



SITUATION OVERVIEW

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- Since the beginning of clashes in April in Sudan, over 240 700 people have crossed the border into Chad. IOM estimates that more than 48 180 of them are Chadian returnees and expects this number to rise to 80 000 in the coming weeks.
- In coordination with CNARR and humanitarian officials, IOM has registered 39 117 returnees and observed 75 third-country nationals (from South Sudan, Niger, Ethiopia, the Central African Republic, Burkina Faso, Nigeria and Uganda) in 25 localities in three provinces.
- Most of the returnees are currently residing in spontaneous locations near the border and are in urgent need of essential goods and services such as food, water, sanitation and hygiene, shelter, household items, health, and protection.
- IOM is preparing the safe and dignified relocation of nearly 10,000 vulnerable returnees living in inadequate conditions in the border town of Adré to the new site of Tongori. IOM is conducting site development activities on the new site, including preparing the land for the construction of transitional shelters, installation of water distribution systems to ensure access to safe drinking water, and the development of protection mechanisms, including for community-based protection and identification and referral mechanism, in coordination with other humanitarian actors.
- The rapid WASH assessment conducted by IOM in Toumtouma, where nearly 10,000 returnees from Sudan reside highlighted that the source of water for the returnees is not considered as safe for drinking and the majority of households (2/3) do not treat the water, making them vulnerable to illnesses related to poor water and sanitation conditions. 98% returnees collect their drinking water from the nearby wadi/seasonal riverbed. 65% reported diarrhea and 58% malaria cases.
- IOM works with a range of operational partners in the returnee response including the Government of Chad, UNHCR, LWF, PUI, UNICEF, MSF, UNFPA, ICRC, IRC, the Chadian Red Cross and WFP.

FUNDING GAPS & NEEDS

 Emergency humanitarian assistance and protection (WASH, Shelter, NFI, Protection)
USD 25 500 000

 Voluntary Return Assistance and Relocation
USD 3 500 000

 DTM and Humanitarian Border Management -
USD 2 500 000

UPDATES ON THE RETURNEE RESPONSE



31 163 (est.)

people reached with humanitarian assistance from IOM



12 874

returnees benefitted from multipurpose cash assistance



20 722

returnees benefitted from in-kind NFI assistance



9 926

people received WASH assistance with partners



11

returnee sites served with assistance



Water provision

In collaboration with IOM, LWF is distributing 500 hygiene kits comprised of 20-liter water containers, soap, buckets, and liquid bleach bottles for pregnant, breast-feeding, and elderly women at Toumtouma. According to IOM's recent assessment [\[link\]](#), access to safe drinking water among returnees is alarmingly low, which can result in the spread of diseases. IOM continues to work with partners on the ground to improve access to water for vulnerable returnees.

Food distribution

IOM is continuing to support WFP in the distribution of emergency food assistance to vulnerable households. After supporting over 22,000 individuals in Ouaddaï province, IOM is planning to support WFP in reaching over 20,000 returnees and host community members in Sila province over the coming days.

Relocation

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Return Intention Survey

The survey conducted by IOM [\[link\]](#) in the provinces of Ouaddaï and Sila highlighted that since their displacement, 64 percent of the returnees in Sila are homeless and 36 percent are in tarpaulin shelters in Ouaddaï. Regarding return intentions, 1% in Ouaddaï and 28% in Sila want to leave their current place.



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