

FLASH UPDATE

KEY FIGURES

15,265

South Sudanese refugees newly arrived and registered in White Nile and South Kordofan from 29 April to 6 May 2017

9,317

New arrivals registered in White Nile

Entry Point	Total Individuals
El Megenis	8,929
Joda	388
Total	9,317

5,948

New arrivals registered in South Kordofan

Arrival Point	Total Individuals
Gedeid	2,213
Qurayd	517
Sirijiya	3,183
Abu Jabaiha	35
Total	5,948

4,000

Estimated additional new arrivals in South Kordofan transiting to White Nile

URGENT NEEDS AND RESPONSE PRIORITIES

- Provision of immediate life-saving support to new arrivals, including food, health, nutrition and non-food item assistance.
- Scale-up of food assistance and shelter provision at El Megenis, White Nile reception centre to address congestion issues.
- Establishment of new reception centre at Gedeid, South Kordofan to provide full reception services to new arrivals, including food assistance, protection and WASH services.
- UNHCR-COR biometric registration at all arrival sites and settlements in South Kordofan.

Nearly 20,000 South Sudanese refugees are reported to have fled across the border into Sudan between 29 April and 6 May, arriving in White Nile and South Kordofan. This latest influx follows intense fighting near Kodok and Tonga in Upper Nile state of South Sudan and deteriorating humanitarian situations due to rising needs and security concerns in areas where displaced civilians have gathered in Aburoc and the Protection of Civilian (PoC) site in Malakal (see map on page 2). **The majority of newly arrived refugees are women and children.** While the upcoming rainy season will limit civilian movements, reports from humanitarian actors in South Sudan indicate that **between 35,000 and 50,000 people have been displaced** in the affected areas and could try to flee to Sudan before the rainy season.

WHITE NILE

- In the past week, over 9,300 refugees (approximately 1,300 per day) have fled into White Nile and have been registered at El Megenis and Joda entry points/reception centres.** The refugees are mainly of Shilluk ethnicity. COR is providing meals to refugees upon arrival and transporting them to Al Waral on a daily basis.
- Refugees have reported that their **transportation into Sudan costs up to 1,000 SDG (150 USD)**, which has left many refugees unable to pay and stranded near the border at Renk, South Sudan, or forced to embark on a 4 to 7 day journey by foot.
- Refugees are also arriving from South Korodofan**, transported locally by tractor and truck through the Gedeid border point to El Megenis reception centre.
- MSF-Spain and the Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS) are conducting health and nutrition screenings, with **100% of 956 newly arrived refugee children under 5 years of age screened.** Of these, 59 refugee children have arrived with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and 10 with severe acute malnutrition (SAM), which is below international emergency thresholds. Partners are working to scale-up referral and monitoring mechanisms at reception centres and refugee sites in order to reduce vulnerability to health risks associated with overcrowding and limited WASH services.
- Cases of **acute watery diarrhea (AWD)** have also been identified among new arrivals. Health partners have established isolation tents, and have increased the presence of medical staff and redirected supplies to El Megenis to mitigate AWD risk and ensure refugees receive timely medical services.

