Since April 2016, internally displaced persons (IDP) have been approaching UNHCR’s protection desks in different internally displaced sites, in search for information in their places of origin or requesting assistance to return to their area of origin. Working through the area-based Solutions Working Groups, humanitarians and UNMISS, follow a comprehensive set of guidelines so that each IDP has the information needed to make a sound and informed decision, voluntarily. This begins a rigorous process of interviews, counseling, and protection assessments to ensure returns are in safe, dignified, and durable. After returning to their area of origin or habitual residence, the Solutions Working Groups continue monitoring their reintegration into the community.

Dec Highlights

No supported returns from May to December due to the onset of the rain season.

18,690 individuals
6,169 households

18,677 (99.9%) in Settlements

Cumulative Supported Returns (September 2018 to October 2021)

Returnees by departure point
13 (0.1%) in PoCs

Final destinations (State)
- Upper Nile: 10,919 (58%)
- Unity: 5,326 (28%)
- WBG: 1,828 (10%)
- Jonglei: 562 (4%)

Top five final destinations (County)
- Baliet: 7,859 (42%)
- Maban: 7,536 (40%)
- Wau: 1,663 (9%)
- Rubkona: 724 (4%)
- Akobo: 280 (2%)

Spontaneous and supported return movements (number of Individuals movements)

From Maban IDP site to: Maban communities (7,536) individuals
From Melut IDP site to: Baliet county (7,895) individuals
From Wau PoC to: Wau Municipality (1,663), Deim Zubeir (165), Rubkona (69), Leer (22), Juba (16), Yirol (10), Mayendit (9), Pagak (7) individuals
From Bor PoC to: Akobo (244), Uror (93), New Fangak (55), Nimule (14), Mandeing (12), Ayod (10), Budi (9), Ikoktos (4), Torit (2) individuals
From Juba IDP site to: Rubkona (655), Uror (112), Malakal (52), Akobo (36) individuals

Supported IDP Returns Trend