



- 98,513** estimated returnees arrived in Chad
- 150,000** returnees projected to arrive in Chad until March 2024
- 88,604** returnees registered
- 241** third country nationals referred to IOM
- 67%** registered returnees are children under 18
- 52%** registered returnees are women
- 4,985** registered returnees are breastfeeding
- 1,667** registered returnees are pregnant women
- 36** returnee locations identified in 3 provinces

SITUATION OVERVIEW 17 November 2023

- 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
- Voluntary Return Assistance and Relocation**
USD 6,700,000
- DTM and Humanitarian Border Management -**
USD 3,750,000

UPDATES ON THE RETURNEE RESPONSE



57,142 (est.)

people reached with humanitarian assistance from IOM



24,949

returnees benefitted from multipurpose cash assistance



36,644

returnees benefitted from in-kind NFI 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.

Identification and registration of returnees

As the end of the rainy season has restored access to many remote returnee sites, IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) teams are deployed across Sila and Ouaddaï provinces to identify and register vulnerable returnee households, including newly arrived households as well as households not previously identified. IOM recently identified 620 households / 4,048 returnees most of whom reside in host communities around Adre. Identification and registration enable IOM to inform the humanitarian community and government counterpart on the scale of displacement and to ensure that the most vulnerable households are targeted for emergency assistance.

Site Planning and Emergency Assistance

IOM is improving returnee site of Degoussa in Sila province, where 25,000 returnees have been registered by IOM and national authorities. IOM has completed nearly 400 transitional shelters out of a targeted 1,050 and is working closely with community leaders to allocate shelters to the most vulnerable households. IOM has installed 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. In the coming weeks, IOM plans to construct 2,734 transitional shelters, two boreholes, 400 latrines, distribute 1,400 NFI and WASH kits in returnee communities.

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. IOM supported the distribution of food by WFP to 24,501 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 distributions by WFP to 39,642 returnees in Sila province in the coming weeks. IOM also continues to support the distribution 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 Chadian Red Cross, and more.

Protection and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS)

In Tongori and Degoussa 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.



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EVOLUTION OF RETURNEE ARRIVALS

