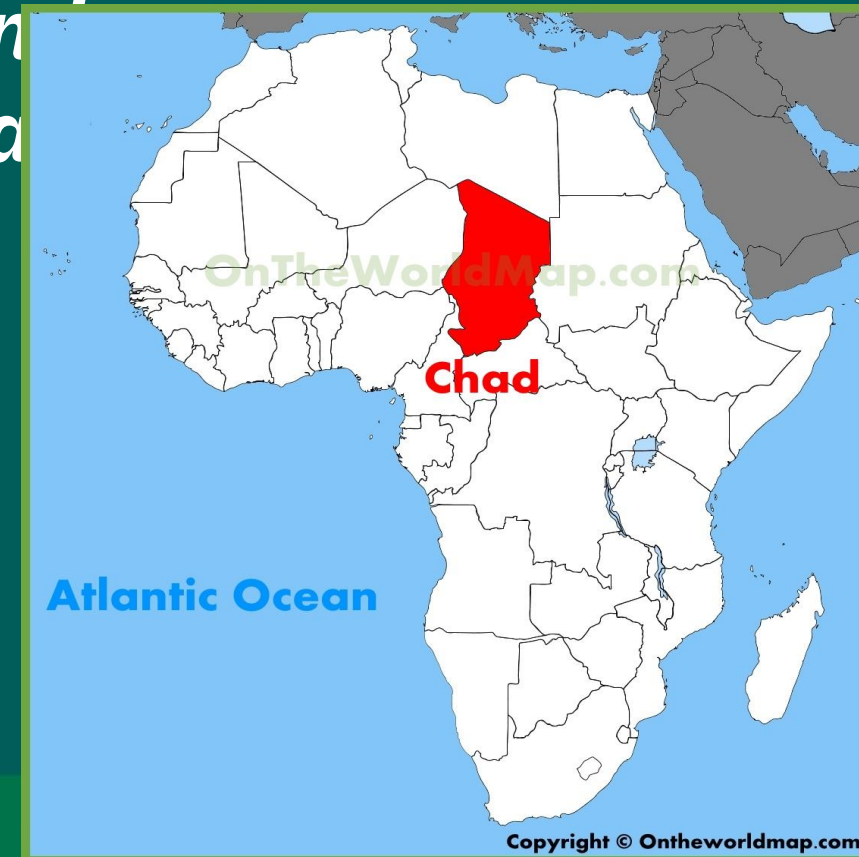


*Concern Chad Improving Access to and  
provision of quality health care in Sila  
Province*

**Global Health Exchange, Dublin  
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## Background:



- Chad, facing a magnitude of inequalities & difficulties / HDI 186/189 in the world and 50/52 in Africa (2018), incl. low access to quality health services for poorest people
- Life expectancy at birth 53.2 years
- Maternal mortality 856 per 100,000 live births
- U5 mortality rate 127.3 per 1,000 live births
- Adult (15-49 years) HIV prevalence 1.3%
- U 5 stunting 40% (UNDP HDI Report 2018)
- Inability of the state-funded health care systems to reach the poor throughout the country

## **Concern's response - Integrated Programme on Community Resilience in Sila Province, funded by Irish Aid**

- **An MoU with the Ministry of Health provides a framework for collaboration.**
- **Concern works with the Goz-Beida and Baga Sola Health Districts**
- **In 2019, Concern continues to work in 5 health centres, serving 56 villages.**
- **10 Health Centre workers were trained on Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI), and 52 ( 26 F, 26 M) Community health workers (CHWs) trained on nutrition screening.**
- **Assisted health facility staff to provide care for children aged 6-59 months with severe acute malnutrition (SAM) & moderate acute malnutrition (MAM).**
- **137 Volunteer Care group (women only) in 56 villages trained on nutritional screening.**
- **Concern integrated CMAM Surge pilot in Goz beida Healh Centre**



# Training of Care Group Volunteers



On screening of malnutrition among children from 6 to 59 months in Teissou village, Sila Province, Chad.  
Photo by Daouda, Concern Community Animator, March 2019



On dietary diversity for children aged 6-23 months at Kadjaské Health Center, Sila Province, Chad.  
Photo taken Félix, Health and Nutrition Assistant; November 2018

## Progress reported

- **The Annual Household Survey reports 38% of people are taking their child to a health centre within 24 hours of their child being sick with a fever; this is an increase of 16.6%, surpassing target of 28% (2018).**
- **Reflects an improvement in IMCI at Health Centre level.**
- **Positive effects of CHW activities at the community level contributing to behavioural changes regarding the uptake of health services.**
- **Trained Health Centre Management Committees (COGES) are being more responsive at micro-level decision making in managing the Health Centres.**
- **Integrated and scaled up from 1 Health Centre to 5 health centre (2019).**
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# Challenges

- **COGES (Health Management Committee) includes 50 members (2F, 48M) - socio-cultural barriers of women participating in decision making;**
- **Difficult to assure that a high level of good practice, within the national MoH norms, is being maintained outside of supervisions;**
- **Rupture in nutritional inputs for nutrition programming;**
- **Sustainability of interventions due to low state funding and weak health governance at all levels;**
- **Low capacity (in quality and quantity) of health staf assigned to health centre;**
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## Next Steps

- **Concern Chad plans to incentivise Health Centres by implementing a performance bonus scheme.**
- **Expansion to 323 trained community volunteers in 29 care groups across 56 villages.**
- **In 2019, Concern continues to conduct harmonised supervisions of nutritional inputs, liaising with UNICEF and Sila Health Delegation.**
- **Concern is continuing to advocate for a store for Plumpy'Nut.**
- **In 2019 Concern will integrate CMAM Surge approach in other 6 health centres, 4 in Goz beida and 2 in Baga sola health Districts.**
- **Concern will pilot engaging men to improve malnutrition approach in 10 villages in Goz Beida Health District and Homestead garden Approach in Baga Sola.**

# PHOTOS 3

## CMAM Surge approach in Goz Beida Health District, Sila Province, Chad



Training of care providers on the implementation of the CMAM Surge approach in Goz-Beida Health District , Sila Province  
Photo by Félix Health and Nutrition Assistant, March 2019



# Chad remains fragile but stable

- **A new armed conflict has erupted in the North of the country (Tibesti province).**
- **Climate change effects (desertification, drought, floods...)**
- **Inter community conflicts between farmers and livestock breeders in Eastern Chad (Ouaddai and Sila Provinces)**

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**Merci de votre attention  
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