

### **Operational context**

### Chad is a landlocked country located in the Sahelian belt neighboring Libya, Sudan, the Central African Republic (CAR), Cameroon, Nigeria, and Niger.

Chad continues to face various challenges: high numbers of severe food insecurity and malnutrition, forced displacement, climate change, epidemics, chronic poverty, and political fragility. As a result, the 2024 Humanitarian Response Plan estimates that about 6 million people (host and displaced communities) require assistance out of which the humanitarian community will target 4.6 million from the most vulnerable groups.

Since April 2023, Sudanese refugees that flew in Chad are estimated to 1,043,143. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) estimates that Chad hosts some 1,215,631 refugees as of 31 August 2024 – the largest refugee caseload in West and Central Africa – and IOM have noted 25,300 Chadian returnees from Sudan.

Chad faces a challenging environment to sustain the logistics means required for effective humanitarian response. Moreover, most roads are unpaved, and become impassable during the rainy season.

The WFP-managed United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) provides common air transport services to the humanitarian and development community in Chad, to enable immediate response and access to key hard-to-reach locations, including for security relocations and medical evacuations, when required. Furthermore, UNHAS is the only viable airline operating internal flights in Chad.

## In numbers

- 05 aircraft
- 19 destinations covered
- 393 flights performed
- 133 organizations served
- 3,051 passengers transported
- 21.13 mt of cargo transported
- 227 passengers no-shows

# **Operational updates**

#### Fleet

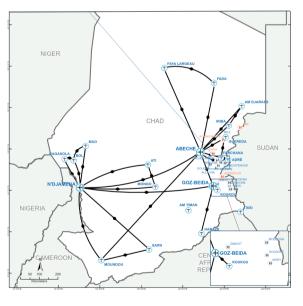
Since mid-July 2024, one Helicopter MI8 MTV (funded for 3 months by the European Union as part of the EU Humanitarian Aid Flight project) has been positioned in Abeche and operates in the Eastern Region of the Country to support the Sudanese refugee crisis response.

One Dash 8-103 will join soon UNHAS Chad fleet and will be based in Abeche, aiming to continue to increase UNHAS capability in the country.

#### **Rehabilitation works**

UNHAS Chad aims to rehabilitate Koukou, Adre, Farchana and Baga Sola Airstrips during 2024-2025.

#### UNHAS routes - as of July 2024



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