

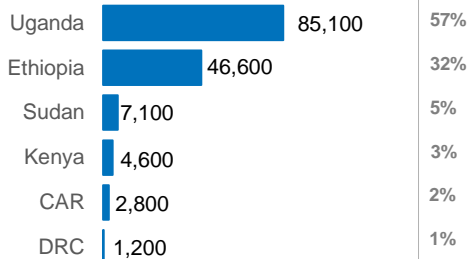
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MARCH SPONTANEOUS REFUGEE RETURNS

In March 2019, a total of **4,600** returnees were Reported (**1,000** from **Uganda**, **1,200** from **Ethiopia**, **900** from **Sudan**, **800** from **CAR** and **700** from **DRC**).

Breakdown By Country of Asylum



Context

- About **2.3 million South Sudanese** have sought refuge in one of the neighbouring countries of **Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan and Uganda**.
- Although there is **neither facilitation nor promotion** of refugee **returns to South Sudan**, as the current conditions is not yet conducive for durable, safe and dignified returns, reports on spontaneous refugee returns continue to be received.
- UNHCR recognizes the refugees' right to return** and has protection mandate for monitoring refugee returns, **including those that return in a self-organized manner**.

Sources of information on Spontaneous Refugee Returns Movement

- Government authorities, NGOs, Media, UN Agencies, Humanitarian Actors.

Information Validation process

- In collaboration with the Office of the **Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC)**, **UNHCR and its partners triangulate** received reports **at community level** with local government authorities, religious groups, traditional leaders, civil society and community members as well as refugee returnees themselves.
- UNHCR South Sudan maintains coordination with neighbouring countries to corroborate information** through refugee camp level structures including food assistance, school attendance, health care utilization and enhanced monitoring of cross-border movements

Spontaneous Refugee Returns Trend

After the signing of the Revitalized Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (R-ARCSS)

