



- 67,780** estimated returnees arrived in Chad
- 80,000** returnees projected to arrive in Chad
- 52,786** returnees counted and registered
- 135** third country nationals referred to IOM
- 67%** registered returnees are children under 18
- 55%** registered returnees are women
- 3,001** registered returnees are breastfeeding
- 1,092** registered returnees are pregnant women
- 30** returnee locations identified in 3 provinces

SITUATION OVERVIEW

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- Over 487,000 people have crossed into Chad since the onset of the crisis in Sudan. IOM estimates that more than 67,780 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 counted 52,786 returnees and counted 135 third-country nationals (from South Sudan, Niger, Ethiopia, the Central African Republic, Burkina Faso, Nigeria and Uganda) in 30 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 has started the relocation of returnees from Adre to a site in Tongori in coordination with authorities. In total, 975 of the most vulnerable returnee households (6,325 individuals) have so far been relocated. Separate designated ambulatory vehicles were used to transport the most vulnerable, including people with disabilities. Furthermore, IOM has supported the establishment of a site governance structure with representatives elected by the site residents and is supporting the establishment of community groups (women, youth, community watch, etc.).
- IOM is coordinating with local authorities, embassies and diplomatic representations for the safe transfer and voluntary return of third-country nationals (TCNs) from Ethiopia, South Sudan, Sierra Leone, and Cameroon to N'Djamena.
- 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, ACTED, 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



43,878 (est.)

people reached with humanitarian assistance from IOM



12,874

returnees benefitted from multipurpose cash assistance



26,340

people benefitted from non-food assistance



21,643

people received WASH assistance with partners



6,325

returnees relocated from Adre



Returnees participate in a group discussion with IOM Deputy Director General for Operations. Photo: IOM/ François-Xavier Ada 2023.

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 is currently hosting 22 third-country nationals (TCNs) from Ethiopia, South Sudan, Sierra Leone, and Cameroon in its transit centre in N'Djamena. IOM is liaising with relevant authorities to facilitate their travel back to their home country.

Site Planning

IOM is planning the extension of the Deguessa returnee site in Sila province, where over 12,400 returnees have been registered by IOM and national authorities. IOM will soon start installing 1,000 transitional shelters and distributing 1,000 tarpaulins to vulnerable households. Partners including UNICEF, LMI, LWF, Concern Worldwide, MSF Holland, INTERSOS, and COOPI are also providing or planning to provide services including latrines, boreholes, WASH/hygiene kits and sensitization, mobile clinics, a community health centre, midwife services, GBV referrals, child-friendly space, and NFI kits.

Relocation

IOM has relocated 975 of the most vulnerable returnee households/6,325 individuals from the border town of Adré to Tongori. Separate designated ambulatory vehicles were used to transport the most vulnerable, including people with disabilities. Once at Tongori, each household is provided with a shelter by IOM teams, a lock and key. IOM will continue to relocate vulnerable returnee households who wish to be relocated over the coming days. IOM and humanitarian partners including UNICEF and ACTED have installed 30 emergency latrines, a GBV referral station, and PUI is conducting medical consultations in Tongori.

Emergency Humanitarian Response

IOM is continuing to support the distribution of food to vulnerable households with WFP. So far, over 40,000 people have received food assistance across Ouaddai and Sila provinces. IOM in coordination with CNARR and local authorities continues to identify vulnerable returnees in communities across Ouaddai, Sila, and Wadi Fira provinces.



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