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Displacement Overview

Week 1 - as of 11 May 2026

Following the capture of Akobo County in Jonglei State by the SSPDF on 10 March 2026, large-scale displacement occurred, with thousands of civilians crossing into Ethiopia through Tiergol, Kankan, Thakyaak and other unofficial entry points.

The displaced population originated primarily from Nyirol, Uror, and Akobo counties. After initially settling in parts of Akobo Woreda, populations have moved onward to multiple locations within the Nuer Zone—including Kankan, Muon, Matar and Tormorok—where humanitarian needs are acute.

Rapid assessments conducted by humanitarian partners in Tiergol area, estimated that approximately 85,000 individuals have crossed into the Gambella Region in search for safety and refuge. According to local authorities, there is an increasing arrival of refugees in Wantawo Woreda and indicated that approximately 12,218 individuals have recently arrived in Tormorok.

These new arrivals add to an existing displaced population composed of over 50,030 L1-registered individuals currently in Luakdong and approximately 32,725 unregistered individuals in Tormorok who arrived in 2025.

Key figures

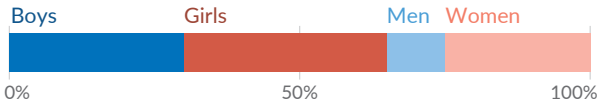
100k

New arrivals from South Sudan

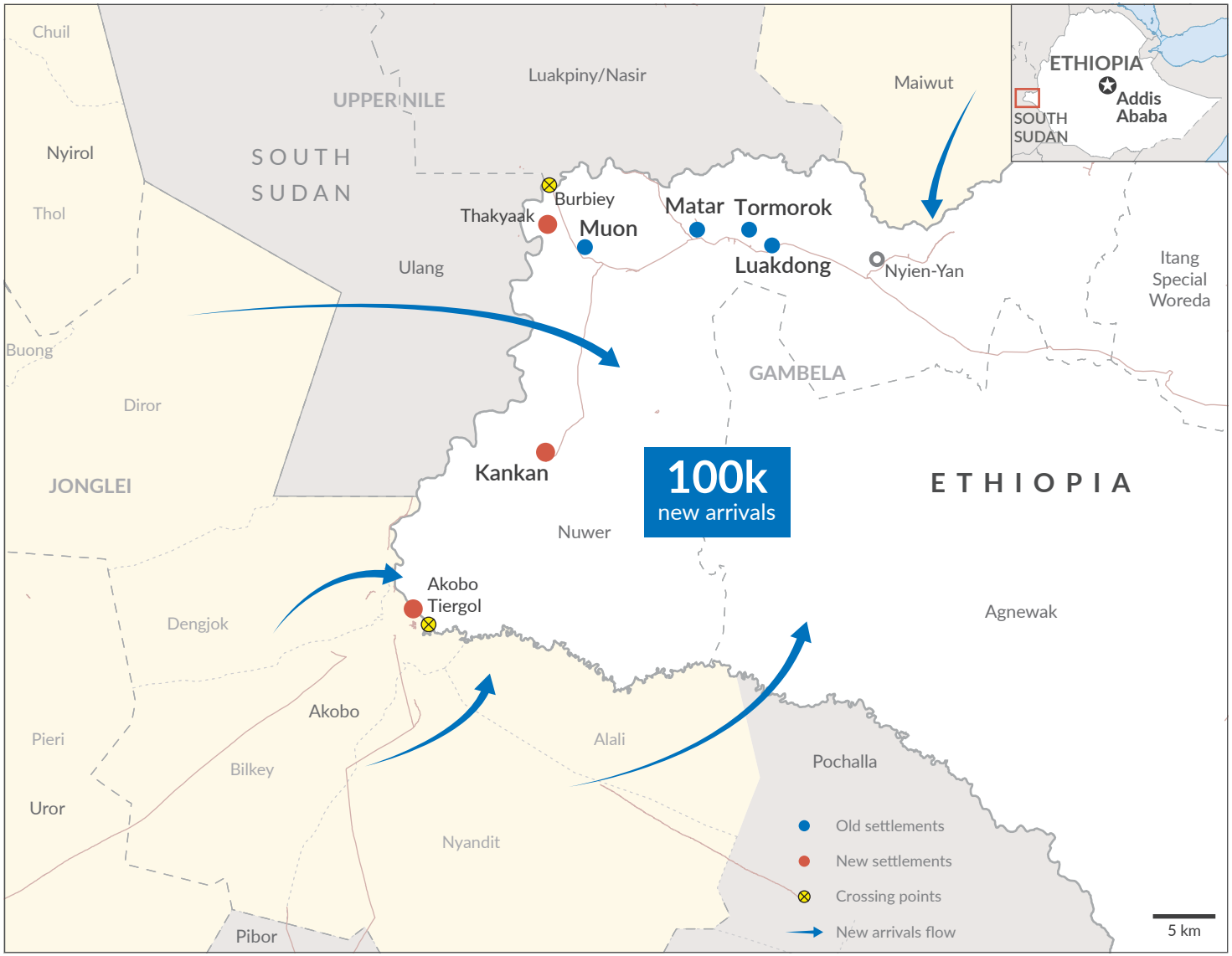
55%

of new arrivals are **children**

Age and gender breakdown



Age and gender-disaggregated estimates are derived from the standard age and gender distribution of newly registered arrivals from South Sudan in Ethiopia.



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