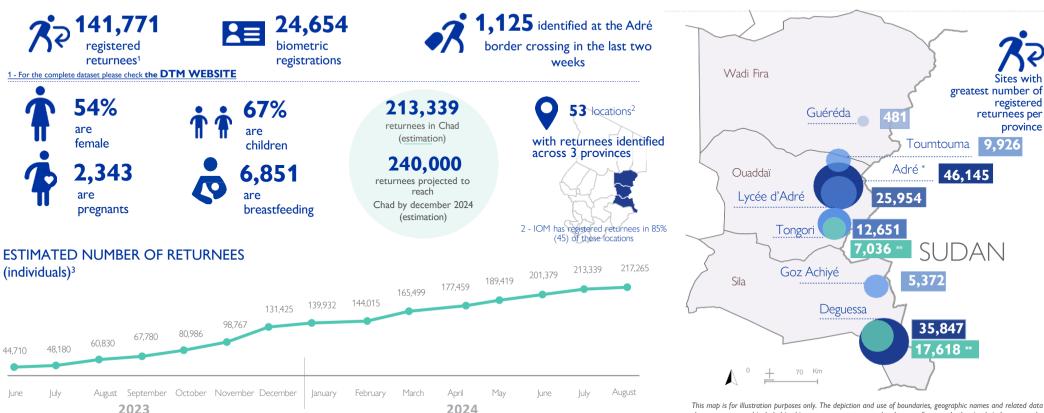


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3 - IOM projections and estimates on returnees are evaluated every six months.

HIGHLIGHTS

An estimated 910,000 people have crossed into Chad since the onset of the crisis in Sudan. of which 213,339 are Chadian returnees as of end of July 2023. IOM expects this number to rise to 240,000 through to December 2024. This is due to ongoing conflict and food insecurity in Darfur, owing to the current suspension of the humanitarian corridor between Chad and Darfur.

BACKGROUND

Returnees are Chadian nationals who were living in Sudan and have been displaced back to their home country where they lack the resources to rebuild their lives. Returnees are living either in displacement sites or within host communities. They are in urgent need of food, water, sanitation and hygiene, shelter, household items, health, and protection. IOM is the lead agency for the returnee response, in close coordination with the Government of Chad, local authorities, UN agencies, and local and international NGOs.

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* inclusive of Lycée d'Adré, Otherwise, sums up to 20 191 across the 10 locations around Adré

** Biometric registration completed in Sila and Ouaddaï provinces

PRIORITY NEEDS



Humanitarian assistance (WASH, Shelter, NFI, Protection)



Resilience and livelihoods



Tracking data

USD 35 345 000 **USD 10 000 000** USD 1 500 000

Displacement

SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE CRISIS THE IOM SUPPORTED:





returnees received food assistance in coordination with WFP









EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO DATE

IOM is leading life-saving assistance for Chadian returnees from Sudan via multisectoral interventions.

IOM HAS SUPPORTED.

- 139.543 returnees with multisectoral assistance in 30 sites across Ouaddaï and Sila provinces since the beginning of the crisis.
- 3,788 transitional shelters benefitting over 20,000 of the most vulnerable returnees and is constructing an additional 1,200 shelters in the returnee sites of Deguessa in Sila and Tongori in Ouaddaï.
- The construction of 500 brick homes in a continuous effort to strengthen protection and social cohesion efforts as well as supporting resilience by assisting returnees in replacing their transitional shelters.
- 94,861 returnees by creating 10 new boreholes (thermic, solar-powered, and manual), 639 latrines, and distributing 8.489 essential WASH kits.
- 7,879 households (41,624 individuals) to carry out their most essential needs through multipurpose cash assistance.
- 20,723 household (110,406 individuals) to carry out essential household tasks through non-food items distributions.
- In collaboration with WFP, 105,850 returnees with food distribution across the provinces of Ouaddaï and Sila.
- In coordination with Sakal and UNICEF, 1,458 households of 11,970 of the most vulnerable people returnees to the spontaneous site of Adré in the Ouaddai province high school were assisted by Wash kits.

REPORTING PERIOD UPDATES

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND COORDINATION

As the lead agency for the humanitarian response for returnees, IOM continues to coordinate with national, international, and government partners (CNARR, local authorities) to deliver vital services to vulnerable returnees 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, INTERSOS, COOPI, ACTED. Helb Tchad, and the Chadian Red Cross.

- As the rainy season has brought about torrential rains and floods in Sila province, IOM has distributed tarpaulins to 5.650 households and is coordinating with local authorities to continue supporting affected households.
- IOM is supporting WFP in preparation for a new round of food distributions, including in some locations through cash-based transfers, to over 135,000 registered returnees in Ouaddaï and Sila provinces to meet their urgent needs.

DISPLACEMENT DATA & KNOWLEDGE SHARING

IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) is a leading tool to monitor and analyse displacement flows, IOM DTM teams, including CNARR agents, locally recruited and trained enumerators, are deployed across Sila and Ouaddai 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's data on displacement and needs feeds knowledge sharing within the humanitarian community to coordinate and target lifesaving assistance to those in need. Biometric registration has been recently completed in Deguessa (Sila), in order to update and better identify the returnees currently living in the area.

