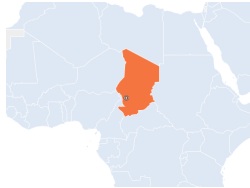


Introduction

Chad is a landlocked country in Central Africa. Neighboring countries include Libya, Sudan, Central African Republic, Cameroon, Nigeria, and Niger. The geography is broad with arid plains and deserts in the north and mountains in the northwest. The government system is a republic; the chief of state and head of government is the president. Chad has a mixed economic system in which much of the population relies on subsistence farming and livestock, but private sector development depends on foreign capital. Chad is a member of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS).



Location: Middle Africa

Capital City: N'Djamena (+1 GMT)

Chief of State: Interim President Mahamat Idriss Deby

Head of Govt.: Interim Prime Minister Albert Pahimi Padacke

Currency: Communaute Financiere Africaine franc (XAF)

Major Languages: French (official), Arabic (official), Sara (in south), more than 120 different languages and dialects

Primary Religions: Muslim 52.1%, Protestant 23.9%, Catholic 20%, animist 0.3%, other Christian 0.2%, none 2.8%, unspecified 0.7% (2014-2015 est.)

Calling Code: 235

Voltage: 220

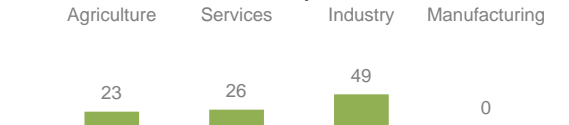
Key Websites

Main Government Page: gouvernement.td

Key Economic Facts

Income Level (by per capita GNI):	Low Income
Level of Development:	Developing
GDP, PPP (current international \$):	\$29.56 billion (2022)
GDP growth (annual %):	2.24% (2022)
GDP per capita, PPP (current international \$):	\$1,668.02 (2022)
External debt stocks, total (DOD, current US\$):	\$3,933,632,679.20 (2021)
Manufacturing, value added (% of GDP):	3.19% (2020)
Current account balance (BoP, current US\$):	-\$0.04 billion (1994)
Inflation, consumer prices (annual %):	5.79% (2022)
Labor force, total:	5,541,115 (2022)
Unemployment, total (% of total labor force) (modeled ILO estimate):	1.41% (2022)
Imports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$5.03 billion (2022)
Exports of goods and services (current US\$):	\$6.50 billion (2022)

GDP Composition %



**Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.*

Rankings

Index	Rank
Corruption Perceptions Index	161 / 178
Global Competitiveness Index	141 / 141
Global Enabling Trade Index	135 / 136
Index of Economic Freedom	138 / 176
International Logistics Performance Index (LPI)	123 / 160
KOF Index of Globalization	163 / 185
Networked Readiness Index (NRI)	139 / 139
Open Budget Index	106 / 114

Risk Assessment (Provided by Coface)

Country rating: D - A high-risk political and economic situation and an often very difficult business environment can have a very significant impact on corporate payment behavior. Corporate default probability is very high.

Business Climate rating: E - The highest possible risk in terms of business climate. Due to a lack of available financial information and an unpredictable legal system, doing business in this country is extremely difficult.

Strengths

- New oil fields brought into production
- Development potential of the agricultural sector

Weaknesses

- Poverty levels are extremely high (41.7% of the population in 2020 according to the World Bank)
- Dependent on oil
- Business environment not conducive to thriving private sector development and high level of corruption
- Geographically isolated
- Worsening security conditions at the national level and in neighboring countries (Cameroon, Libya, Nigeria), with which Chad shares porous borders
- Low level of Lake Chad, with negative effects on cotton, fishing, and the environment

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