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 exiting and entering (HHs) coming to, from or through the town on a daily basis. Data is collected at HH level on HH demographics and vulnerabilities, transportation 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 2-29 June 2020.

GENERAL MOVEMENT TRENDS
Monthly, 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 June 2020:

- Net population inflows: 42
- Net population outflows: 27

In June, outbound travel increased to an average of just below thirteen individuals per day while inbound travel remained low at just below three individuals per day.

Type of movement
Total monthly number of HHs and individuals recorded in June 2020:

- HHs: 82
- Individuals: 347

91% of total inbound HHs reported that at least one member of the HH had a vulnerability, including:
- Single parent: 38%
- Malnourished: 30%
- Breastfeeding: 29%

Self-reported refugees
Proportion of inbound HHs (left) and outbound HHs (right) who self-reported having refugee status in another country:

- Inbound: 98%
- Outbound: 95%

Push factors
Primary reported push factors for inbound HHs to leave their last location:
- Distance from family / home: 40%
- Lack of food: 17%
- Lack of health services: 17%

Reasons for coming to South Sudan
Primary reported push factors for inbound HHs, January to June 2020:

- Lack of food: 44%
- Proximity to family / home: 50%
- Availability of markets: 55%
- Availability of health services: 42%

OUTBOUND FROM SOUTH SUDAN
55% of outbound HHs reported intending to stay more than six months or permanently in their final destination in South Sudan.

Demographics
Proportion of recorded travellers by demographic group:
- Children: 53%
- Women: 32%
- Men: 15%

Pull factors
Primary reported pull factors for outbound HHs to go to a new location:
- Perceived availability of food: 59%
- Proximity to family / home: 36%
- Availability of health services: 5%

Reasons for leaving South Sudan
Primary reported push factors for outbound HHs, March to June 2020:

- Lack of food: 44%
- Proximity to family / home: 50%
- Availability of markets: 55%
- Availability of health services: 42%

Notes:
1. Inbound movement analysis for South Sudan was also reported in Renk over the period (20% of all movements); this factsheet covers cross-border movement only. Percentages refer to proportion of households.
2. This percentage is based off of households (HHs), not individuals.
3. This percentage is a combination of the reported reasons reported in the White Nile, Renk and Kosti areas.
4. This percentage is an aggregate of the responses given for “availability of food distributions”, “border crossing”, and “availability of local food.”

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