



- 109,361** estimated returnees arrived in Chad
- 150,000** returnees projected to arrive in Chad by the end of March 2024
- 93,452** returnees counted and registered
- 346** third country nationals referred to IOM
- 67%** registered returnees are children under 18
- 52%** registered returnees are women
- 5,219** registered returnees are breastfeeding
- 1,724** registered returnees are pregnant women
- 41** returnee locations identified in 3 provinces

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 109,000 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 86,604 returnees and counted 346 third-country nationals (from South Sudan, Niger, Ethiopia, the Central African Republic, Burkina Faso, Nigeria and Uganda) in 41 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, 7,567 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



72,220 (est.)

people reached with humanitarian assistance from IOM



24,949

returnees benefitted from multipurpose cash assistance



38,412

people benefitted from non-food assistance



42,003

people received WASH assistance with partners



11,296

returnees received shelter assistance

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 Ouaddai and Sila province. IOM also continues to support the delivery of WASH, protection, health, NFI, and education services in Tongori and Deguessa sites by national and international partners.

Site Planning & Emergency Assistance

IOM is improving the returnee site of Deguessa in Sila province, where 25,000 returnees have been registered by IOM in coordination with national authorities. IOM has allocated nearly 800 transitional shelters to some of the most vulnerable households in the site, in close collaboration with community leaders, and will soon allocate nearly 300 more. The households also received tarpaulins upon moving into their new shelter. IOM also distributed 340 tarpaulins to vulnerable households in Goz Achiyé site, Sila province. In Tongori, in the Ouaddai province, IOM is preparing to construct 790 new transitional shelters in addition to the 1,300 already constructed by itself and ACTED, has installed a new borehole to supply the growing site population with drinking water, and is installing 187 new bloc latrines and showers. With new funding, IOM plans to construct additional transitional shelters, boreholes, latrines, distribute NFI and WASH kits, distribute MPCA, and scale up Protection and MHPSS services to further support vulnerable returnees in 2024.

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 sessions on depression and anxiety, and is delivering sensitization sessions on PSEA for partners (contractors, humanitarian organizations, local authorities). Across both sites, over 32,000 individuals are benefitting from IOM's Protection and MHPSS services.

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 Ouaddai provinces to identify and register vulnerable returnee households, including newly arrived households as well as households not previously identified. IOM is rolling out biometric registration in Tongori site, Ouaddai 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 staying in alarming conditions in the border town of Adré.



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EVOLUTION OF RETURNEE ARRIVALS

