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Influx from South Sudan

as of 15 May 2026

Key figures

306,842 estimated arrivals from **South Sudan** since April 2025

(Mixed population including refugees, asylum seekers, returnees, etc.)

89,025
estimated **newly arrived South Sudanese**

217,817
estimated **Sudanese Returnees**

Who is working

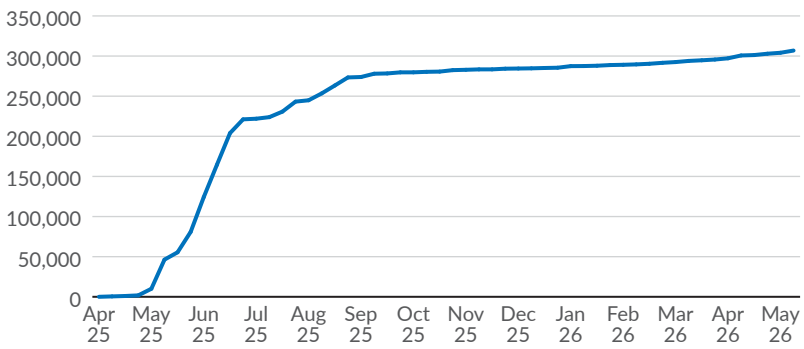
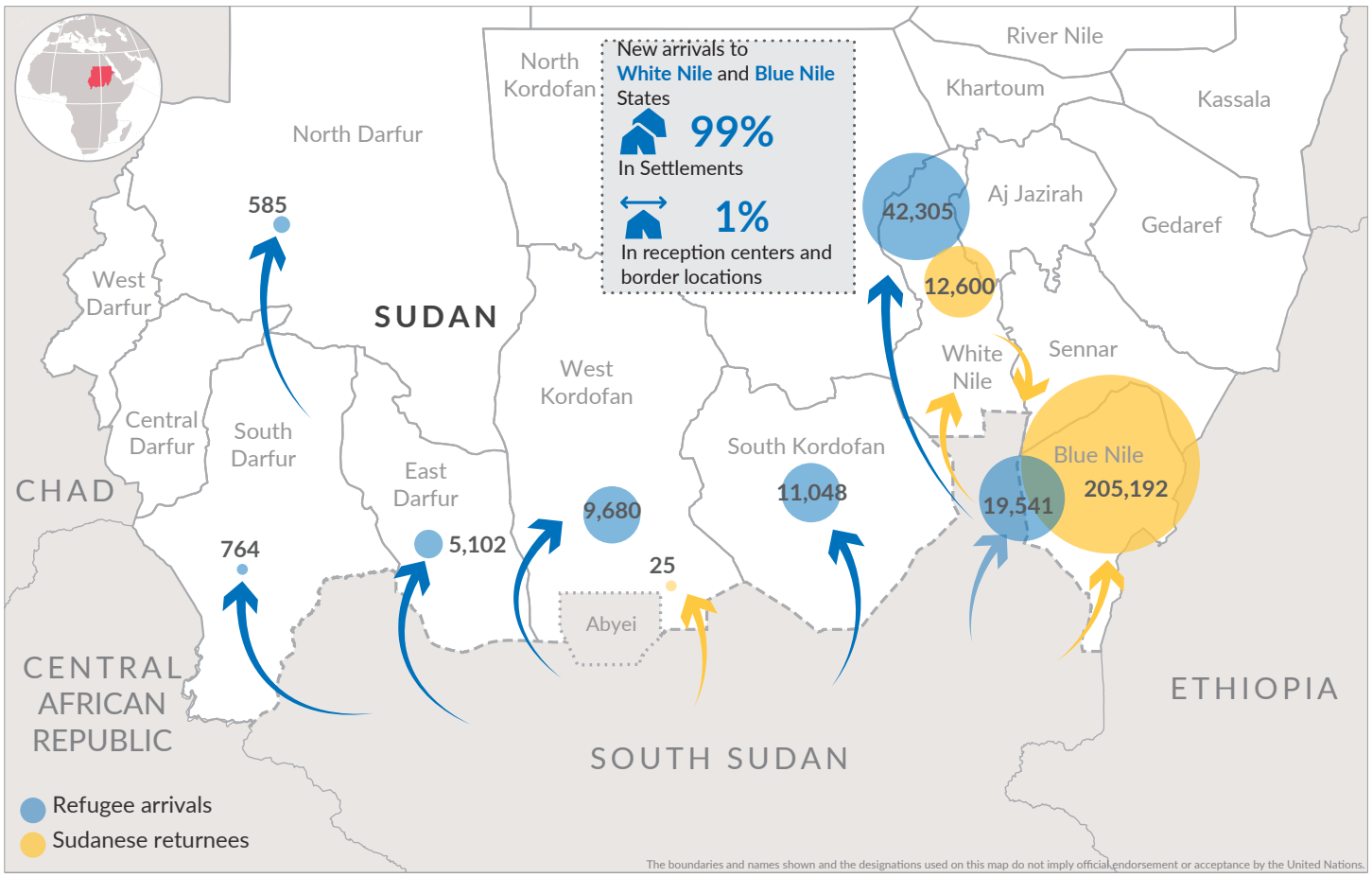
Coordination: COR, UNHCR	**Education**: MOE, ADRA, UNHCR, NORD, UNICEF
Food Security: WFP, Islamic Relief, ADD	**Health/ Nutrition**: MOH, MTI, UNICEF, MSF, PANCARE, CAFA
Livelihood: FAO, CDF, UNHCR	**Protection**: ADRA, UNHCR, BMDO, ACTED, COR, ICRC
Registration: COR, UNHCR	**Shelter/ NFI**: ADRA, SRCS, UNHCR, Medair
Site Management: COR, ACTED, BMDO	**WASH**: WES, SRCS, UNHCR, NORD, UNICEF, ACTED

Key Gaps and Priorities:

***Blue Nile State**: In the health sector, service delivery remains severely constrained following the closure of two MSF emergency clinics, as well as IMC and IRC services, with no functional health services in Al Karama 8 and 9 and heightened risk of disease outbreaks, including Hepatitis E. Deliveries are being handled by community midwives using limited delivery kits provided to returnees.*

Context

Since late February 2025, political instability and rising hostilities between armed actors in South Sudan have driven recurrent clashes and large-scale displacement, particularly affecting Upper Nile and, more recently, Jonglei State. Since late December 2025, intensified fighting in northern and central Jonglei, including reported shelling of civilian areas, has further deteriorated the protection environment and triggered additional movements toward Sudan.

Over **306,800** people have entered Sudan since the escalation began, including an estimated **89,000 South Sudanese refugees**, primarily arriving in White Nile (48%), Blue Nile (22%), South Kordofan (12%) and West Kordofan (11%). These arrivals are compounded by an estimated **217,800 Sudanese returnees** to Blue Nile and White Nile States. Support Centers (SRCs), in collaboration with the MoH, are delivering ongoing medical and nutrition services through mobile clinics at the Joda border. As spontaneous arrivals of new refugees continue, UNHCR and partners are managing the influx by integrating newly arrived and protracted populations into existing water and sanitation systems, ensuring continuity of service provision.

Total new arrivals (cumulative since Apr. 2025)