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After two and a half years of war, Sudan remains locked in a humanitarian catastrophe of **staggering dimensions**. Civilians continue to be killed, injured and displaced in ongoing attacks in the Darfur and Kordofan regions. Sexual violence remains pervasive. **Famine and acute food insecurity** have spread during the ongoing lean season. Attacks on healthcare and essential infrastructure are fueling the spread of cholera and other diseases.

North Darfur's El Fasher has been under a tightening siege for more than 500 days, with entry and exit routes blocked as attacks advance deeper into the city. Advocacy on a humanitarian pause in the area continues. In Khartoum and areas in the east in which relative stability is emerging, millions of people are returning to badly damaged cities and towns littered with explosive remnants of war, and in which basic services have been decimated.

Despite challenges posed by **conflict and insecurity, bureaucratic and severe resourcing gaps**, humanitarian organizations continue to scale up support where possible. Local organizations and community networks remain at the forefront of the response across Sudan, while facing serious mounting threats to their safety. In total, at least **120 humanitarian workers** have been killed since the current conflict began in **April 2023**.

As of end September, some **\$1.06 billion** in contributions have been recorded against the **\$4.16 billion** requested in the 2025 [Sudan Humanitarian Needs and Response Plan](https://humanitarianaction.info/plan/1220#page-title) (<https://humanitarianaction.info/plan/1220#page-title>) (HNRP), representing just over 25 per cent of requirements. Funding coverage is the lowest it has been in more than ten years. Last year at the same time, \$1.36 billion had been recorded against the \$2.7 billion 2024 Sudan HNRP, covering 50 per cent of the needs. The **Sudan Regional Refugee Response Plan (Central African Republic, Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia, Libya, South Sudan and Uganda)** is only 20 per cent covered, with **\$355.1 million** recorded against the **\$1.81 billion** requirements.

The impact of funding gaps is increasingly being felt on the ground, including cuts to food rations, closure of community kitchens, and further reductions in reproductive health services and support to survivors of sexual violence.

New injections of flexible funding are urgently needed to ensure that humanitarian organizations can adjust to the complex and highly dynamic nature of the crisis, and take full advantage of access openings as they arise. This year, partners aim to assist 20.9 million of the 30.4 million people in need. That would represent an increase of more than 40 per cent over the number of people targeted last year.

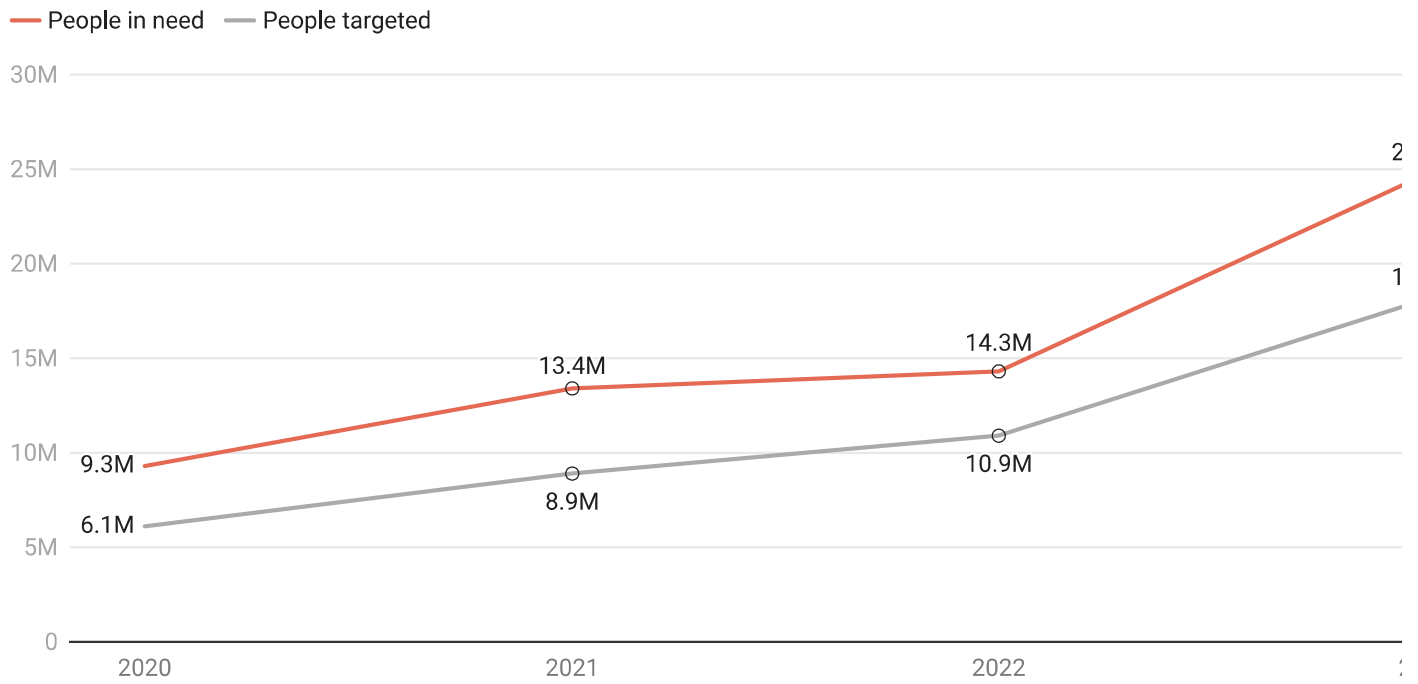
The **Sudan Humanitarian Fund (SHF)** remains a key channel of support for local and international non-governmental organizations (NGO), with **\$125 million** in allocations so far in 2025. Support to grassroots partners is a central priority for the Fund and innovative modalities for reaching mutual aid groups with flexible small-scale grants continue to be refined and built upon.

