**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 interviews 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.

**Overview of spontaneous refugee returns (as of August 2020)**

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

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

**Spontaneous refugee return trend**

- **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 country (cumulative)**

- **July and August:**
  - Uganda: 882,031
  - Sudan: 813,306
  - Ethiopia: 346,349
  - Kenya: 122,256
  - Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC): 89,284

**Legend**

- **Movement**
- **Border entry points**

The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations. Final status of the Abyei area is not yet determined.

Source: Geographic data: UNHCR, UNCS, UNDP. Returnee statistics: UNHCR and partners.

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