



## 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 77,300 among them are Chadian returnees and expects this number to rise to 100,000 in the coming weeks.
- In coordination with CNARR and humanitarian organizations, IOM has counted 62,293 returnees and counted 145 third-country nationals (from South Sudan, Niger, Ethiopia, the Central African Republic, Burkina Faso, Nigeria and Uganda) in 32 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, 1,012 of the most vulnerable returnee households (6,580 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



47,840 (est.)

people reached with humanitarian assistance from IOM



12,874

returnees benefitted from multipurpose cash assistance



36,644

people benefitted from non-food assistance



22,046

people received WASH assistance with partners



6,580

returnees relocated from Adre



Displaced persons from Sudan queue to collect water in Adre. Photo: IOM/ François-Xavier Ada 2023.

## Voluntary Return of Third-Country Nationals

IOM continues to identify vulnerable third-country nationals (TCNs) displaced from Sudan in eastern Chad and to assist those who wish to return to their home country. IOM is currently hosting 33 third-country nationals (TCNs) from Ethiopia, South Sudan, Sierra Leone, and Cameroon in its transit centre in N'Djamena, and has enabled 14 TCNs to return to their home country.

## Site Planning

IOM is planning the extension and rehabilitation of the Deguessa returnee site in Sila province, where nearly 13,000 returnees have been registered by IOM and national authorities. IOM will soon start installing 1,050 transitional shelters, constructing two boreholes, and has distributed 1,700 tarpaulins to vulnerable households. Partners including WFP, UNICEF, LMI, LWF, Concern Worldwide, MSF Holland, INTERSOS, and COOPI are also providing or planning to provide services including food, Temporary Learning Spaces, latrines, boreholes, WASH/hygiene kits and sensitization, mobile clinics, and healthcare services.

## Relocation

IOM has relocated 1,014 of the most vulnerable returnee households/6,580 individuals from the border town of Adré to Tongori. Once at Tongori, each household is provided with a shelter by IOM teams and has access to drinking water, latrines, and communal facilities. IOM will continue to construct shelters and relocate vulnerable returnee households who wish to be relocated over the coming weeks. IOM and humanitarian partners including UNICEF, UNFPA, ACTED, ADRAH, CRT, LWF, and PUI are providing WASH, Protection, health, and education services in Tongori site and local community.

## Emergency Humanitarian Response

IOM will soon distribute multipurpose cash (MPCA) to 2,000 vulnerable returnee households to support them to meet their most urgent needs, including food, health, and household items. Over the coming weeks, IOM also plans to construct 2,400 transitional shelters, three boreholes, 400 latrines, distribute 2,400 NFI and WASH kits, and provide holistic protection and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services to returnees in Ouaddai and Sila provinces.



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