


## SITUATION OVERVIEW

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- Over 500,000 people have crossed into Chad since the onset of the crisis in Sudan. IOM estimates that more than 80,986 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 74,049 returnees and counted 238 third-country nationals (from South Sudan, Niger, Ethiopia, the Central African Republic, Burkina Faso, Nigeria and Uganda) in 34 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 relocating 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



52,251 (est.)

people reached with humanitarian assistance from IOM



21,965

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 coordinating with local authorities, embassies and diplomatic representations for the voluntary return of third-country nationals (TCNs) from countries including Ethiopia, South Sudan, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Niger, and Cameroon who previously resided in Sudan to their home countries.

## Site Planning

IOM has started the extension and rehabilitation of the Deguessa returnee site in Sila province, where nearly 20,000 returnees have been registered by IOM and national authorities. IOM has started installing 1,050 transitional shelters, will construct 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.

## Emergency Humanitarian Response

IOM recently distributed multipurpose cash (MPCA) to 2,000 vulnerable returnee households (10,400 individuals) to support them to meet their most urgent needs, including food, health, and household items, and will reach an additional 320 households over the coming days. In the coming weeks, IOM also plans to construct 2,784 transitional shelters, three boreholes, 400 latrines, distribute 3,050 NFI and WASH kits, distribute MPCA to 1,500 households, and provide holistic protection and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services to returnees in Ouaddaï and Sila provinces.

## Humanitarian Coordination

As the lead agency for the humanitarian response to returnees, IOM continues to coordinate with national, international, and government partners (CNARR, local authorities) to deliver vital services to vulnerable returnee households in the east of Chad. In particular, IOM continues to support distributions of food by WFP and dignity and hygiene items by UNFPA as well as the delivery of WASH, protection, health, NFI, and education services in Tongori and Deguessa sites with UNICEF, LWF, PUI, UNFPA, MSF, COOPI, Concern Worldwide, JRS, local NGOs ADRAH and the Chadian Red Cross, and more.



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## EVOLUTION OF RETURNEE ARRIVALS

