



Total individuals arrived from since fighting started

13,407 (New arrivals)

90,796 (Since 16th April 2023)



Point of Entry

Renk (Upper Nile), Aweil (Northern Bahr el Ghazal), Rotriak (Unity) and Amieth (Abyei AA)



Number of Flow Monitoring Points Operated by IOM

16



5,246

individuals provided with onward transportation assistance
(As at 1 June 2023)



New arrivals at Panakuach border point heading to Rotriak, Rubkona County © IOM South Sudan 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

- Since the start of the response, IOM continues to receive and facilitate Onward Transportation Assistance (OTA) of returnees from border points to Renk, Malakal, Fangak and Unity and other areas. As at 1st June 2023, 5,246 individuals (4,433 from Renk to Malakal, 104 Malakal to Fangak and 709 Malakal to Unity and other areas), were assisted with movement to their point of destination.
- IOM has a protection presence at key border entry points conducting joint IOM-UNHCR rapid vulnerability screenings to identify vulnerable individuals for prioritization for onward transportation assistance.
- During the reporting period, protection staff identified 2,085 vulnerable individuals (individuals in households with one or more vulnerable household members); vast majority were at Wunthou border point in Renk, where 1,841 persons (of which 1,502 were female) were identified.
- With the start of rains, soon some regions will be affected and may lead to many returnees remaining in the towns.

CONTEXT

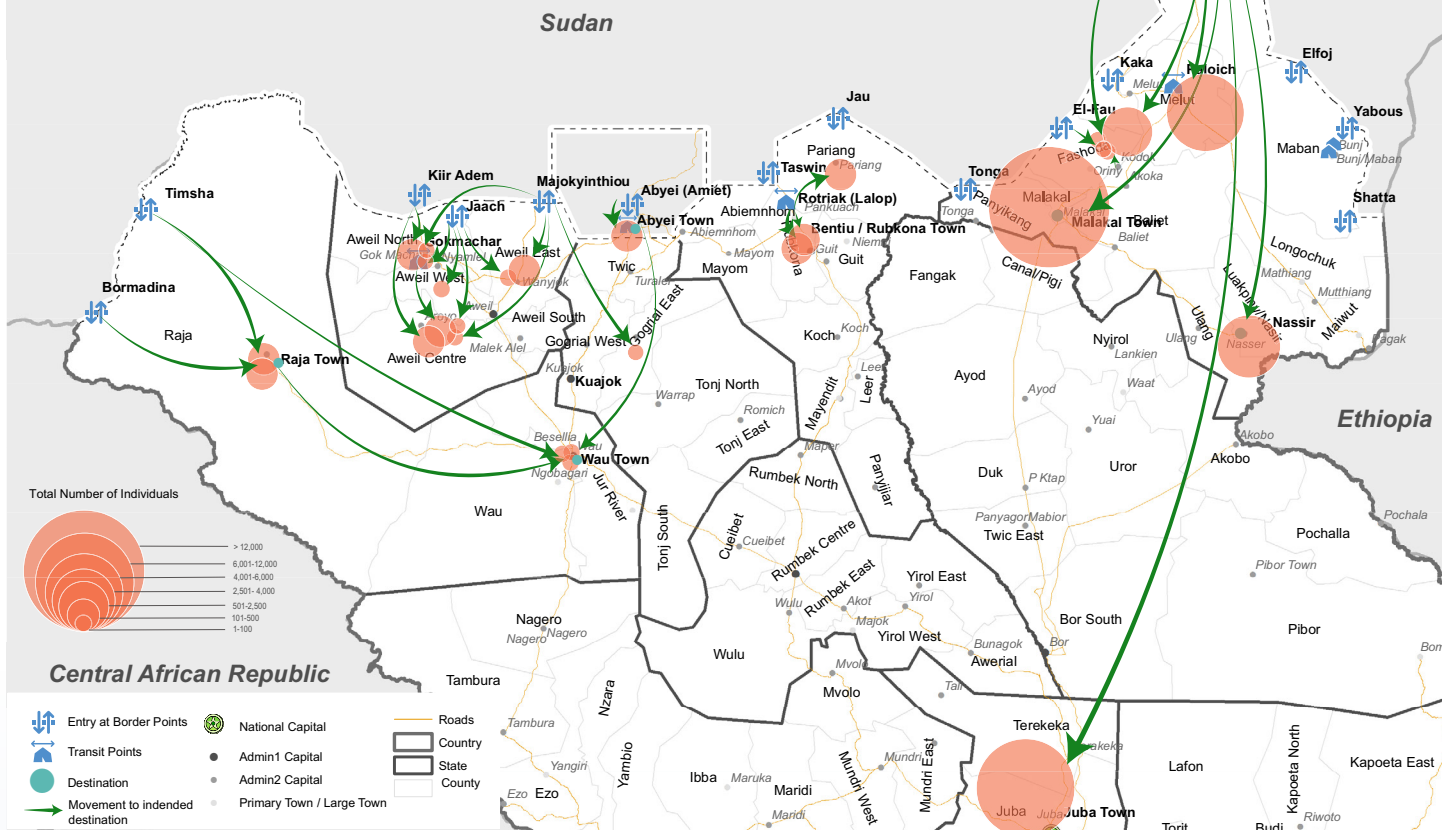
Six weeks since the fighting between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) erupted in Khartoum, with clashes in Darfur and several other locations in Sudan, its implications continue to significantly impact the humanitarian situation in South Sudan. As of 1 June 2023, more than 90,700 individuals have crossed the Sudan-South Sudan border; with 53 per cent female and 47 per cent male. The real numbers of arrivals are likely to be higher as some people enter the country unregistered. The recorded arrivals where 93 per cent are South Sudanese returning home with many vulnerabilities; most of the arrivals are registered at the Wunthou border crossing point in Upper Nile State. Onward transportation remains a challenge for South Sudanese returning home due to rising prices as a result of fuel shortages; food and commodities prices continue to increase as well as fuel prices.

