



Country Profile Republic of CHAD

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General Data

General info

- Capital: N'Djamena
- Type of State: Democratic Republic.
- Location: Central Africa
- Area: 1,284,000 km²
- Time Zone: GMT+1

Demography

- Population: 20 299 123- 2024
- Official language: French, Arabic
- Business language: English

Currency

- Local currency : CFA Franc BEAC (XAF)
- 1 USD = 564,75 XAF – July 2025

macro economy

- GDP: 19,08 MM USD - 2024
- GDP per capita: 1034,76 USD – 2024
- Employment-to-population ratio, people aged 15 and over: 60% - 2023

International trade

- Imports - 2024: 1 212 M USD
- Exports- 2024: 3 490 M USD

FDI

- FDI stocks in 2023 ~ 9 200 M USD
- Inward FDI flows in 2023: 913 M USD

Strong facts

Exploitation of new oil fields

Strong agricultural potential

New National Investment Charter



GDP growth



Chad's economy is demonstrating cautious optimism, bolstered by both oil and non-oil sectors. In 2024, real GDP grew by approximately 3.2–3.5 %, with the rebound driven by non-oil industries (+3.7 %) and modest oil output (+1.4 %).

Looking ahead, 2025 is projected to see growth of around 3.3–3.4 %, as public investments, agricultural recovery, and structural reforms take effect.

Medium-term forecasts under the "Chad Connection 2030" development plan target an even brighter outlook, aiming for average annual growth of 8 % between 2025 and 2030.

These forward-looking ambitions are underpinned by support from the IMF's \$630 million Extended Credit Facility and World Bank-backed reforms focused on infrastructure, digitalization, and economic diversification.

With oil revenues stabilizing and non-oil sectors gaining momentum, Chad is positioning itself for a sustained and more inclusive growth trajectory.



Doing Business in Chad



Chad is actively transforming its economic landscape and presents encouraging opportunities for businesses. The government's flagship "Chad Connection 2030" initiative aims to mobilize \$30 billion in public and private investment during 2025–2030, targeting infrastructure, digitalization, agriculture, and electricity to drive average annual GDP growth of 8% over the period.

Backed by a \$630 million IMF support package, these efforts will enhance fiscal stability and mobilize private capital. Reuters. Tax breaks are available for investors in key sectors such as agriculture, renewable energy, ICT, and mining—offering up to five years of corporate tax exemption or a 50% reduction in registration fees.

The introduction of Special Economic Zones and a national “one-stop-shop” for business registration streamline market entry and reduce red tape.

With strong resource potential in oil, livestock, renewable energy, and agribusiness, plus a rapidly expanding consumer market, Chad is positioning itself as a prime destination for growth-driven, long-term investment.



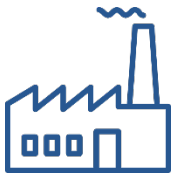


Main sectors of activity



25 %

Share of Agriculture in GDP
It employs 69 % of the population



46 %

Share of industry in GDP
It employs 10 % of the population



29 %

Share of Services in GDP
They Employ 21 % of the population



Sector Strategies



Chad's new 2021-2025 Strategic Plan is designed to "contribute to the improvement of the business climate, attract investment, support the emergence of small, medium and large enterprises and industries, and expand the product base for export, in order to transform the structural base of the economy. To achieve this objective, this Strategic Plan is structured around four (4) complementary axes and twenty-one (21) operational objectives.

The third pillar of this strategic plan for 2021-2025 is entitled: "Promoting exports and the "made in Chad" through investments in growth sectors and industries". By 2025, Chad will be an emerging power, a regional crossroads for trade between sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa and the Middle East.

According to foreign trade statistics, Chad exports only three products (Arabic gum, sesame and cotton) in addition to oil. However, the Diagnostic Study for Trade Integration recently identified 12 key sectors of activity with high trade potential: agriculture, livestock, fish farming, mining, energy, infrastructure, urban planning, hydrocarbons, tourism, ICT, banking, and basic social services (education and health). The diversification of exports is a subject of great importance at the national level and is one of the top priorities.





Infrastructure



River

River system. Waterways: 2,000 km navigable



Airport

Chadia Airlines is the national airline of Chad. Its hub is N'Djaména International Airport. The latter is a domestic and international airport serving the city of N'Djaména, capital of Chad. It is also called Hassan Djamous International Airport.



Road and Rail

Road network: Total length: 33,400 km.

Rail transport: Extension of the existing railroad from Ngaoundéré (headquarters of the Adamaoua department, Cameroonian part) to N'Djamena



Energy

An oil refinery is located in Djermaya, north of the capital. Solar energy is the focus of development projects, the country's solar resource was very good. A 32 MW photovoltaic project was launched in 2017 with funding from the African Development Bank.



Promising Sectors



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Agriculture: Chad is the world's second largest exporter of gum arabic (16% of global exports), after Sudan, and it produces tree honey, sesame seeds, mangoes, cashews, peanuts, dates, natural products (e.g., shea nuts), and spirulina (used in the pharmaceutical sector). Only 5.6% of the 39 million hectares of cultivable land is being farmed. Opportunities exist in land farming, fruit packaging and processing, and spirulina marketing.

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Livestock: Livestock is one of the economic engines in Chad with 114 million head of cattle. Chad is ranked 1st in the world in terms of camel breeding.

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Mining: Chad has significant oil reserves. However, less than a third of these reserves are being exploited. Moreover, despite the allocation of numerous exploration licenses, very few companies have already begun exploring. The oil industry accounts for 39.3% of Chad's GDP and offers many business opportunities.

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Fishing: Chad possesses a very important fishing potential. The fisheries sub-sector opens up investment opportunities, particularly in the use of modern techniques. Lake Chad is the fourth largest lake in Africa. The fisheries sector is in full expansion thanks to various projects: fish **processing and conservation, aquaculture, and the improvement of fishing conditions.**

05

Construction: Chad is a developing country. There is a need to build the social and economic infrastructure necessary for the development of the country, thereby creating a lot of business opportunities.

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ICT: The cell phone market needs to be addressed as there is little competition in the mobile and internet distribution markets (Airtel, Tigo and Sotel Chad). The country is open to new private television channels. There are also e-government projects.

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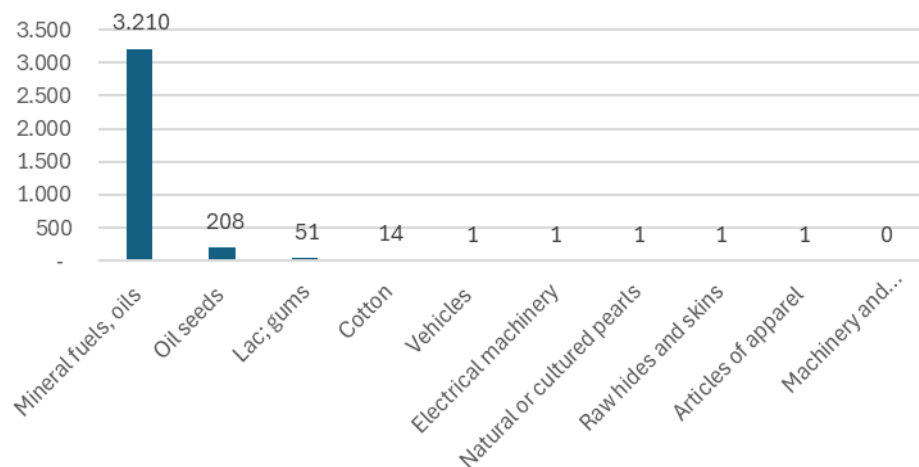
Tourism: Chad has a wide variety of landforms (savannah plains, deserts with rugged terrain), hundreds of species of birds and animals, and sites and parks classified as world heritage by UNESCO. Some of Chad's tourist sites are: Zakouma National Park, Lake Chad.



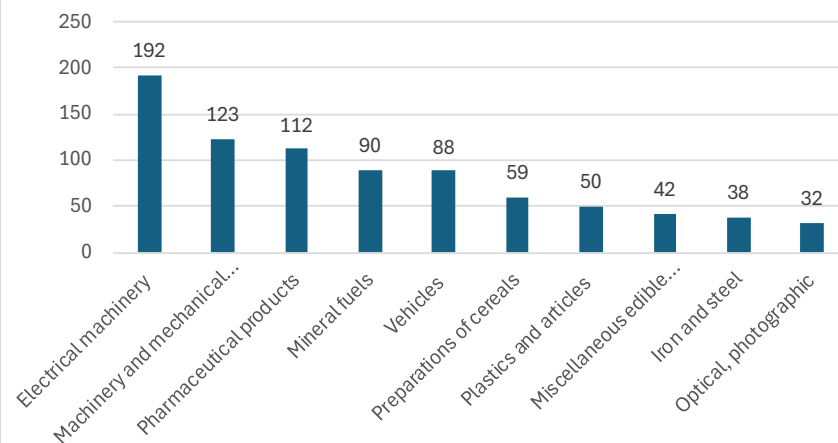
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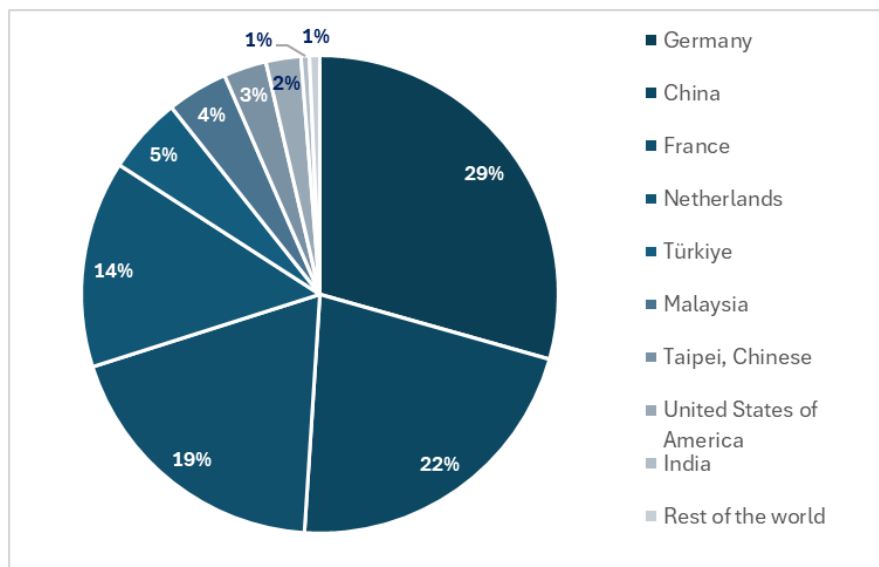
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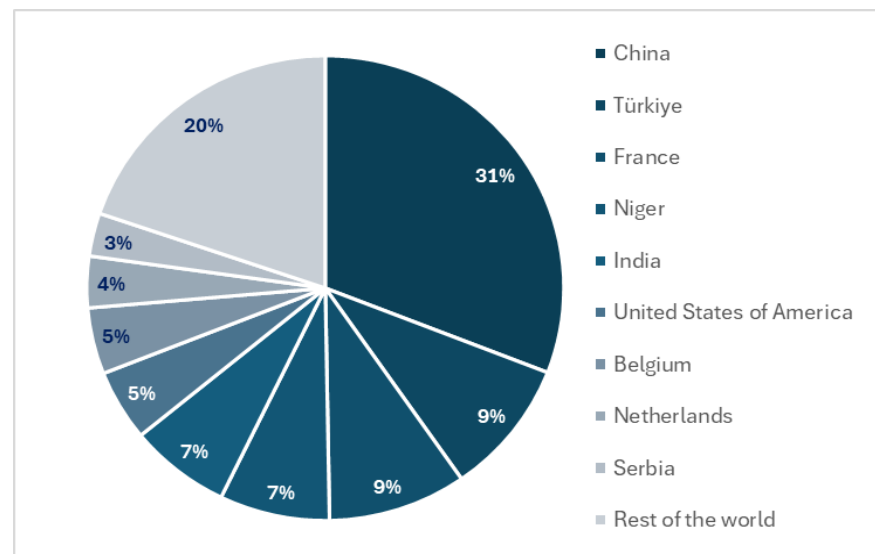
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Main customers of Chad in 2024



Main suppliers to Chad in 2024

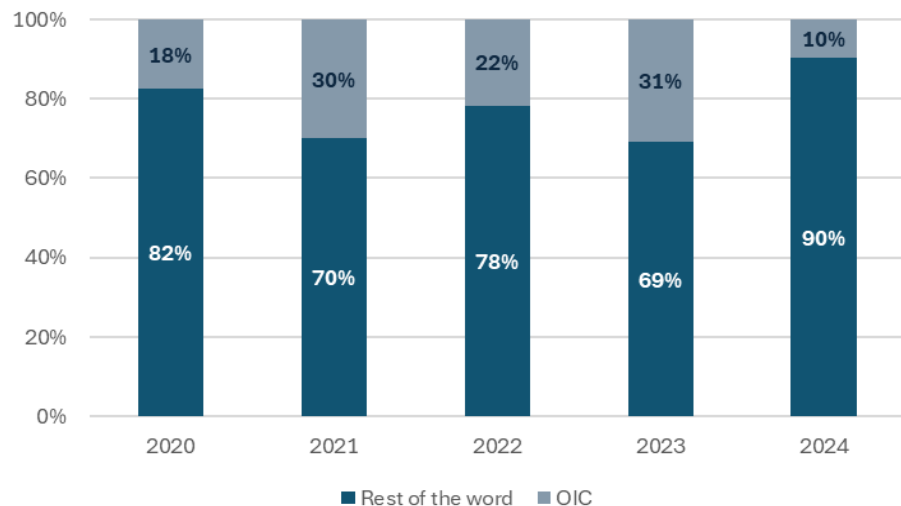




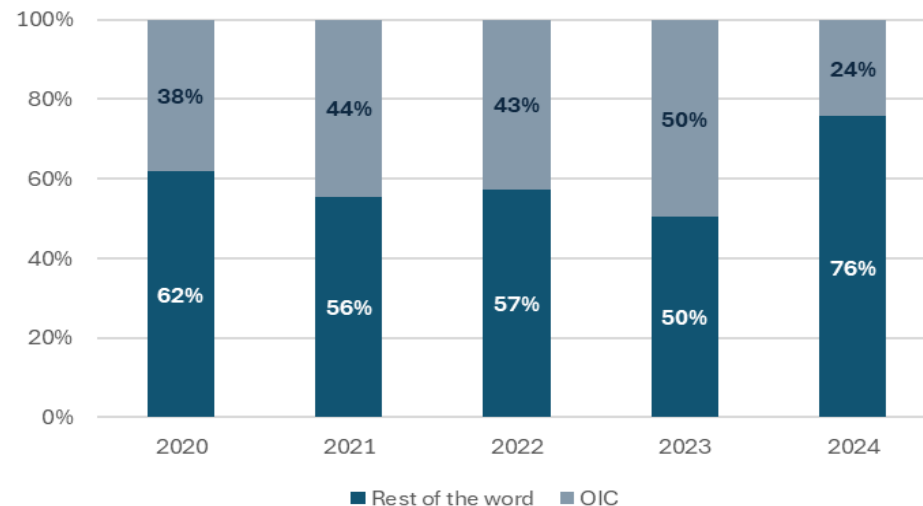
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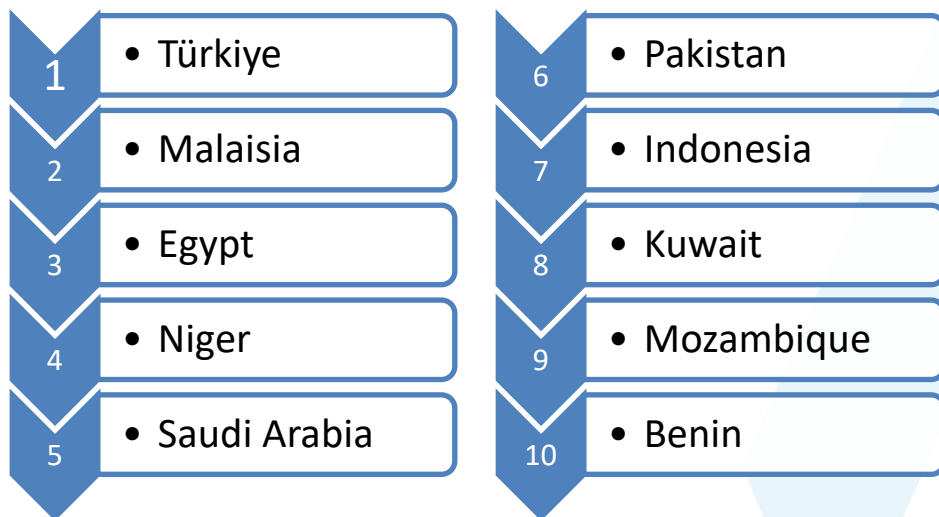
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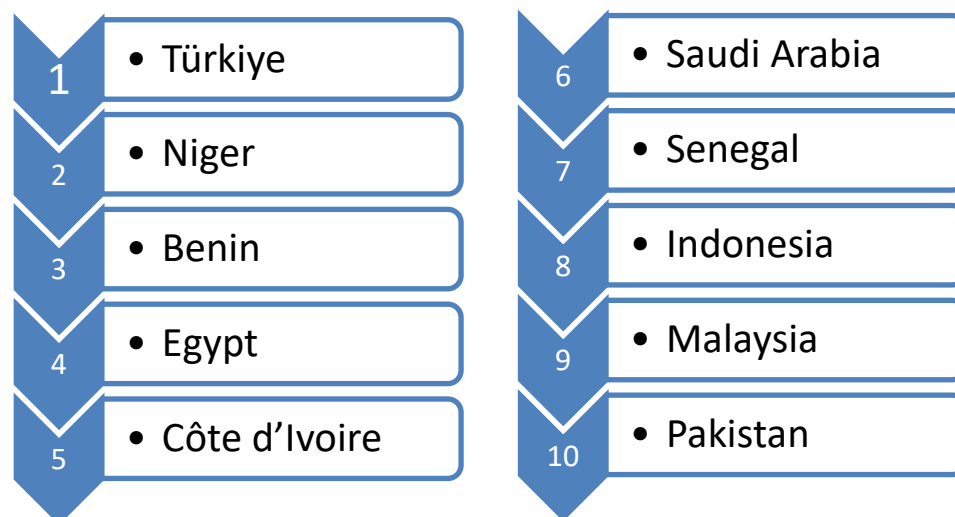
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Top 10 Customers, OIC Members in 2024

