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SUDAN SITUATION

Sudanese Returns from Abroad

as of 31 October 2026

4.5 M
Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries

1.4 M
Sudanese return from abroad since 2024

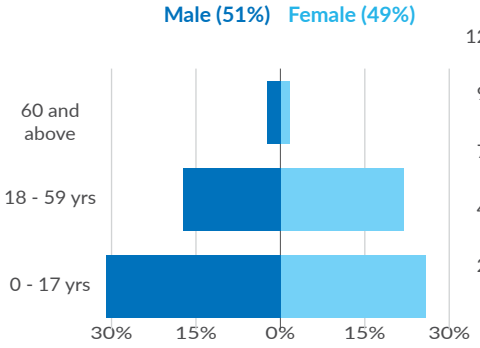
Country	Cross border movement	Primary asylum Country	Returnees	Pendular movements	Onward movements
Egypt*	943K	847K	95.6%	3.4%	1%
South Sudan*	225K	225K	84%	7%	9%
Chad*	124K	124K	63%	17%	20%
GCC*	76K	75K	Unknown		
Uganda*	17K	17K	Unknown		
Libya*	3.7K	100K	Unknown		
Ethiopia*	3.3K	3.3K	56%	30%	14%
CAR*	2.6K	2.6K	Unknown		
Eritrea*	2.2K	2.2K	92%	8%	
Mauritania*	60	60	Unknown		

Returnees: Estimated number of people who are not planning to move onwards to another country.

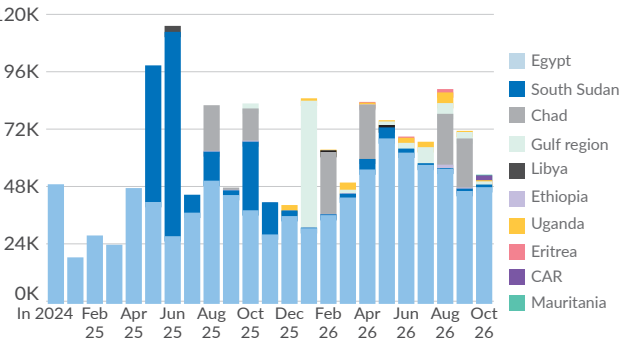
Pendular movements: Estimated number of people who are planning to return to the country they arrived from.

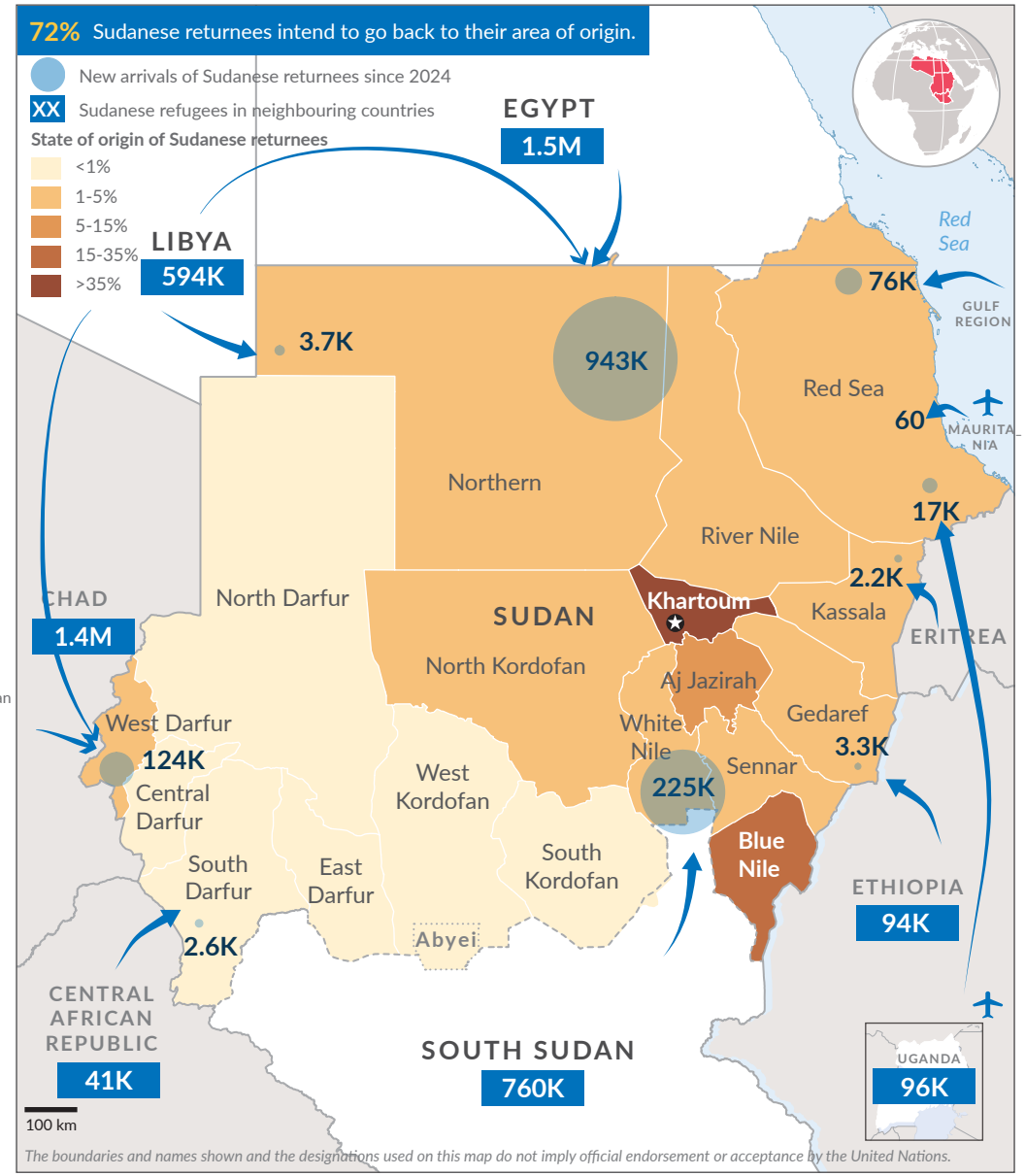
Onward movements: Estimated number of people who are planning to move to another country (other than the one they arrived from).

