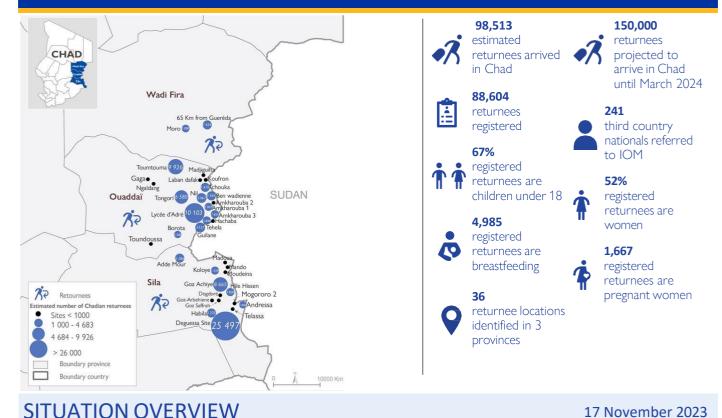
IOM CHAD: SUDAN CRISIS RESPONSE

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• Over 542,000 people have crossed into Chad since the onset of the crisis in Sudan. IOM estimates that more than 98,513 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 88,604 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





UPDATES ON THE RETURNEE RESPONSE



assistance from IOM



returnees benefitted cash assistance



36,644 returnees benefitted from in-kind NFI





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

Identification and registration of returnees

Site Planning and Emergency Assistance

Humanitarian Coordination

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. IOM individuals in Tongori, Toumtouma, Amkharouba, Guilané, and Hachaba sites in the Ouaddaï province, and is continuing to support WFP distributions in Ouaddaï. IOM is also preparing to support upcoming food province in the coming weeks. IOM also continues to support the distribution of dignity and hygiene items by health, NFI, and education services in Tongori and Deguessa sites with UNICEF, LWF, PUI, UNFPA, MSF, COOPI, Concern Worldwide, JRS, local NGOs ADRAH and Chadian Red Cross, and more.

Protection and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS)

In Tongori and Deguessa sites, IOM is implementing community-based protection to strengthen the resilience of displaced communities. This includes targeted activities with women, community leaders, and youth, fostering support networks among the residents through the creation of election of women's, youth's, safety, solidarity, and WASH committees, and is ensuring the sustained presence of Protection-trained staff in the sites. Experienced psychology-trained staff are also providing crucial mental health and psychosocial services (MHPSS), including group and individual sessions. Across both sites, over 30,000 individuals are benefitting from IOM's Protection services.









GLOBAL ASSISTANCE FUND





EVOLUTION OF RETURNEE ARRIVALS

