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Influx from South Sudan

as of 28 February2026

Key figures

291,151 **estimated arrivals from South Sudan** since April 2025

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

81,801
estimated **newly arrived South Sudanese**

209,350
estimated **Sudanese Returnees**

Who is working

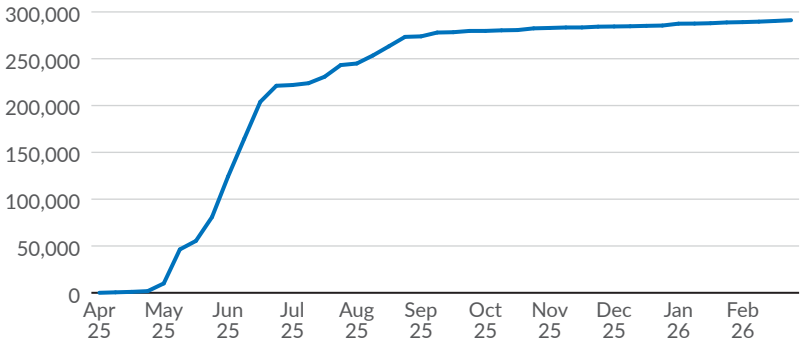
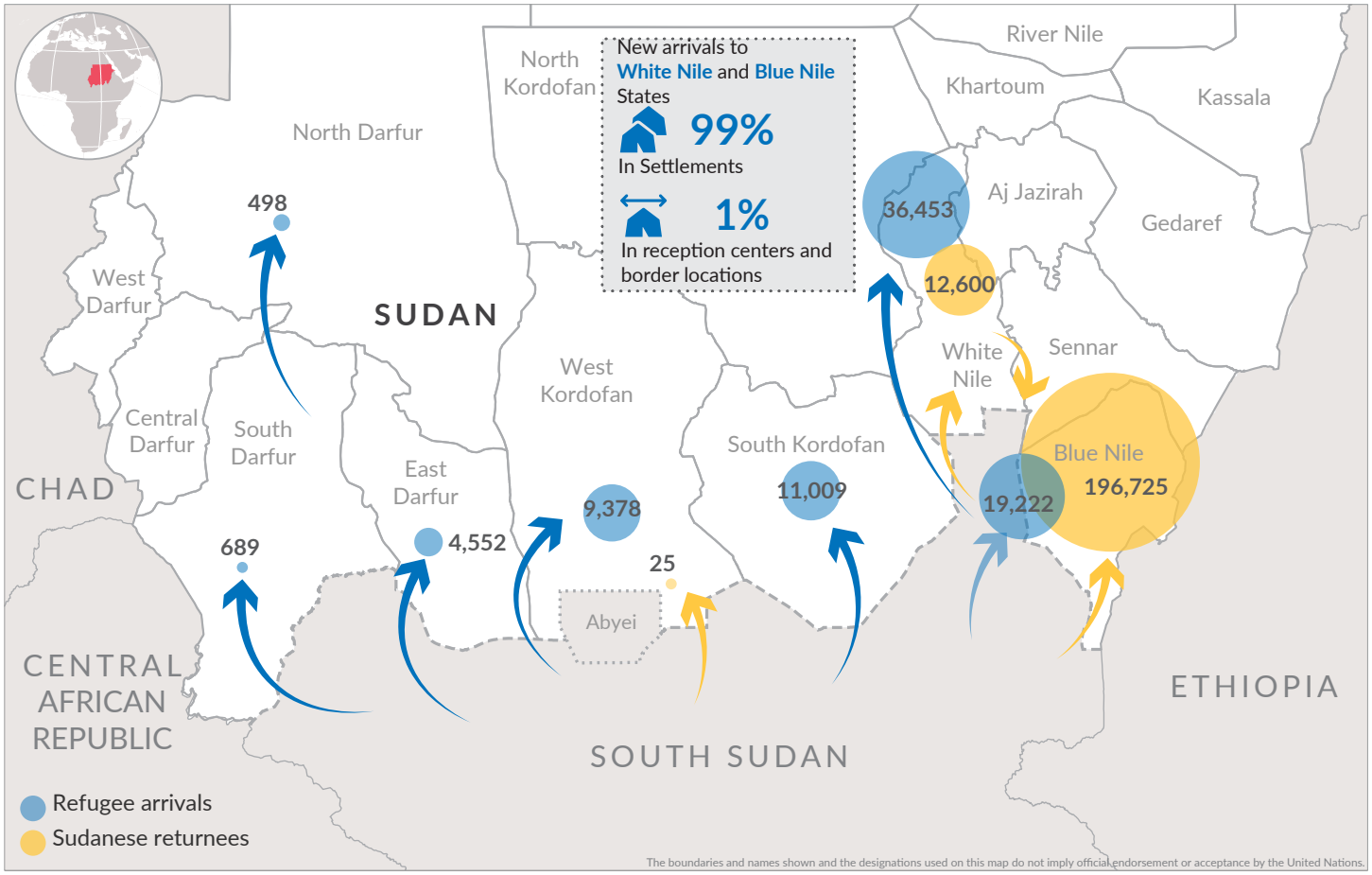
COR, UNHCR — **Coordination**	MOE, ADRA, UNHCR — **Education**
WFP — **Food Security**	MOH, MTI, UNICEF — **Health/Nutrition**
FAO, CDF, UNHCR — **Livelihood**	ADRA, UNHCR — **Protection**
COR, UNHCR — **Registration**	ADRA, SRCS, UNHCR — **Shelter/NFI**
COR — **Site Management**	WES, SRCS, UNHCR — **WASH**

Key Gaps and Priorities:

Blue Nile State: *In the Al Karama camps, some households continue to lack essential NFIs. Water supply in Al Karama 6 remains unstable and insufficient. Many latrine pits are filling up, and cases of open defecation are increasing due to delays in desludging. There are currently no maternal health services available, and there is no evening or night-time health coverage. The lack of ambulance support also remains a critical gap. Support for GBV survivors and women at risk is still very limited.*

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 **291,000** people have entered Sudan since the escalation began, including an estimated **81,800 South Sudanese refugees**, primarily arriving in White Nile (45%), Blue Nile (24%) and South Kordofan (14%). These arrivals are compounded by an estimated **209,000 Sudanese returnees** to Blue Nile and White Nile States. The number of new arrivals in February increased compared to January 2026 due to the ongoing conflict in Upper Nile and Jonglei. As a result of the renewed fighting, the arrival of South Sudanese in White Nile State rose significantly during the month. In Blue Nile State, the overall security situation in Damazine town remained calm throughout February 2026.

Total new arrivals (cumulative since Apr. 2025)