



- 48 180** estimated returnees arrived in Chad
- 80 000** returnees projected to arrive in Chad
- 39 117** returnees registered and fixed
- 75** third country nationals referred to IOM
- 68%** registered returnees are children under 18
- 55%** registered returnees are women
- 1 881** registered returnees are breastfeeding
- 676** registered returnees are pregnant women
- 25** returnee locations identified in 3 provinces

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



Voluntary Return of Third-Country Nationals

IOM continues to identify vulnerable third-country nationals (TCNs) in displacement sites in the border area and will assist those who wish to return to their home country. IOM has recently identified 35 TCNs from Ethiopia, South Sudan, and Sierra Leone. 1 person has already returned home while the rest are being processed to receive voluntary return assistance.

Support to returnees in communities

In close coordination with local authorities, IOM is also identifying and assessing returnees who have integrated with local communities but still live in vulnerable conditions. IOM has so far identified an estimated 1,000 individuals in a remote community between Ouaddai and Wadi Fira provinces and expects this number to rise as returnee households may decide to move out of sites and into local communities.

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. Preparations for the new site are under way, including the construction of transitional shelters and the installation of water distribution points. IOM is coordinating with partners including UNICEF on the provision of WASH and Protection services in the site. IOM is expecting to voluntarily relocate the most vulnerable returnees currently staying in sites along the border to Tongori in the coming weeks.

Emergency Humanitarian Response

IOM is continuing to support the distribution of emergency food assistance to vulnerable households. After supporting over 22,000 individuals in Ouaddai province, IOM has supported WFP and LWF in reaching vulnerable returnees and host community members in Sila province.



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