



Total individuals arrived from since fighting started

**13,557** (New arrivals)

**104,353** (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**



**17,607**

individuals provided with onward transportation assistance  
(As at 8 June 2023)

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Since the start of the response, IOM has facilitated onward transportation assistance (OTA) to 17,607 as at 8th June 2023.
- Protection services have continued at the border entry point and 3,298 vulnerable individuals were identified. A vast majority were at Wunthou border point, where 2,847 persons (of which 1,594 were female), were recorded.
- Since 8th June 2023, all riverine movements between Renk to Malakal, Upper Nile State as well as destinations past Malakal town were suspended due to the violent situation that began in the night of 7th June 2023. IOM and the relevant authorities are working in identifying mitigation measures that will allow the safe resumption of riverine movements.
- The number of arrivals is projected to increase if the conflict in Sudan continues. A large population of returnees remains in Renk, seeking humanitarian transportation assistance. Lack of funding remains a key challenge to this dynamic.



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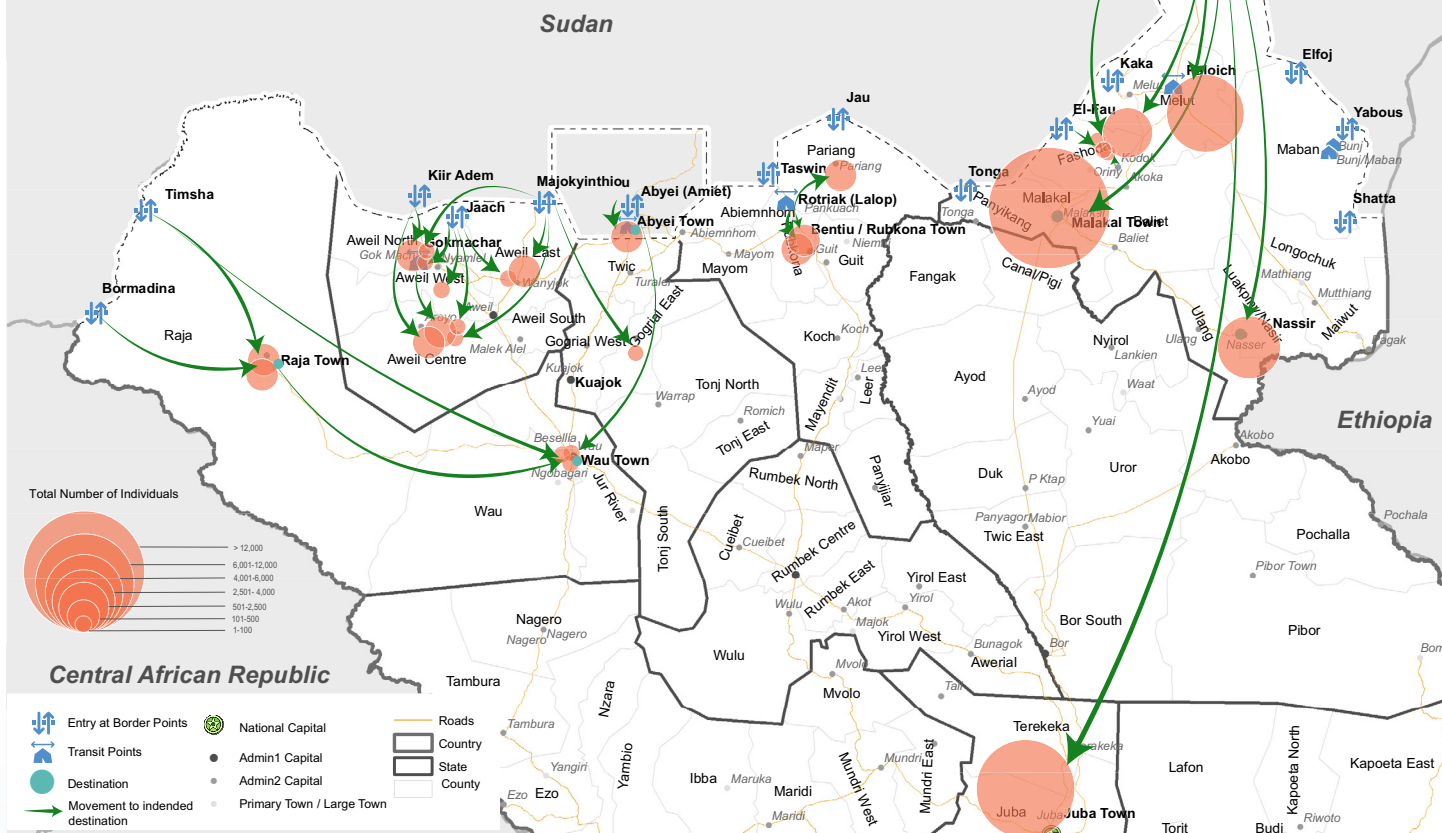
## CONTEXT

