



Overview: The Site Management Sector (SMS) is a coordination mechanism which aims to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of humanitarian assistance and protection services to displaced populations in sites and site-like settings in Sudan. The Sector is led by UNHCR and co-chaired by NRC at the national level. The SMS in Sudan was activated in July 2023 to address the growing needs of the forcibly displaced people in Sudan.

According to IOM DTM, more than six million people have been displaced since the eruption of armed conflict between the Sudan Armed Forces (SAF) and Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in April 2023. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the six million displaced population (est.1,530,000 people) are hosted in sites and site-like settings in the 18 states in Sudan, i.e., in camps, collective centers (schools, public buildings, etc.), and open area informal settlements.

Since October 2023, site management partners were able to map 1,300 collective centers in seven (7) of the 18 states in Sudan, i.e., White Nile (WN 487 sites), Al-Jazirah (457), Gedaref (250), Northern states (NS 61), Red Sea (RS 46), Kassala (45), and Sennar (22), hosting more than 280,000 people.

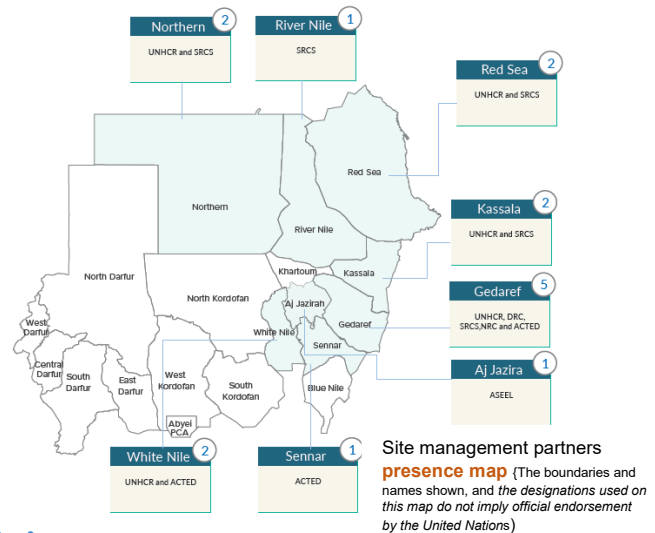
Within the 2024 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), the Site Management Sector aims to target 1,588,735 internally displaced people with a budget requirement of \$14,765,058 to meet the Sector's strategic objectives of enhancing (i) overall coordination and assistance monitoring, (ii) community engagement & participation, (iii) capacity-sharing initiatives to facilitate self-management of sites and site-like settings, and (iv) enhancing site protective environment through small-scale site improvements to facilitate a safe and dignified living condition at the site-level.

Key highlights by partners:



Community Engagement- In Gedaref, the Sector partners conducted regular focus group discussions (FGDs) to assess and identify needs and, undertook multi-sectoral assessments jointly with community representatives. In January, the Sector partner DRC established eight (8) site management committees (community structures) in 27 collective centers in the Wasat Al-Gedaref, West Galabat, and Al-Fashaga localities. Similarly, Sector partner NRC established community committees (network) in 45 collective centers to support community mobilization and on-site monitoring and reporting. 234 individuals make up the established community committees (145F / 89M). 44 service-related complaints were also received through the established NRC Complaint and Feedback Mechanisms (CFM) deployed in the collective centers.

In the White Nile (WN), Sector partners led by UNHCR and SRCS conducted community consultations to establish 140 site management committees to facilitate community mobilization activities. The Sector partners in WN have also mapped a cumulative total of 487 collective centers in the state. In the Northern State (NS), Sector partners UNHCR and SRCS held community engagement meetings in which issues including the lack of Non-Food Items (NFIs), inadequate medicine for chronic medical conditions, and concerns about the limited support to unaccompanied minors were highlighted by the community. The Sector in the Northern State flagged the issues arising of unaccompanied minors to the partner SRCS, and NFIs needs to IOM for support at the state level. Local authorities at the state level are also notified of the community concerns arising about inadequate medicine at the health facilities for chronic health conditions.



3,177,463 people in need of site management interventions in Sudan ([HRP 2024](#)).

1,530,000 people living in sites and site-like settings in 18 states in Sudan i.e., in camps, collective centers (schools, public building etc.) and open area informal settlements.

1,300 collective centers with 280,000 displaced people accessed and mapped by SM partners since October 2023, in seven states in Sudan (WN, Al-Jazirah, Gedaref, NS, RS, Kassala, and Sennar). **20,000** displaced people were reached with various site management support in January 2024.

14,765,058 (\$) required to meet Sector needs. Site management activities include but not limited to (i) community engagement & participation, (ii) capacity-sharing initiatives, (iii) site-planning and site improvements, (iv) site-level coordination & information management.



Capacity-Sharing Programme (CSP)- In the Northern State (NS), Sector partner UNHCR conducted capacity-building sessions on site management best practices targeting local government departments and partner agencies at the state level, i.e., the Humanitarian Aid Commission (HAC) officials, the State High Council, Nad Alazhar, SRCS, UPO, Mutawinat, MedGlobal, NADA, and DOSA personnel. 56 personnel were reached with these sessions (20F/ 26M). In Gedaref, the Sector partner DRC conducted awareness sessions on site management best practices for the newly established community structures in collective centers in the Wasat Al-Gedaref and West Galabat localities. 54 individuals were reached with these sessions.



Site Planning and Site Improvements- In Gedaref, Sector partners UNHCR, NRC, DRC, SRCs, and local authorities (HAC) conducted a site assessment and monitoring mission in the West Galabat locality to assess conditions of four (4) collective centers, i.e, Kasab Basic School for Girls, Kasab Basic School for Boys, Kajara School, and Al Hourri Basic school. The Sector partners further supported the site-planning and set-up of the site in Al-Houri area, West Galabat, to shelter 110 households displaced from Al-Jazeera. Moreover, in Gedaref, Sector partner DRC installed sixty (60) solar lights in collective centers in the localities of the Wasat Al-Gedaref, West Galabat, and Al-Fashaga and provided site cleaning materials to the community groups. More than 2,600 people are benefiting from the installed solar lights, improving safety conditions at night in the collective centers. In the Northern State (NS), local authorities (HAC) have identified 4 locations to serve as new collective sites and help decongest the existing crowded centers, pending inter-agency and local government discussions on alternative solutions.



Sector Strategy and Coordination- In January 2024, the Sector developed its [2024 strategy](#) following consultative discussions with partners. Feedback was also received from the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) members to inform the Sector strategy development. The Sector strategy centers around three main strategic objectives, i.e. (i) facilitating coordination and monitoring of assistance delivery to displaced populations, (ii) enhancing site protective environment to facilitate conditions which are safe and with dignity, and (iii) fostering community participation in decision-making processes. Moreover, and in line with OCHA-led mainstreaming of Area Humanitarian Coordination (AHCT) and Area Inter-Cluster Coordination Groups (A/ICCG), the Sector has since established consistent national-level engagement with partners (fortnightly) and active coordination forums (Sub-national) put in place for the White Nile (WN), Northern State (NS), Red Sea (RS) and the Gedaref state in Sudan.



Left: Site management capacity-building in the Wadi Halfa (Photo by UNHCR), Right: Community engagement session by NRC in Gedaref (Photo by NRC)

Contributing partners:

