

SITUATION UPDATE



International Medical Corps staff members provide wound care in Souk Al Kadar Camp.

Sudan's conflict, which 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.

As of November 9, almost 90,000 people had been displaced from El Fasher town and surrounding villages in North Darfur since October 26. Though these figures are expected to change due to ongoing insecurity and rapidly evolving displacement dynamics, it is clear that the situation within and around El Fasher continues to be catastrophic—and that meeting humanitarian needs will require additional resources.

The situation remains tense and highly fluid, due to insecurity and ongoing movements as displaced individuals seek refuge where they can. Limited resources to establish settlements for displaced populations increases the vulnerabilities of a population already distressed by the conflict—for example, at least 77 households in one of the gathering sites in Tawila have had their shelters destroyed by fire. In November, at least 1,436 displaced additional households (8,616 individuals) arrived in Golo town, putting further burden on available services in Souk Al Kadar Camp, which is already hosting nearly 50,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs).

Despite the efforts to address the increased demand for services, available resources remain insufficient. Mental health services are extremely limited for the IDPs displaced from El Fasher and there are few qualified mental health staff to offer such services. There have been reports of people who have arrived in Golo town from El Fasher showing signs of mental health conditions, heightened fear and distress. We have observed women desperate for assistance who have sought refuge in Golo Hospital, while those who have fled with nothing are exposed to cold temperatures at night and sweltering heat during daytime.

International Medical Corps Response

International Medical Corps, which has been supporting displaced people from El Fasher in Souk Al Kadar since July, is continuing to provide safe water supply through water trucking at Souk Al Kadar Camp. We also have prepositioned medical and nutrition supplies to be used for a mobile health and nutrition team to complement the services offered at Golo Hospital, which we support.

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.
- In November, at least 1,436 additional households have arrived in Golo as a result of the conflict.

OUR FOOTPRINT

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

OUR RESPONSE

- International Medical Corps is providing primary and secondary healthcare services in Golo hospital.
- We are deploying 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.

The 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. Our team also supports comprehensive emergency obstetric maternal and newborn care, including cesarean section and emergency surgical operations. Within the first week of November, the number of consultations increased by 17% from the previous week—for example, one-third of patients treated for wounds have arrived from El Fasher.

We are also launching additional services to cater to women and girls who have experienced trauma and violence, as well as mental health services at Golo Hospital. In addition, we are helping a local partner to provide services relating to violence against women and girls, including case management, psychosocial support and life-skills training. Further, as part of our support to a local partner that offers mobile health and nutrition services among IDP settlements, we are transporting a consignment of medical commodities to Tawila, where our technical team will launch a response to provide health and nutrition services to the displaced populations within the El Fasher/Tawila corridor and provide safe water supply in IDP settlements.