Overview of spontaneous refugee returns from Sudan

31 December 2019

70,377

Reported number of spontaneous refugee returnees*

*This number represents the total returns corroborated from November 2017 to date

65,106

recorded in 2019

Household-based sample survey for spontaneous refugee returnees in 2019

Of the surveyed households only 17% have a refugee ID or ration card, and 98% arrived after the signing of the R-ARCSS on 12th September 2018, whereas 61% arrived after June 2019.

6,132

Households of 47,042 individuals Surveyed

67%

Female-headed households

92%

Intended to stay in SSD permanently

Main border crossing points

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<th>Place of habitual residence</th>
<th>Pantou</th>
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<th>Awiel</th>
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<td>23,948 Inds / 2,850 HHs</td>
<td>5,088 Inds / 690 HHs</td>
<td>4,584 Inds / 657 HHs</td>
<td>2,597 Inds / 509 HHs</td>
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Main reasons for return

Push factor:
1. Inadequate livelihood opportunity in country of asylum
2. Inadequate access to basic services in country of asylum
3. Insecurity in country of asylum

Pull factor:
1. Improved security situation in South Sudan
2. Reunite with family members
3. Improved availability of services in South Sudan

Mode of transport

59% returned by bus
29% returned by car
6% returned by boat
4% returned on foot
2% returned by airplane, bicycle etc.

Mode of payment

90% paid with their own
7% were assisted by authorities in South Sudan
1% were assisted by authorities in CoA
2% did not pay or were assisted by friends and families

Vulnerability

846 children at risk
432 women at risk
856 elderly at risk
596 impaired / illness / disability

Top 5 reported protection incidents during travel

1. Extortion of money
2. Loss/theft of belongings
3. Violence/Abuse
4. Consification of refugee card and/or ration card
5. Other*

* Arrest/Detention, Trafficking, Medical issues, consification of personal belongings etc.

Source: Returnee statistics: UNHCR and partners
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