

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

29 March 2024

- Nearly 700,000 people have crossed into Chad since the onset of the crisis in Sudan. IOM estimates that more than 164,422 among them are Chadian returnees and expects this number to rise to 204,000 by the end of August 2024, due to ongoing conflict in Darfur and the current suspension of the humanitarian corridor between Adré and Darfur.
- IOM, as the lead agency for the returnee response, collaborates with a range of operational partners 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.
- In coordination with CNARR and humanitarian organizations, IOM has registered 110,958 returnees and identified 365 third-country nationals (from South Sudan, Niger, Ethiopia, the Central African Republic, Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, and Uganda) in 38 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 the newly developed returnee community of Tongori, Ouaddaï province, where it offers them shelters, WASH, NFI, and Protection/MHPSS assistance. Over 13,000 individuals have so far been relocated. IOM is also developing the site of Degoussa, Sila province, with shelter, WASH, and Protection/MHPSS assistance for the benefit of over 25,000 returnees.
- Six fires occurred in Tongori returnee village, Ouaddaï from 04 – 20 March 2024 resulting in the destruction of more than 170 shelters and no human casualties. CNARR is currently leading an active investigation into the cause of these fires. In collaboration with local authorities, IOM is currently putting in place additional fire safety and site security measures.
- IOM is coordinating with local authorities and diplomatic representations for the voluntary return to their home countries of third-country nationals (TCNs) from countries including Ethiopia, South Sudan, Nigeria, Niger, and Cameroon previously living in Sudan and displaced to eastern Chad.

## FUNDING GAPS & NEEDS

 Humanitarian Assistance (WASH, Shelter, NFI, Protection)  
USD 35,345,000

 Resilience and livelihoods  
USD 10,000,000

 Data and displacement tracking  
USD 1,500,000

## UPDATES ON THE RETURNEE RESPONSE



101,083 (est.)

people reached with humanitarian assistance from IOM



41,754

returnees benefitted from multipurpose cash assistance



40,624

returnees benefitted from non-food assistance



75,146

people received WASH assistance with partners



21,491

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 3,788 transitional shelters to some of the most vulnerable households in each site. 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 is improving access to safe water and sanitation for returnees. IOM distributed unconditional cash to 41,754 returnee households in Sila and Ouaddaï.

IOM is constructing or will soon construct an additional 10 boreholes, 700 latrines, 225 handwashing stations, and is distributing or will soon distribute over 10,000 NFI and WASH kits in returnee sites including Ouaddaï and Sila. In coordination with WFP, IOM also continues to support the regular distributions of food rations to all registered returnees in Ouaddaï and Sila provinces.

### 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 37,000 individuals are benefitting from Protection and MHPSS services from IOM and partners. IOM's Migrant Protection Assistance programme is also continuing to identify third-country nationals (TCNs) from countries including South Sudan, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Niger, 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 39 TCNs in travelling home through consular and movement support and is hosting 127 TCNs awaiting onward travel in its N'Djamena transit centre.

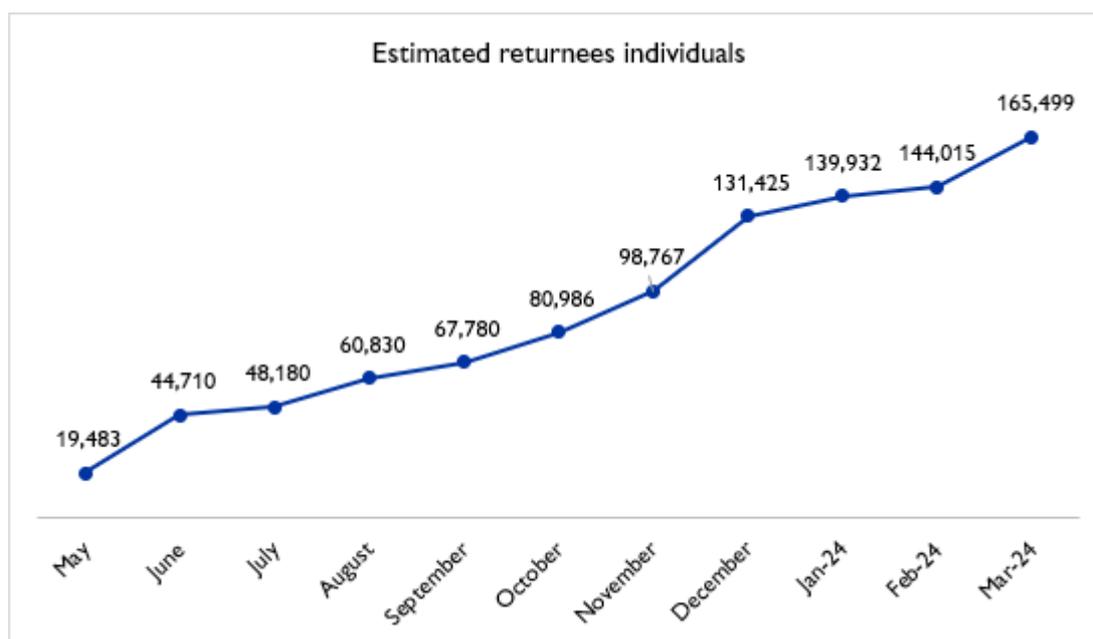
### Returnee Identification and Data

IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) is a leading tool to monitor and analyse displacement flows. IOM 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 in remote locations not previously identified. IOM continues in close collaboration with local authorities and communities to identify vulnerable returnees living either in host communities or in displacement sites in order to provide lifesaving assistance to those in need. IOM recently registered around 10,000 households in the Kawa, Deguessa and Awin Rado sites.

### 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 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. IOM is also managing the first Humanitarian Hub in Farchana, to accommodate UN agencies and NGOs operating in Chad and Sudan.

## EVOLUTION OF RETURNEE ARRIVALS



## PARTNERS



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GLOBAL ASSISTANCE FUND

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Migrant Protection, Return and Reintegration Programme for Sub-Saharan Africa



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