Age and gender



Return trend





* **Data source**

- **Egypt:** Border Authorities, UNHCR Border Monitoring, IOM DTM Sudan displacement and Return snapshot, cross-border monitoring reports.
- **South Sudan:** COR (Commissioner for Refugees), UNHCR Border Monitoring, IOM DTM Sudan displacement and Return snapshot.
- **Chad:** IOM DTM Sudan displacement and Return snapshot, cross-border monitoring reports.
- **Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC):** IOM DTM Sudan displacement and Return snapshot.
- **Uganda:** UNHCR Uganda, IOM DTM Sudan displacement and Return snapshot.
- **Libya:** UNHCR, IOM DTM Sudan displacement and Return snapshot.
- **Ethiopia:** UNHCR, IOM DTM Sudan displacement and Return snapshot, cross-border monitoring reports.
- **CAR:** IOM DTM Sudan displacement and Return snapshot.
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- **Mauritania:** UNHCR Mauritania.

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Findings are based on sample border monitoring in Sudan which has been in place since July 2024. This monitoring does not identify registration status, refugee status, or other movement categories and therefore results should be read as indicative of the concerns raised by people returning to Sudan.

48% had applied for asylum in departing countries

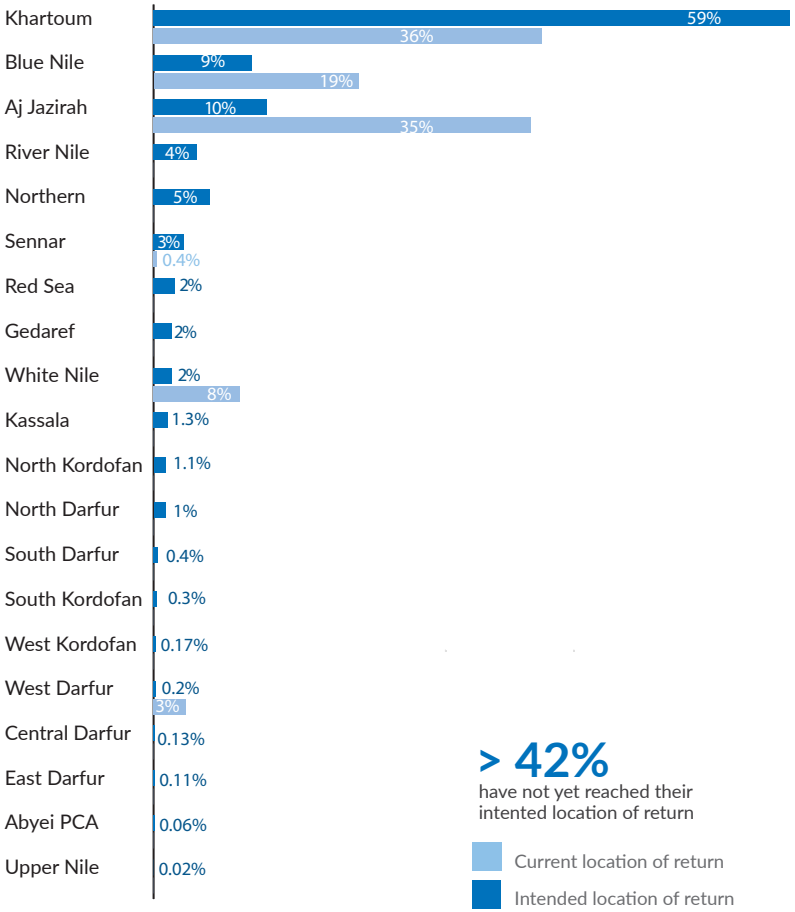
40% reported protection risks in departing countries

