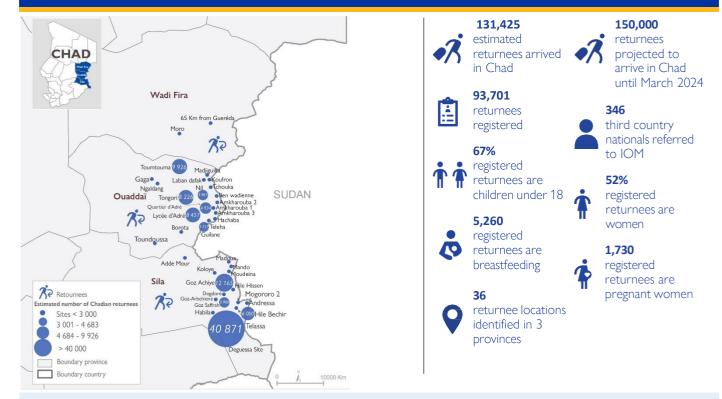
IOM CHAD: SUDAN CRISIS RESPONSE

SITUATION UPDATE NO 26





SITUATION OVERVIEW

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- Over 550,000 people have crossed into Chad since the onset of the crisis in Sudan. IOM estimates that more than 131,425 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 93,701 returnees and counted 346 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, 8,226 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





returnees benefitted cash assistance

40,402 returnees benefitted from non-food







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

Identification and registration of returnees

as households not previously identified. IOM has IOM is also continuing to identify vulnerable returnee

Protection & MHPSS

In Tongori and Deguessa sites, IOM is implementing community-based protection to strengthen the resilience of displaced communities. IOM is developing a referral system for protection cases, including persons with disabilities, in Tongori in close coordination with protection actors. In Deguessa, IOM continues to support site committees with regular meetings and to conduct GBV sensitization and MHPSS activities, such as group and individual sessions, handicrafts, and sports, is delivering sensitization sessions on PSEA and GBV to residents and humanitarian actors and is identifying and supporting vulnerable households and individuals on a case-by-case basis. Across both sites, over 33,000 individuals are benefitting from Protection and MHPSS services from IOM and partners. IOM is also continuing to identify TCNs from countries including South Sudan, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, and Cameroon who were previously residing in Sudan, have been displaced to eastern Chad, and wish to return to their home countries. IOM has so far assisted 38 TCNs in travelling home through consular and movement support.

Humanitarian Coordination

returnees, IOM continues to coordinate with national, international, and government partners (CNARR, local households in the east of Chad. IOM recently supported households in both Ouaddai and Sila province. IOM WASH, food, protection, health, shelter, NFI, and education assistance in over 30 returnee sites by national and international partners including UNICEF, UNFPA, WFP, Concern Worldwide, LWF, LMI, Help Tchad, INTERSOS, COOPI, and the Chadian Red Cross.

Site Planning and Emergency Assistance







ASSISTANCE FUND GLOBAL





EVOLUTION OF RETURNEE ARRIVALS