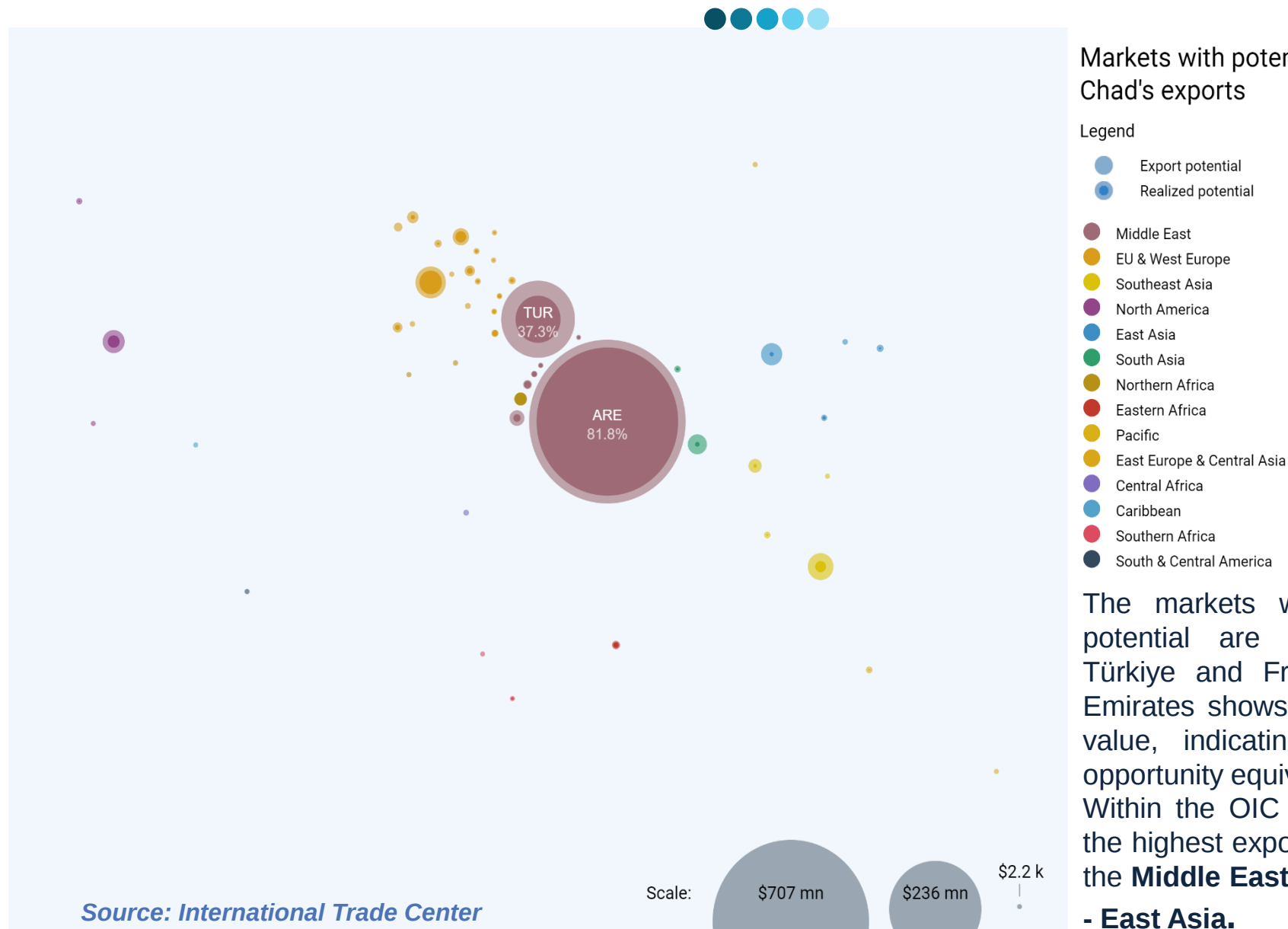


Top 10 Suppliers, OIC Members in 2024





Export potential of Chad by country of destination



The markets with the highest export potential are United Arab Emirates, Türkiye and France. The United Arab Emirates shows the largest difference in value, indicating an additional export opportunity equivalent to 129 MUSD. Within the OIC space, the markets with the highest export potential are located in the **Middle East** and in **South and South - East Asia**.



Chad's Export Potential by Product



Source: International Trade Center



Chad's products with potential

Legend

- Export potential
- Realized potential
- Precious metals
- Oil seeds
- Food products n.e.s. (processed or preserved)
- Vegetal textile fibers

The products with the greatest export potential are **gold, sesame seeds, gum arabic and cotton.**



Market Access



Customs Duties and Taxes – 2023

Average rate: 18.1 %

Average rate of agricultural products: 22.4 %

Average rate of non-agricultural products: 17.4 %

Trade agreements - 2023

Member of the WTO.

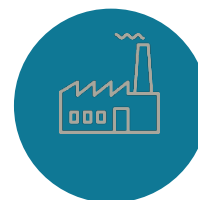
Member of the Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC).

Public markets

Tenders from Chad are published on the website: www.tenderdetail.com/chad-tenders



Investing in Chad



Why Chad

Possibilities of agro-sylvo-pastoral productions not yet exploited;

Strong potential in terms of agro-industry, service industries and oil;

Young and competitive workforce

Free movement of goods and people in the CEMAC area

Special Economic Zones

Chad does not have any free trade zones. Studies are in progress for the creation of dry ports in Nguéli (on the border with Cameroon). Chad also has ambitions to set up a Special Economic Zone for agriculture in the south of the country.

Implemented Measures

Adoption of an investment charter promoting the establishment of companies,

A lighter and simplified customs regime, especially for investment goods and materials, whose rate has been reduced to 10% regardless of their origin,

An encouraging tax system, granting tax exemptions to investors, a very attractive petroleum code, and an advantageous mining code for investors.



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