The fighting between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) has not ceased as negotiations for a ceasefire have halted with SAF pulling out of the talks. Mixed flow movements continue to increase with 476,811 people having fled to neighbouring countries. This has continued to significantly impact the humanitarian situation in South Sudan with IOM, UNHCR and the Government of South Sudan indicating that as of 8 June 2023, at least 104,353 individuals (50,303 male and 54,050 female) have crossed the Sudan-South Sudan border. The real numbers of arrivals are likely to be higher as some people continue to enter the country unregistered. The majority of the people arriving, 93 per cent are South Sudanese returning home; Wunthou border crossing point in Upper Nile State has most of the arrivals registered.

Protection services are conducted at the border entry point. Rapid vulnerability screenings conducted at border points reported that among the returnees are vulnerable individuals, including unaccompanied or separated children, elderly and persons with physical disabilities, persons in need of health care - including those wounded from the conflict in Sudan with urgent medical needs - single female-headed households, and pregnant women. Many have witnessed or been subjected to violence and exploitation in Sudan, including on their journey to South Sudan.

Onward transportation from the border point remains a challenge for South Sudanese returning home, including with the rising prices as a result of fuel shortages and increase in prices of food and other commodities. A number of returnees have indicated extortion and looting on the road in Sudan, leaving them with no money and belongings. IOM South Sudan, in coordination with partners on the ground, continue to provide multi-sectoral assistance to the ongoing influx of returnees and refugees entering the country through official borders. IOM South Sudan appeals for USD 43 million [response plan](#) to urgently respond to the Sudan Crisis whose deteriorating situation has severe implications to the affected populations.

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## OPERATIONS

### Humanitarian Transportation/ Onward Movement Assistance

- IOM continues to provide onward transportation assistance (OTA) to vulnerable returnees. Since the start, IOM has facilitated onward movement to 17,607 individuals to their areas of destination, a majority being to Unity State.
- Pre-departure medical screening (PDMS) from border entry points to drop off points continues.

### WASH

- IOM continues with the daily provision of 75,000 liters of clean water to the transit center (TC); a daily addition of 25,000 liters was provided this week.
- Hygiene practice promotion continued throughout the TC with the engaged hygiene promoters consisting of both men and women.

### Health

- The two primary health clinics at Wunthou and Abayouk are providing health consultations and vaccinations for measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) and oral poliovirus vaccines (OPV) to children between 6 months to 59 months.
- Health awareness sessions to enhance prevention and control of watery diarrheal diseases in the TC is provided.



## Protection

- Joint IOM-UNHCR rapid vulnerability screenings are present at main points of entry, identifying vulnerable individuals for prioritization for OTA. During the past week (2 – 8 June 2023), protection staff identified 3,781 vulnerable individuals (those in households with one or more vulnerable household members). The vast majority of these were at Joda/Wunthow border point in Renk, Upper Nile, where 3,257 persons (of which 1,594 were female) were identified and provided with wristbands. Maintaining family unity, vulnerable individuals and their family members were prioritized for transportation to Renk TC, while those in need of immediate medical attention or psychological first aid were referred to IOM health or MHPSS personnel, respectively.
- At the registration desk for OTA in Renk, IOM protection staff fast-tracked 319 vulnerable persons (of which 160 were females) while in the TC. IOM operates a protection desk for dissemination of information, feedback and complaints, and where mobile protection workers conduct routine monitoring and referrals.
- Psychosocial mobile teams are operating at Joda/Wunthow border point, in Renk TC, at IOM Health Clinic in Abayok, Renk, as well as at the Bulukat TC in Malakal, providing psychological first aid (PFA), individual counseling and group psychosocial support sessions.



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## CHALLENGES

- Lack of funding remains a key challenge to providing humanitarian assistance to the arriving returnees and in a timely manner.
- The rains coupled with bad road network will adversely affect the onward movement of returnees, this may lead to many returnees remaining for an extended period in the border entry points.
- Increased insecurity and conflict in some of the areas of return has hindered the movement assistance of returnees to their destinations. Reports of cattle raiding in Heglig, Unity State on 5th June 2023 have disrupted movements. Violence in Malakal, Upper Nile State have halted any movement from Renk to Malakal.

## Daily Arrival Trends

