

## SITUATION OVERVIEW


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- Over 511,000 people have crossed into Chad since the onset of the crisis in Sudan. IOM estimates that more than 92,203 among them are Chadian returnees and expects this number to rise to 150,000 by the end of March 2024, due to renewed conflict in Darfur.
- In coordination with CNARR and humanitarian organizations, IOM has counted 82,339 returnees and counted 241 third-country nationals (from South Sudan, Niger, Ethiopia, the Central African Republic, Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, and Uganda) in 36 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 collaborates with a range of operational partners in the returnee response including the Government of Chad, UNHCR, OCHA, LWF, PUI, UNICEF, MSF, UNFPA, LMI, ICRC, IRC, ACTED, the Chadian Red Cross, HELP-Tchad, ATURAD, Concern Worldwide, COOPI, INTERSOS, and WFP.

## FUNDING GAPS & NEEDS

 Emergency humanitarian assistance and protection (WASH, Shelter, NFI, Protection)  
**USD 38 250 000**

 Voluntary Return Assistance and Relocation -  
**USD 6 700 000**

 DTM and Humanitarian Border Management -  
**USD 3 750 000**

# UPDATES ON THE RETURNEE RESPONSE



53,142 (est.)

people reached with humanitarian assistance from IOM



24,949

returnees benefitted from multipurpose cash assistance



36,644

people benefitted from non-food assistance



34,167

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 TCNs from countries including Ethiopia, South Sudan, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Niger, and Cameroon who previously resided in Sudan to their home countries.

## Humanitarian Coordination

As the lead agency for the humanitarian response to returnees, IOM continues to coordinate with national, international, and government partners (CNARR and local authorities) to deliver vital services to vulnerable returnee households in the east of Chad. From the end of October, IOM is currently supporting WFP's in-kind food assistance to 8,012 households (45,540 individuals) in 13 returnees' sites in Ouaddaï province. So far, 3,293 households (16,630 individuals) in Toumtouma and Tongori have been served. IOM also continues to support distributions of dignity and hygiene items by UNFPA as well as the delivery of WASH, protection, health, NFI, and education services in Tongori and Degoussa sites with UNICEF, LWF, PUI, UNFPA, MSF, COOPI, Concern Worldwide, JRS, local NGOs ADRAH and the Chadian Red Cross, and more.

## Emergency Humanitarian Response

IOM recently distributed multipurpose cash (MPCA) to 1,969 vulnerable returnee households (12,075 individuals) in three sites in Sila and Ouaddaï provinces to support them to meet their most urgent needs, including food, health, and household items. IOM also distributed WASH kits to 1,650 households (12,121 individuals) and tarpaulins to 1,700 households (8,500 individuals) in Degoussa. In the coming weeks, IOM also plans to construct 2,734 transitional shelters, three boreholes, 400 latrines, distribute 2,410 NFI and WASH kits, and provide holistic protection and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) services to returnees in Ouaddaï and Sila provinces.

## Site Planning

IOM has started the extension and rehabilitation of the Degoussa returnee site in Sila province, where nearly 21,000 returnees have been registered by IOM and national authorities. IOM has started installing 1,050 transitional shelters and two boreholes to be equipped with water distribution systems. 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.



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## EVOLUTION OF RETURNEE ARRIVALS

