

SITUATION UPDATE



International Medical Corps staff members meet in Souk Al Kadar camp.

Sudan's conflict, began on April 15, 2023, has created one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. According to the United Nations, more than 11.7 million people have been displaced, including 4.2 million who have fled to neighboring countries. The takeover by the Rapid Support Forces of El Fasher, North Darfur, toward the end of October 2025 has brought another turning point to the biggest humanitarian crisis in the world. The city remains closed, with food, medicine and relief supplies blocked despite urgent appeals for access.

The takeover has worsened conditions in an area already devastated by sustained conflict. Fighting in and around the city resulted in the displacement of more than 450,000 people, driving most of those who are able to seek refuge in Al Tawila locality. Due to its proximity to the frontlines, services in Al Tawila are quite limited, and operational partners are unable to cope with the magnitude of the need, given the influx of displaced families and individuals. The movement of populations from El Fasher also has spilled over to other areas, such as in the east and central Jebel Mara region. Central Jebel Mara—where International Medical Corps is supporting Golo hospital and eight other primary healthcare facilities—has seen an increase in the utilization of health services by newly arrived internally displaced persons (IDPs).

With more IDPs expected, there is a critical need for additional health services, including water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services such as latrines for IDPs in the camps and support to women and children. Assessments indicate there is a large displacement of mostly women-headed households, as male members of the families, including youths, were either detained or killed in El Fasher. There are reports of 150 unaccompanied children travelling from El Fasher. Shelter is being built by communities for children who require family reunification and other services, to support their day-to-day needs as well as enabling them to overcome the trauma they have experienced. Souk Al Kadar camp in Golo town is currently hosting at least 7,129 IDP households (approximately 42,000 individuals) with a further 11,000 households expected from a nearby camp. This has stretched existing resources even further.

International Medical Corps Response

International Medical Corps has been supporting displaced people from El Fasher in Souk Al Kadar since July. With the recent escalation in conflict, we are now seeing people fleeing the conflict and coming to reside in the displacement camp in Golo.

FAST FACTS

- As a result of ongoing conflict, more than 450,000 people have been displaced within and around El Fasher.
- Burdened by war, Sudan is facing catastrophic public health issues, including famine and a cholera outbreak that authorities formally declared in July 2024.
- 1,376 households have been registered in Golo as a result of the conflict since the last week of October.

OUR FOOTPRINT

- Since 2004, International Medical Corps has been providing health, nutrition, protection, mental health, and psychosocial support (MHPSS), and water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) services in Sudan.

OUR RESPONSE

- International Medical Corps is providing primary healthcare services in Golo hospital..
- We are preparing to deploy a mobile health and nutrition team to Souk Al Kadar camp.
- Working with partner organizations, we are distributing non-food items in Souk Al Kadar camp.

We are working alongside partner organizations to support the camp through water trucking and the distribution of WASH-related non-food items. The nearest health facility is closed and unable to cater to the host community. The nearest alternative health facility is Golo Hospital, which we support.

Golo Hospital offers primary healthcare services, including outpatient consultations, maternal and newborn care, childcare services such as routine immunization, nutrition screening, and management of moderate and severe acute malnutrition. The team also supports comprehensive emergency obstetric maternal and newborn care, including cesarean section and emergency surgical operations. In recent weeks, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of outpatient consultations—an increase of 14% from the previous month—due to the increased violence in El Fasher.

We also are supporting a local partner offering services in Golo for the prevention of and response to violence against women and girls, including case management, psychosocial support and life-skills training. International Medical Corps is preparing to deploy a mobile health and nutrition team to Souk Al Kadar camp, working closely with local authorities and the community to help meet the increased needs expected in the coming days. In addition, we are preparing to donate medical supplies to partners currently working in Tawila.