

Children displaced from the town of al-Fashir play in the mud at a newly established camp in central Sudan, in this photo taken on November 16. Photo: Marwan Ali/AP/TT

Doubles donations to refugees in Sudan

Sweden's • Akelius Foundation is doubling every one-time gift given in December - to strengthen UNHCR's work for people fleeing the rapidly escalating crisis in Sudan.

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"If a company donates one million, we will also double it," says real estate billionaire and philanthropist Roger Akelius, who founded the charitable foundation Akelius Foundation, in a press release.

"The situation in Sudan is terrible and I feel a responsibility to do my part to alleviate the terrible suffering that exists."

The UN refugee agency UNHCR's efforts in Sudan include emergency housing, clean water and protection for unaccompanied children. The civil war between the Sudanese army and the paramilitary RSF is considered to be the most extensive humanitarian disaster globally at present – with tens of thousands of people killed and millions displaced.

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