Cross-Border Population Movement Factsheet

Renk Port and Road Monitoring

Renk County, Upper Nile State, South Sudan

CONTEXT AND METHODOLOGY

Renk Town is located in Renk County, Upper Nile State, near South Sudan’s border with Sudan. Since independence in 2011, Renk has been a major destination and transit point to other parts of Upper Nile State for arrivals from Sudan.

REACH monitors three transit sites in Renk Town, two road points (Sukjima and Zero bus stations) and one port (Renk Port), to record inbound and outbound households (HHs) coming to, from or through the town on a daily basis. Data is collected at HH level on demographics and vulnerabilities, transport routes, key push/pull factors and intentions. Data collected daily is then summarised into a monthly factsheet to provide humanitarian actors with an overview of cross-border movement trends.

While enumerators aim to interview as many HHs as possible, it is often impossible to interview all HHs during high traffic hours. Moreover, this exercise does not capture population movements at informal border sites or movement outside of data collection hours (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.). Additionally, data collection is not conducted directly at the border entry point and some populations reportedly do not continue to Renk Town. As a result, data presented in this factsheet does not capture all population movements and, as such, findings are not representative but rather indicative only of broader population movement trends for the assessed population.

This factsheet is based on primary data collected from 31 December 2019.

GENERAL MOVEMENT TRENDS

Average daily number of individuals inbound to (grey) and outbound from (red) South Sudan with the intention to stay in their final destination for more than six months recorded in Renk Town from September 2018 to December 2019:

- **Net population inflows**
- **Net population outflows**

### INBOUND TO SOUTH SUDAN

- **72%** of inbound HHs reported intending to stay more than six months in their final destination in South Sudan.

#### Demographics

Proportion of recorded travelers by demographic group:

- **Children** 44%
- **Women** 38%
- **Men** 18%

#### Previous location

Primary reported locations from which inbound HHs were leaving:

- White Nile Refugee Camps, Sudan: 67%
- Khartoum, Sudan: 8%
- Jabal Aulia, Sudan: 7%

#### Intended destination

Primary reported intended destinations for inbound HHs:

- Malakal PoC Site: 29%
- Renk Town: 24%
- Juba: 13%

#### Push factors

Primary reported push factors for inbound HHs to leave their last location:

- Distance from family members: 32%
- Distance from home: 21%
- Lack of shelter: 13%

#### Reasons for coming to South Sudan

Primary reported push factors for inbound HHs, September to December 2019:

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#### OUTBOUND FROM SOUTH SUDAN

- **15%** of outbound HHs reported intending to stay more than six months in their final destination outside of South Sudan.

#### Demographics

Proportion of recorded travelers by demographic group:

- **Children** 50%
- **Women** 50%
- **Men** 0%

#### Previous location

Primary reported locations from which outbound HHs were leaving:

- Juba: 8%
- Malakal County: 8%
- Khartoum: 8%

#### Intended destination

Primary reported intended destinations for outbound HHs:

- White Nile Refugee Camps, Sudan: 92%
- Khartoum: 92%

#### Pull factors

Primary reported pull factors for outbound HHs to go to another country:

- Proximity to family members: 46%
- Presence of food distributions: 46%
- Attending a ceremony: 8%

#### Reasons for leaving South Sudan

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Notes:
1. While internal movement within South Sudan was also recorded in Renk over the period (20% of movement), this factsheet only covers crossborder movement only. Percentages refer to proportion of households.
2. Data was collected for a total of 28 days only due to the suspension of REACH activities during the holiday period.
3. Unless otherwise specified, the three most frequent answers for each type of movement are reported here.
4. Respondents could choose more than one answer, the three most frequent answers for each movement type are reported here.
5. Partial HHs are those where not all members of the self-identified family unit were reportedly travelling. Please note, family units in South Sudan often extend beyond the nuclear family.
6. Aggregated, the figures in this category add up to more than 100% due to rounding.

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