Extreme access challenges in crisis-and famine-struck Sudan have made community kitchens key to helping people in need. As they provide food and social support that help hold communities together, grassroots organizations running these kitchens deserve huge credit. This work is made possible thanks to the OCHA-managed Sudan Humanitarian Fund, which the Netherlands is proud to support. We hope other countries will join in contributing to this country-based pooled fund (CBPF), so Sudanese people and communities can survive.

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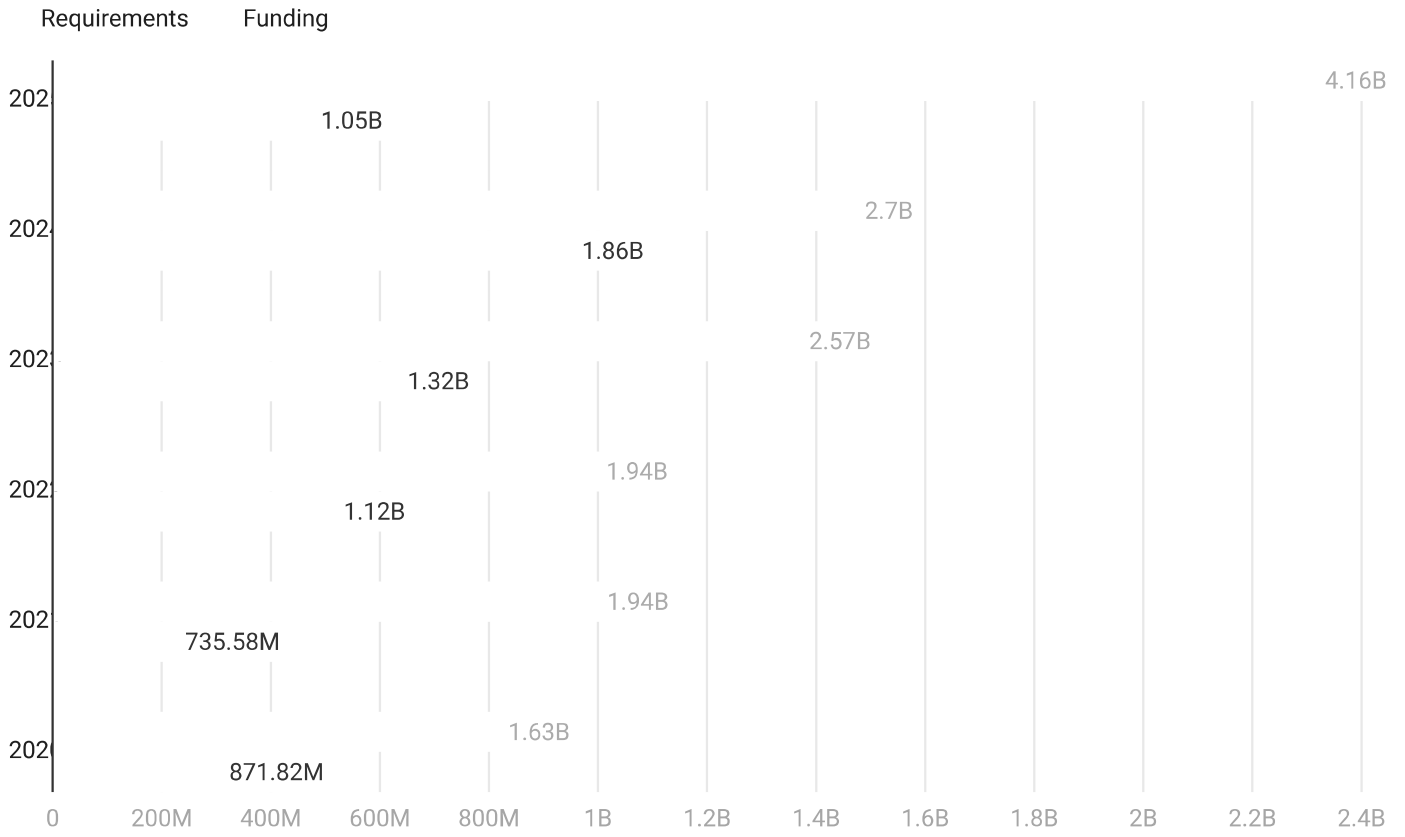
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Evolution of people in need and targeted (2020 - 2025)



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