

From Oct 2018 to Sept 2023, **997,743** spontaneous refugee returnees have arrived to South Sudan after signing of the revitalized peace agreement on resolution of conflict. To learn more about the challenges they face and their plans, UNHCR conducts an in-depth household-level survey of returnees across the country.

On quarterly basis UNHCR and Partners collect information on refugee returns through key informant interviews, focus group discussions, and partner monitoring reports. Jointly with Government's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission, UNHCR validates the reports by interviewing randomly selected returnee households in areas of return during the reporting period.

During the third quarter of 2023, a total of **2,646** households including approximately **12,244** individuals were interviewed in all the ten states of Upper Nile, Northern Bahr Ghazal, Western Bahr el Ghazal, Lakes, Jonglei, Central Equatoria, Eastern Equatoria, Western Equatoria, Unity and Warrap States.

KEY STATISTICS (July- Sept 2023)

of households interviewed



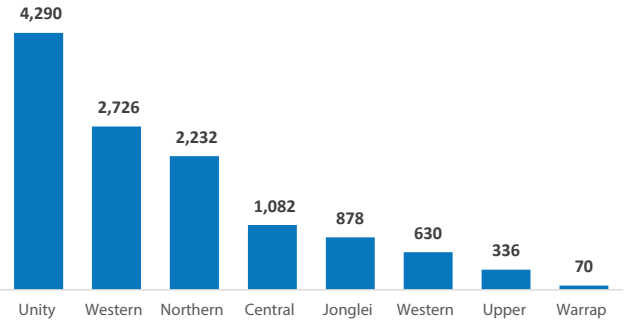
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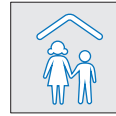
States of returns (individuals)