- IOM continues to identify returnee households at the border crossing of Adré. Over the past two weeks, IOM has identified 170 households (1,036 individuals), 93% of which were headed by a woman. The households were primarily coming from Al Geneina (84%) and Al Fasher (10%). They fled Sudan primarily due to insecurity – either conflict or preventive movement (77%) and search for humanitarian assistance (12%).
- IOM registered 170 households (1,125 individuals) via its registration centre at Lycée d'Adré site, including households identified at the border and households referred to IOM by UNHCR..

PROTECTION, MHPSS, AND SOCIAL COHESION

IOM provides holistic, individual and community-level assistance in protection, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) to the two main returnee communities of Tongori (Ouaddaï) and Deguessa (Sila). IOM also strives to foster dialogue and peaceful coexistence between returnees and host communities through a range of social cohesion and conflict resolution activities.

- IOM continued its regular, multifaceted community-based protection and MHPSS activities in Tongori and Deguessa, providing sensitisation sessions to leaders and community members on key topics such as negative coping mechanisms and psychoeducation and psychological first aid sessions to young returnees to equip them to support their community members. IOM also provided tailored individual protection and psychological assistance to identified
- IOM organised recreational activities for 350 children in Deguessa, providing much-needed relief and enjoyment to returnee boys and girls living in difficult conditions.

RESILIENCE AND POST-EMERGENCY

IOM is developing its intervention in support of the longer-term resilience and recovery of Chadian returnees and the communities hosting them.

- IOM is in the process of installing 12 new water points and perimeter fencing at the Tourntourna village health clinic; and reinforcing the local marketplace in Deguessa village.
- Through a community-based, inclusive approach, IOM is building a local market of around 200 traders in Deguessa and 02 large cereals stores for returnees and the host community, IOM is also assisting 3 women's cooperatives of 54 people with income-generating activities and the installation of a community market garden.

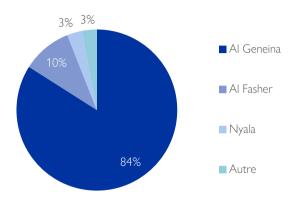
ARRIVALS IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS

170
households

1,125 individuals

IOM and CNARR monitor daily arrivals of returnees from Sudan passing through the Adré border crossing to collect basic demographic data and provide an estimate of daily displacement flows. The data provides an overview of trends and the volume of flows of returnees but is for information only and has some limitations. While individuals undergo an initial screening by CNARR to determine the status, the additional responses provided by the returnees have not been formally verified. Arrivals through other border crossing points are not monitored and the temporal coverage is limited to working days and does not include weekends or night coverage, hence actual arrival numbers are likely higher. Due to these limitations, the data collected can therefore not be generalized to represent the entire returnee population, as they only present the unique situation of those crossing this boarder point during this window. Please also note that returnees are not registered at this point but are referred to the IOM registration centre at the lycée Adré, where in-depth evaluation is carried out, jointly with CNARR, before being registered.

LOCATION OF DEPARTURE (SUDAN)



SUMMARY STATISTICS

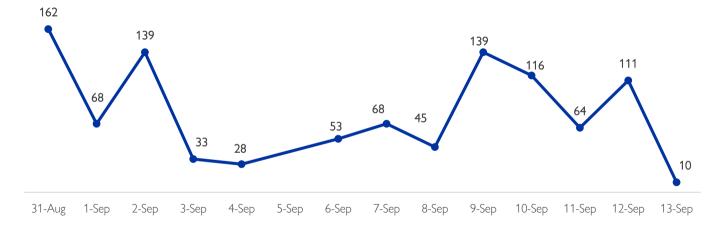




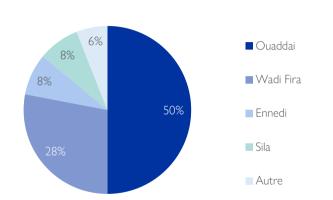




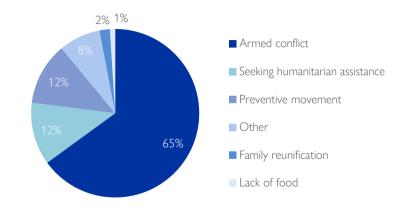
NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL ARRIVALS PER DAY



PROVINCE OF ORIGIN (CHAD)



PRIMARY REASON FOR DEPARTURE



USE & DEFINITION OF BIOMETRIC DATA:

The use of biometrics in registration processes can help to collect data to identify vulnerable individuals who may require additional assistance. This may require several and ongoing evaluations. In the case of Deguessa and Tongori, these assessments were completed as a first initial phase and would require future updates to keep abreast of population movements and its evolution. IOM underlines the importance of using biometrics responsibly and, notably, of ensuring the protection of personal data of beneficiaries and respect for the rule of law. When processing biometric data, IOM ensures that the data is collected in a lawful and fair manner with the consent of beneficiaries, and that the purpose of the processing is specified and legitimate.

METHODOLOGY & LIMITATIONS:

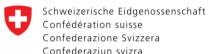
The data presented on registrations is not exhaustive and does not contend that all returnees are accounted for, nor is not representative across provinces. The returnee data compiled above, presents a summary of all assessments conducted on a spontaneous and sporadic manner based upon knowledge of movements at different points in time and may be outdated. The registration centre at the lycée d'Adré is the only continuous registration site of IOM. As of the 12th of July 2024, a pre-identification of returnees is conducted at the border, before a proper evaluation and registration takes place at the centre.

Biometric fixing of returnees in Deguessa



Biometric fixing of returnees in Deguessa /Tchad, June 2024 © IOM 2024 / Allarassem Koumangar





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