Rapid vulnerability screenings conducted at the border points, among the returnees are vulnerable individuals, most commonly unaccompanied or separated children, elderly and persons with physical disabilities, persons in need of health care, including those wounded from the conflict in Sudan and single female headed households.

IOM appeals for USD 209 million [response plan](#) to urgently respond to the Sudan Crisis whose deteriorating situation has severe implications on the neighbouring countries, including South Sudan that already grapples with protracted crises. IOM South Sudan appeals for USD 43 million to respond to the affected populations needs in the next six months. IOM South Sudan in coordination with partners on the ground continues to provide multi-sectoral assistance to the continuing influx of returnees and refugees entering the country through official borders.

IOM UN MIGRATION South Sudan Cross-Border Points Intended Destination of Returnees Map

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OPERATIONS

Humanitarian Transportation/ Onward Movement Assistance

- IOM has continued to provide OTA to vulnerable returnees and third-country nationals. Within the reporting period 1,559 individuals were facilitated with boat movement to their areas of destination, mainly at Malakal.
- The newly established OTA registration center is currently supporting the registration for movements to Western and Northern Bahr El Ghazal, with a current total caseload of 1,400 already registered.
- Transportation assistance and pre-departure medical screening (PDMS) from border entry points to drop off points continues.

WASH

- IOM continues with the daily provision of 50,000 liters of clean water to the transit center (TC).
- Hygiene promoter continued to actively engage the population in the TC on hygiene practices.



Health

- The two primary health clinics at Wunthou and Abayouk are functional; health consultations and vaccinations for measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) and oral poliovirus vaccines (OPV) to children between 6 months to 59 months is ongoing.
- Health awareness sessions is provided to enhance prevention and control of watery diarrheal diseases in the TC.
- The health cluster has expressed deep concerns about the rainy season and the associated disease outbreaks.

Protection

- Through joint IOM-UNHCR vulnerability screening desks at the Wunthou border, on 1 June 2023, 66 returnee households (consisting of 452 individuals) were identified as having one or more vulnerable household members. Maintaining family unity, the 66 households were received wristbands and were provided transportation assistance to Renk transit centre. Those in need of immediate medical attention were referred to IOM health clinic at Wunthou border. A total of 30 refugees and returnees in Northern Bahr el Ghazal, and nine in Abyei, were identified as vulnerable and referred for transportation assistance.
- Through mobile protection desks set up in Northern Bahr el Ghazal, Western Bahr el Ghazal, Upper Nile and at Renk TC, IOM protection staff are providing information, receiving feedback and complaints, and conducting vulnerability screening and referrals for vulnerable persons that were not profiled at the border.
- Awareness creation on preventing sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) continues at Wunthou border, Renk TC.
- Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) teams were trained alongside health volunteers and deployed to the Wunthou border and IOM health clinic in Abayok, Renk – taking part in existing protection referral mechanisms.



Daily Arrival Trends

