Overview of spontaneous refugee returns

(as of August 2020)

326,481
Cumulative number of reported refugee returnees since Nov 2017, of which 205,795 returned following the signing of the revitalized peace agreement in October 2018.

2,253,226
South Sudanese refugees in the region as of 31 July 2020

Methodology:
In coordination with the office of the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC), UNHCR and its partners triangulate received reports at community level in areas of return through focus group discussion, key informant interview as well as through meetings with traditional community leaders, religious leaders, representatives of local administration and law enforcement authorities coupled with the observations by the monitoring teams.

Spontaneous refugee returnees by Country of Asylum

Overall
Jul and Aug

Uganda 81,962
Sudan 2,618
Ethiopia 8,949
Democratic Republic of The Congo 8,933
Kenya 6,568
Central African Republic 5,132
Other 79

Total 163,707

Spontaneous refugee return trend**

2017 2018 2019 2020
Dec Mar Jun Sep Dec Mar Jan Jun Sep Dec Mar Jun Aug

25,448 verified returns (6,144 arrived in July/Aug 2020)***

*** 25,488 is the overall July and August returns including those who had arrived early within the year but were verified in July & August and out of which 6,144 returned in July and August mainly from Uganda, Sudan and Ethiopia to Eastern Equatoria (Magwi county), Unity (mainly Rubkona county) and Upper Nile (mainly Maiwut, Fashoda and Panyikang counties)

**Historical data might change retroactively due to delayed verification and triangulation of information in return areas

The higher returns reported in Jan 2020 is due to increased access, triangulation and verification of cumulative returns to Central Equatoria State & does not denote marked increase in returns during the period

Spontaneous refugee returns by county (cumulative)

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