Overview of spontaneous refugee returns

31 July 2019

193,126
Reported Spontaneous Refugee Returnees*
9,538 recorded in July 2019

2,332,097 South Sudanese Refugees in host countries as of 30 June 2019

2019 spontaneous refugee return trend (1 Jan - 31 Jul): 57,140 ***

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Spontaneous refugee returnees by Country of Asylum

Overall
Uganda 88,997 46.1%
Ethiopia 48,543 25.1%
Sudan 43,474 22.5%
Kenya 5,166 2.7%
DRC** 1,454 2.1%
CAR** 2,800 1.4%
Other 36 <1%

* CAR: Central African Republic; DRC: Democratic Republic of Congo

Spontaneous refugee returnees by State of arrival

Eastern Equatoria 61,430
Jonglei 42,648
Unity 35,696
Upper Nile 19,355
Central Equatoria 15,680
Lakes 15,407
Western Equatoria 2,864
Western Bhar Ghazal 46

***Historical data might change retroactively due to late reporting and time required to triangulate information

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