46% reported long processing times at the border

16% reported family members were left behind

41% participated in economic activities prior to displacement

Intended state of return vs current location



> 42% have not yet reached their intented location of return

Current location of return

Intended location of return

Assistance and protection priorities by intended state of return (cumulative)

	Khartoum	Aj Jazirah	Blue Nile	Northern	River Nile	Sennar	Red Sea	Gedaref	White Nile	Other States
n= 5,894	3,508	598	495	312	235	156	111	99	95	285
Priority assistance needs										
Financial	95%	93%	62%	89%	93%	96%	91%	89%	93%	93%
Food	65%	71%	84%	68%	71%	71%	75%	78%	75%	66%
Health	43%	50%	65%	37%	51%	55%	42%	48%	48%	50%
Water	31%	44%	59%	28%	36%	50%	31%	42%	39%	50%
Sanitation	17%	29%	42%	15%	26%	28%	18%	28%	31%	35%
NFI	24%	30%	46%	15%	23%	38%	22%	28%	25%	30%
Shelter	32%	37%	59%	24%	32%	47%	22%	25%	31%	40%
MHPSS	19%	26%	16%	16%	25%	35%	20%	23%	28%	35%
Connectivity	11%	21%	9%	10%	15%	21%	15%	18%	18%	16%
Protection priorities										
Girls and women	16%	23%	33%	10%	18%	28%	16%	18%	18%	25%
Children	10%	17%	36%	8%	16%	16%	11%	14%	20%	15%
Elderly	8%	13%	17%	8%	15%	13%	4%	14%	10%	12%
Family reunification	12%	18%	16%	7%	5%	12%	7%	9%	13%	26%
Documentation	5%	11%	39%	7%	7%	14%	7%	11%	13%	9%
Legal assistance	6%	12%	15%	10%	12%	13%	13%	18%	16%	13%
Persons with disabilities	4%	8%	16%	4%	10%	10%	2%	8%	3%	9%
Access to asylum	9%	11%	11%	5%	5%	18%	9%	6%	13%	14%
Information	3%	7%	11%	3%	2%	10%	5%	8%	8%	5%

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Quarterly trend on assistance and protection priorities by intended state of return

Priority assistance needs	Q1/2026 (n= 225) Khartoum n= 129	Q1/2026 Other States n= 96	Q2/2026 (n= 1,385) Khartoum n= 1,007	Q2/2026 Other States n= 378	Q3/2026 (n= 914) Khartoum n= 673	Q3/2026 Other States n= 241	Q4/2026 (n= 156) Khartoum n= 122	Q4/2026 Other States n= 34
Financial	80%	65%	96%	98%	97%	94%	97%	100%
Food	50%	68%	66%	75%	62%	67%	43%	26%
Health	27%	24%	32%	39%	38%	40%	33%	24%
Water	27%	23%	20%	31%	18%	26%	7%	3%
Sanitation	9%	4%	7%	16%	5%	14%	1%	3%
NFI	22%	19%	21%	27%	17%	25%	12%	6%
Shelter	29%	22%	33%	44%	39%	41%	25%	18%
MHPSS	13%	13%	14%	20%	13%	22%	10%	3%
Connectivity	8%	11%	5%	16%	4%	13%	3%	3%
Protection priorities								
Girls and women	8%	2%	4%	12%	9%	13%	2%	0%
Children	11%	3%	4%	13%	8%	12%	5%	3%
Elderly	8%	4%	4%	6%	5%	8%	0%	0%
Family reunification	13%	15%	7%	10%	13%	14%	4%	3%
Documentation	2%	7%	5%	12%	3%	10%	1%	0%
Legal assistance	7%	7%	4%	10%	4%	11%	2%	0%
Persons with disabilities	5%	1%	2%	3%	7%	3%	0%	0%
Access to asylum	14%	12%	12%	12%	5%	11%	5%	6%
Information	3%	7%	3%	6%	1%	5%	1%	0%

Assistance and protection priorities by intended state of return (October 2026)

Priority assistance needs	Khartoum n= 156	Other States n= 34
Financial	97%	100%
Food	43%	26%
Health	33%	24%
Water	7%	3%
Sanitation	1%	3%
NFI	12%	6%
Shelter	25%	18%
MHPSS	10%	3%
Connectivity	3%	3%
Protection priorities		
Girls and women	2%	0%
Children	5%	3%
Elderly	0%	0%
Family reunification	4%	3%
Documentation	1%	0%
Legal assistance	2%	0%
Persons with disabilities	0%	0%
Access to asylum	5%	6%
Information	1%	0%