



SITUATION OVERVIEW

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- Over 377 000 people have crossed into Chad since the onset of the crisis in Sudan. IOM estimates that more than 48 000 of them are Chadian returnees and expects this number to rise to 80 000 in the coming weeks.
- In coordination with CNARR and humanitarian organizations, 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 currently live in spontaneous locations near the border and are in urgent need of 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. Site development activities are ongoing 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 a referral mechanism, in coordination with humanitarian actors.
- A rapid WASH assessment conducted by IOM in Toumtouma, where nearly 10,000 returnees have settled highlighted that the source of water for the returnees is not considered as safe for drinking making them vulnerable to illnesses related to poor water and sanitation conditions.
- 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



31 481 (est.)

people reached with humanitarian assistance from IOM



12 874

returnees benefitted from multipurpose cash assistance



21 040

people benefitted from non-food assistance



9 926

people received WASH assistance with partners



11

returnee sites provided with humanitarian aid



WASH

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. In collaboration with UNFPA, 250 dignity kits (soap, sous-vêtements, robe, women hygiene products, voile, etc.) were distributed to pregnant, lactating, and young women.

Voluntary Return of Third-Country Nationals

IOM has facilitated the voluntary return of 1 Ugandan national who had fled into Eastern Chad. Ongoing efforts are deployed to facilitate the voluntary return of other stranded migrants from Ethiopia and South-Sudan.

Relocation

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 1,000 transitional shelters, installing a water distribution system to ensure access to safe drinking water, and developing protection mechanisms, including for community-based protection and identification and referral mechanism, in coordination with other humanitarian actors.

Return Intention Surveys (RIS)

The RIS conducted by IOM [\[link\]](#) in the provinces of Ouaddaï and Sila highlighted that since their displacement, 64% of the returnees in Sila are homeless and 36 percent live 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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