

SOUTH SUDAN Overview of spontaneous refugee returns from Sudan

31 December 2019



70,377 Reported number of spontaneous refugee returnees*

65,106 recorded in 2019



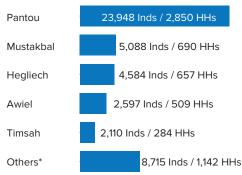
Household-based sample survey for spontaneous refugee returnees in 2019

Of the surveyed households only 17% have a refugee ID or ration card, and 98% arrived after the signing of the R-ARCSS on 12th September 2018, whereas 61% arrived after June 2019.

Households of 47,042 individuals Surveyed

Main border crossing points

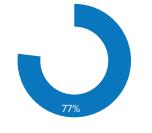
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67% Female-headed households

Place of residence in South Sudan



Place of habitual residence

92% Intended to stay in SSD permanently

Settlements in CoA

Khartoum	31,534 Inds / 3,812 HHs	
Jabal Aulia	1,231 Inds / 196 HHs	
Kharasana	1,114 Inds / 173 HHs	
El Radom	1,060 Inds / 129 HHs	
Al Nimir	910 Inds / 127 HHs	
Others**	11,193 Inds / 1,695 HHs	
**Abu Hamad Dangala Buram El Lari Abu Jabra ata		

**Abu Hamed, Dongola, Buram, El Leri, Abu Jabra etc.

Main reasons for return

Push factor:

- 1 Inadequate livelihood opportunity in country of asylum
- Inadequate access to basic services in country of asylum
- Insecurity in country of asylum

Mode of transport



2% returned by airplane, bycycle etc.

Vulnerability



Pull factor:

- Improved security situation in South Sudan
- **2** Reunite with family members
- Improved availability of services in South Sudan

Mode of payment



90% paid with their own

were assisted by

authorities in CoA

1%

7% were assis

were assisted by authorities in South Sudan

2%

did not pay or were assisted by friends and families

Top 5 reported protection incidents during travel	No of times
 Extortion of money 	3,920
2 Loss/theft of belongings	3,843
3 Violence/Abuse	226
4 Consification of refugee card and/or ration card	225
5 Other [#]	486

*Arrest/Detention, Trafficking, Medical issues, consification of personal belongings etc.

*In coordination 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.

Source: Returnee statistics: UNHCR and partners Author: UNHCR Representation Office in South Sudan.