SOUTH KORDOFAN

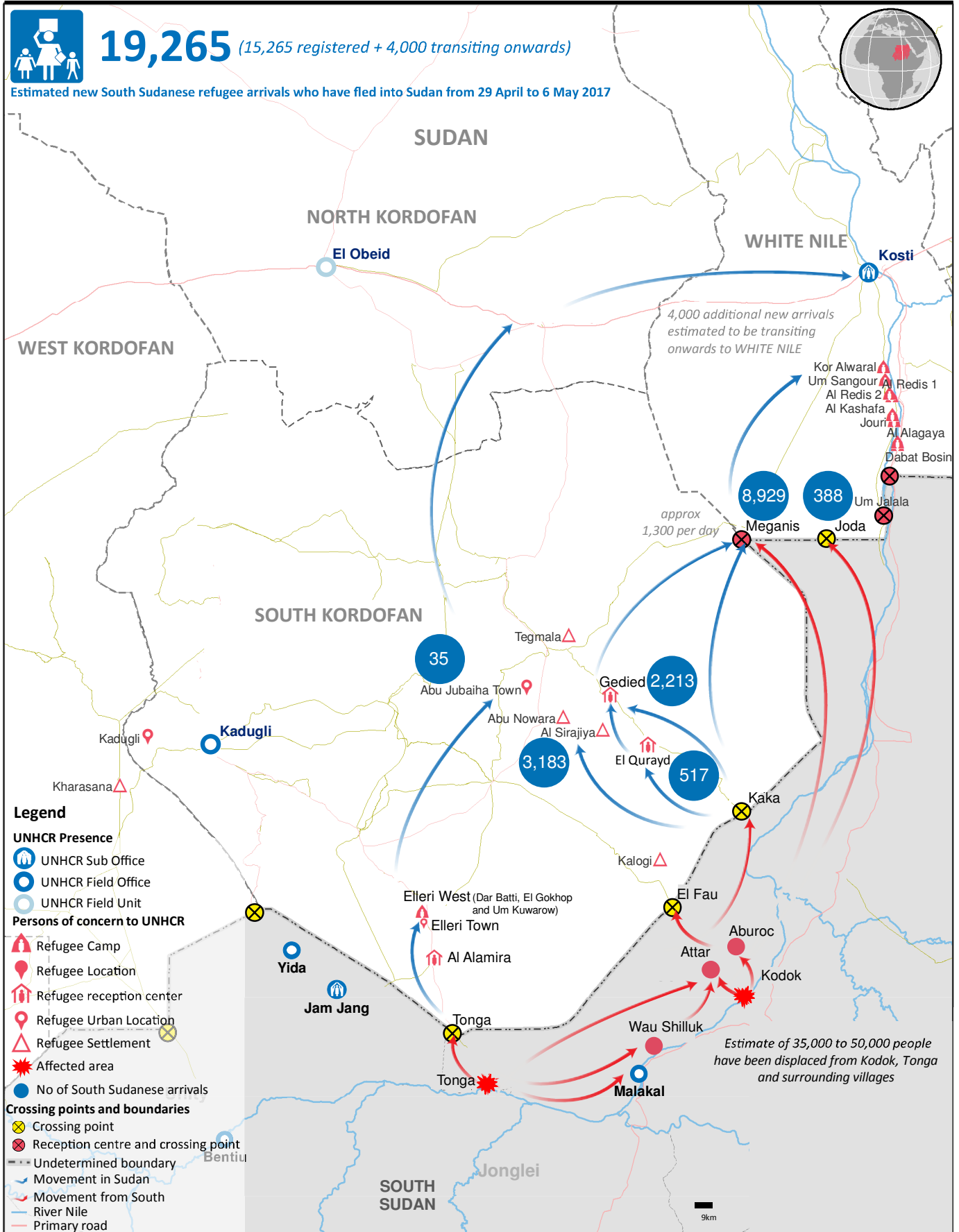
- A UNHCR-COR led mission has registered **over 5,900 refugees who have arrived in the past week** to remote communities along the border, including **Gedeid, Qurayd and Sirajiya.**
- New arrivals indicate that there are many stranded along the border because they cannot afford onward transportation**, and the heat and lack of food and water has rendered journeys by foot impossible for the most vulnerable, including elderly people and young children.
- The majority of the refugees have settled temporarily at Gedeid**, with many transiting onwards to El Megenis in White Nile state. It is estimated that an additional 4,000 refugees who arrived in the past week and have since used local transportation to cross into White Nile.
- COR is providing **meals to new arrivals in Gedeid.** COR has also **dispatched water tankers** and UNICEF will provide **water bladders** for affected areas. Pancare is conducting **health and nutrition screenings** and providing medicines via its mobile clinic. UNHCR has **dispatched non-food items** to the areas and a **registration team is on mission to Sirijiya** to verify figures and assess needs. An **action plan is being finalized** by the state RWG.

SUDAN: South Kordofan and White Nile States



Arrivals from South Sudan to Sudan

7 May 2017



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