify you using the same means after our weekly meetings.

We continue to be at your disposal for any queries or to address any topic related to the above information shared.

Thank you for your continued support.

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