

Determining ADMs in Chad.

Chad reorganised its administrative divisions several times between 1989 and 2009, and figuring out the borders proved a bit tricky.

The main resource used to track the reorganisations was statoids.com, some info was gotten from Wikipedia, however it seemed a bit odd at times, so in case of a collision of claims, I chose to trust statoids.

Based on this info I mapped the changes to get a clearer picture. These overviews are handwritten and can be found as scanned-in documents.

Based on this overview one gets 4 (possibly 5??) periods with different administrative structures in place. (Info about this can also be found in the Administrative divisions file):

- 1) 1960 – 1999: During this period a system of **Prefectures** and **Subprefectures** was used. However, while the overarching system remained the same, some boundaries were changed.

As a reference when attributing ADM info to a specific location I have used a map from *Atlas pratique du Tchad*. This map was scanned and is available in a folder containing the maps I used for coding Chad. (It is somewhat unclear exactly what year this map is from... However, as mentioned, statoids mentions a number of changes occurring between 1960 and 1989 – and some of these can be seen on the map and some cannot. The book containing the map was published in 1972, while the changes mentioned by statoids took place around 1973 and around 1986 (ADM 2) and 1962 and 1973 (ADM 1).

While, confusing, I have tried to be as precise as possible when coding, and I have also attempted to be as specific as possible in the geocomments.

I have also used a map from 1991 showing ADM 1 only.

One major problem was determining ADM 2s with certainty. While my maps show the ADM2 boundaries, the names of each specific ADM2 was not available. However I do have lists of the ADM2s as well as a list of “Chefs-lieux de sous-préfectures”. Based on this I chose to consistently assume that the ADM2s and the towns corresponded, naturally provided there was an ADM 2 by that name. This was used as a basis for attributing ADM 2 to locations where this was not clear otherwise. When this was done I tried to leave a note in the geocomment-field “ADM 2 based on corresponding names” or the like. However, if too uncertain no ADM 2 was attributed, naturally.

- 2) 1999-2002: A new system was adopted. The ADM 1s were called **Departments** and ADM 2s were still **Subprefectures**, although with new borders. The changes in ADM 2 were adopted in June and in September, however the details are unclear. Hence ADM 2 is left out, if not stated in the source.

ADM 1 changed 1st September, and here the details are available. Statoids gives the following link (http://www.un.org/esa/sustdev/tech_coop/sdea/2_urbaine/pdf/03_partie_1.pdf) where p 16 has a map outlining the new ADM 1s. As these units are represented by their capitals, I crosschecked with the lists from statoids to be able to attribute ADM 1.

3) 2002-2008: On 17th October yet a new system was adopted, whereby ADM 1 was called **regions** and ADM 2 **departments**. Wikipedia claims that 3 new departments were created in 2004, however according to statoids two of these are created in 2008 and the third one is not mentioned. For now I choose to trust statoids over Wikipedia – as Wikipedia has been wrong on the Chadian units before. Hence the Wikipedia info is ignored.

2 OCHA maps from 2006 was used which shows both ADM 1 and 2 (*General Presentation Chad 2006* and *Register Camp Refugees Population Eastern Chad*). Again, ADM 2s were identified by their capitals.

3) 2008 ->: On 19th February 2008 yet more changes took place. However the overall system remained the same, according to Statoids, with **regions** (also called **gouvernorat**) being ADM 1 and **departments** (also called **prefecture**) being ADM 2.

The info about the different units were compared to UN maps from the time period. However, in some cases the names provided by statoids did not correspond to the names given on the maps. In those cases I choose to go with the statoids name, and leave a geocomment.

Moreover a problem encountered was that the names of some individual departments within a region were not identified. Comparing maps and lists of placenames I was able to infer the names – when this has been done a geocomment is left in the coding-sheet.

The maps I've used to track ADM 1 and 2's are from OCHA and are called *Chad -UN Presence, Febr. 2010*; *Tchad – Cluster Sécurité Alimentaire- Activités des acteurs, April 2010*; *Chad – Un Presence (As of March 09)*.