

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

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- Over 610,000 people have crossed into Chad since the onset of the crisis in Sudan. IOM estimates that more than 139,932 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 96,251 returnees and counted 356 third-country nationals (from South Sudan, Niger, Ethiopia, the Central African Republic, Burkina Faso, Nigeria and Uganda) in 46 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, 8,299 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, 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



78,406 (est.)

people reached with humanitarian assistance from IOM



29,287

returnees benefitted from multipurpose cash assistance



40,500

people benefitted from non-food assistance



44,014

people received WASH assistance with partners



16,989

returnees received shelter assistance

### Site Planning & Emergency Assistance

IOM is developing the returnee sites of Deguessa in Sila province, and Tongori in Ouaddaï province. IOM has allocated over 1,000 transitional shelters to some of the most vulnerable households in each site and is currently constructing 1,585 additional shelters. A further 1,200 transitional shelters for Tongori and Deguessa are in the pipeline. While IOM has been able to provide dignified living conditions for a portion of vulnerable returnees, shelter needs remain sustainable among the returnee population, with many households continuing to live in dire conditions in border communities. Meeting the shelter needs of vulnerable returnee households requires an additional 3,000 transitional shelters on top of those already planned. In addition to shelter support, IOM has constructed two boreholes in Deguessa and Tongori and has also distributed 1,400 NFI and WASH kits containing essential household and hygiene items to households in Goz Achiyé (Sila), Adré (Ouaddaï), and Tongori. In coordination with WFP, IOM is currently supporting the distribution of 30-day food rations to 50,000 returnees in Ouaddaï province.

### Protection & MHPSS

In Tongori and Deguessa sites, IOM is implementing community-based protection to strengthen the resilience of displaced communities. In both sites IOM is developing a referral system for protection cases, including persons with disabilities, in close coordination with protection actors. Protection and MHPSS activities in these sites include support site committees, group and individual counselling sessions, recreational activities, sensitization sessions on PSEA for residents and humanitarian actors, and identification and provision of direct protection assistance for 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 third-country nationals (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.

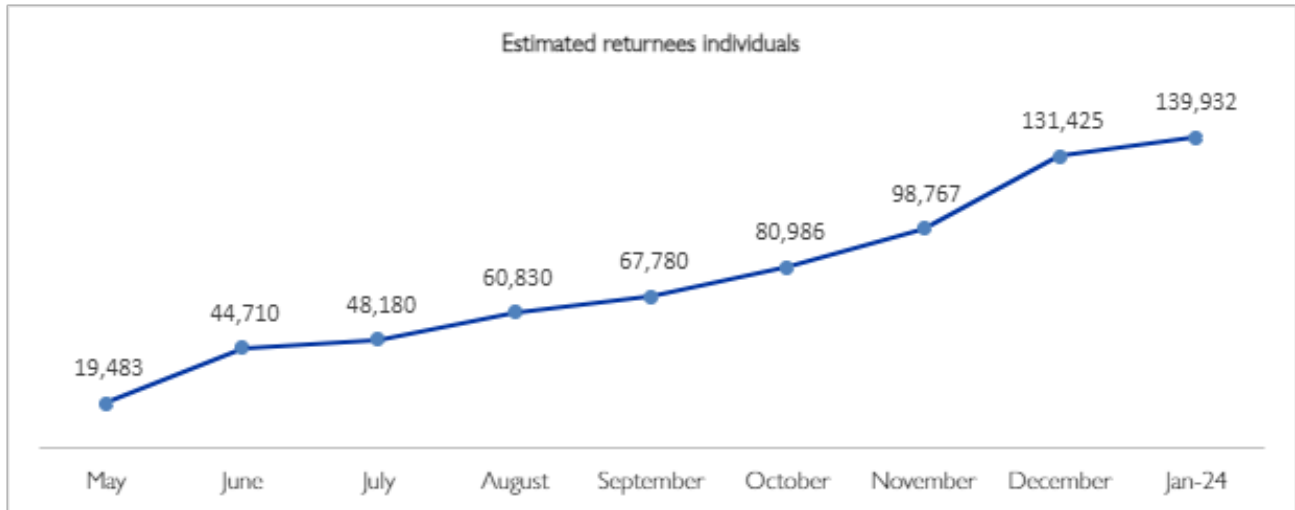
### Identification and Registration of Returnees

IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) teams, including locally recruited and trained enumerators, are deployed across Sila and Ouaddaï provinces on an ongoing basis to identify and register vulnerable returnee households, including newly arrived households as well as households not previously identified. IOM is finalising new DTM surveys in Ouaddaï and Sila in order to obtain up to date information on the situation and intentions of Chadian returnees from Sudan. IOM has completed biometric registration in Tongori site, Ouaddaï province, in order to improve the accuracy of beneficiary data and avoid the duplication of assistance. IOM is also continuing to identify vulnerable returnee households living either with host communities in the border town of Adré or at the Lycée d'Adré displacement site and has conducted a rapid assessment of returnees who have recently crossed into the province of Wadi Fira.

### 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 recently supported the distribution of food by WFP to all registered returnee households in both Ouaddaï and Sila province. IOM continues to support and coordinate the delivery of WASH, food, protection, health, shelter, NFI, and education assistance in returnee sites by national and international partners including UNICEF, UNFPA, WFP, Concern Worldwide, LWF, LMI, Help Tchad, INTERSOS, COOPI, and the Chadian Red Cross.

## EVOLUTION OF RETURNEE ARRIVALS



## PARTNERS



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