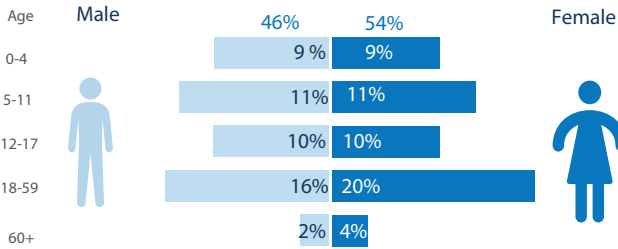
Demographics



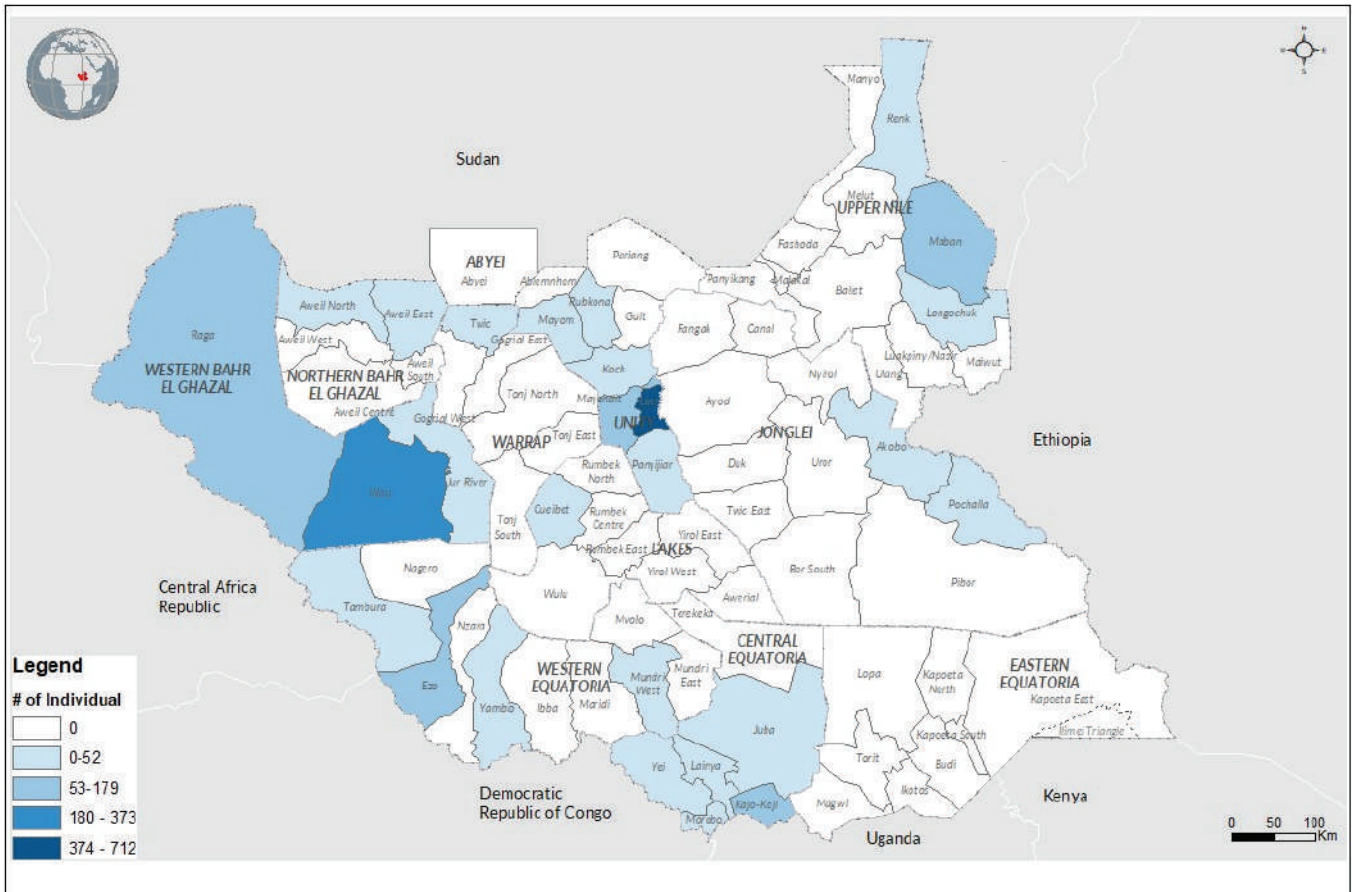
56%
female-headed households



0.1%
child-headed households



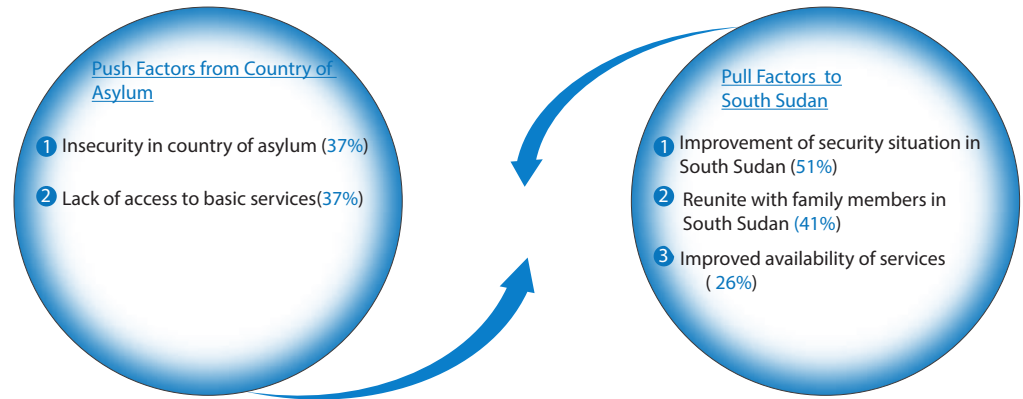
Counties of returns from July to Sept 2023



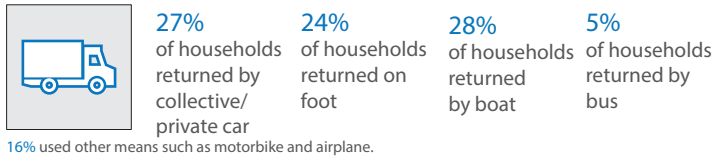
The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations. Final status of Abyei area is not yet determined.

THE JOURNEY

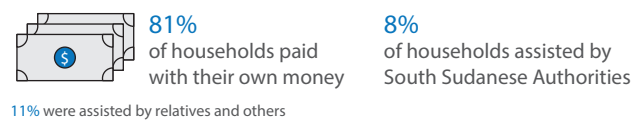
Pull and Push Factors (Households)



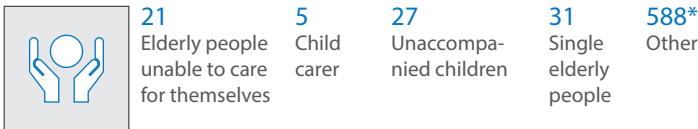
Mode of transport (Households)



Mode of payment (Households)



Vulnerabilities identified (cases)*



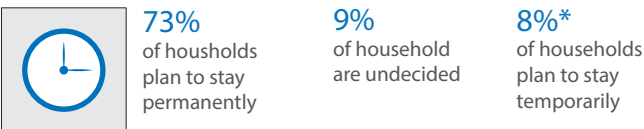
*One individual can have more than one vulnerability
*Other such as teenage pregnancy, single women at risk, people with chronic illness, etc.

Top 5 reported protection incidents during travel



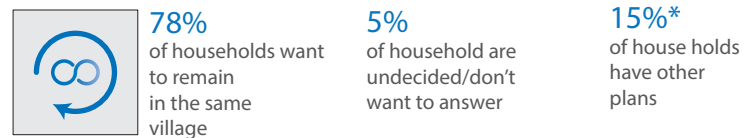
FUTURE PLANS

Intended stay duration of returnees in South Sudan



*Temporary stay for a period between 1 to 6 months or as long as peace holds

Permanent returnee's intention

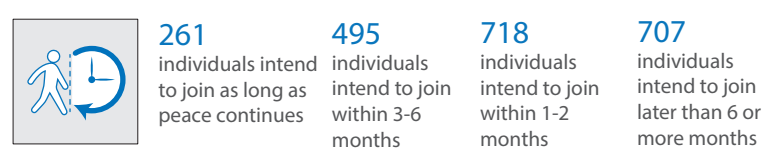


*Other: Move to another village in the same payam or to other county or state or leave South Sudan.

Reuniting with the family



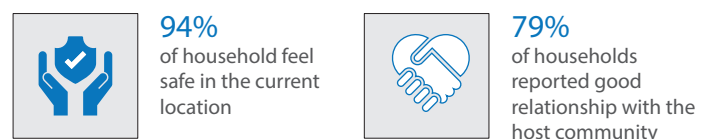
Immediate family members return plan



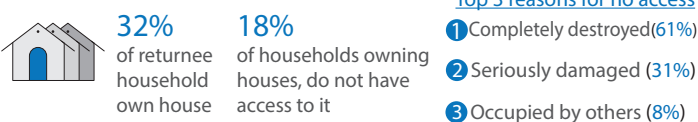
Remaining immediate family members in Country of Asylum



Relationship with host community



Housing status of the returnees in South Sudan



Land status of return in South Sudan

