



### HIAS IN CHAD

**Founded:** 2005

**Staff Size:** 133

**Country Director:** Joyce Kanja

**Office Locations:** N'Djamena, 12 refugee camps along the eastern border with Sudan: Djabal, Goz Amir, Treguine, Bredjing, Farchana, Gaga, Touloum, Mile, Kounoungou, Iridimi, Amnabak, Oure Cassoni and one site, Kerfi.

### REFUGEES IN CHAD

There are nearly **400,000 refugees** living in Chad, with over **300,000 from Sudan**, over 70,000 from the Central African Republic, and over 8,000 from Nigeria and other countries. Most of the Sudanese refugees in the country fled Darfur over 13 years ago and live in eastern Chad. Like the host population, refugees live in dire economic conditions and are struggling to meet their most basic needs. The UN estimates that by 2018, 3.8 million people in Chad will be considered food insecure, including 1 million who will need emergency food aid.



### HIAS BENEFICIARIES IN CHAD

Direct beneficiaries of HIAS' work are survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and particularly vulnerable refugees who are identified through community networks and are evaluated by HIAS staff. Particularly vulnerable groups include persons with disabilities, older persons, at-risk youth and single women caring for families. Demographics in the camps vary, but for all age groups, females largely outnumber males.

### HIAS SERVICES IN CHAD

Although most refugees and a significant portion of the Chadian population depend on international aid to survive, the World Food Programme (WFP) significantly reduced food assistance to all populations in Chad in 2014. HIAS' work focuses on creating sustainable

food distribution systems so that refugees can supplement their nutrition levels. Socio-cultural norms and changing family dynamics put the refugee populations in Chad at increased risk of SGBV perpetrated by both local populations and other refugees. HIAS empowers communities to both prevent and respond to SGBV.

#### Psychosocial Services

HIAS provides direct response and coordinates referrals for survivors, convening the SGBV coordination group and organizing awareness campaigns on SGBV. HIAS runs a community mobilizer program to identify and

provide assistance to those who continue to be vulnerable to SGBV, including at-risk women and children who have trouble coping with the violence they've witnessed. This cadre of community mobilizers live in the camps, supporting those at highest risk of exploitation and with greatest need for protection and care. The community mobilizers conduct public education programs to address protection concerns within the refugee community and challenges that arise from interaction with the host community.



### Food Distribution

HIAS partners with the World Food Programme (WFP) and the UN refugee agency (UNHCR) to distribute cash-based transfers, as opposed to directly supplying food rations to refugees, which allow for greater self-determination.

Starting in April 2017, HIAS began implementing this new voucher-based food distribution system in the Goz Amir camp, marking the third location in eastern Chad where HIAS has brought this model of self-sufficiency to Sudanese refugees. Ultimately, HIAS' plan is to bring the system to all 13 locations where it is responsible for food distribution on behalf of UNHCR and WFP in the region.

### Livelihoods Services

In February 2017, HIAS launched a new program focusing on the permagardening methodology, a small-scale agricultural technique that maximizes soil fertility and water management using local resources. Within three months, HIAS trained 20 lead gardeners and less than two weeks later, the lead gardeners trained an additional 300 refugees. All 300 have since started their own household kitchen gardens.

## PARTNERS

Action of Churches Together (ACT)

Association pour le Developpement Economique et Social (ADES)

Chadian Red Cross

Commission Nationale d'Appui et de Reinsertion au Refugies, Retournes et Rapatries (CNARR)

International Medical Corps (IMC)

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

International Rescue Committee (IRC)

Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS)

Lutheran World Federation (LWF)

Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

Refugee Education Trust (RET)

Secours Catholique pour le Developpement (SECADEV)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

World Commission on Dams (WCD)

World Food Programme (WFP)