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Influx from South Sudan

as of 30 April 2026

Key figures

302,365 estimated arrivals from **South Sudan** since April 2025

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

86,983
estimated **newly arrived South Sudanese**

215,382
estimated **Sudanese Returnees**

Who is working

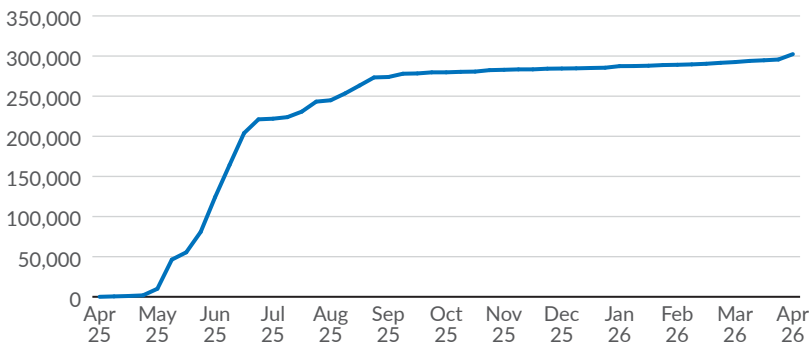
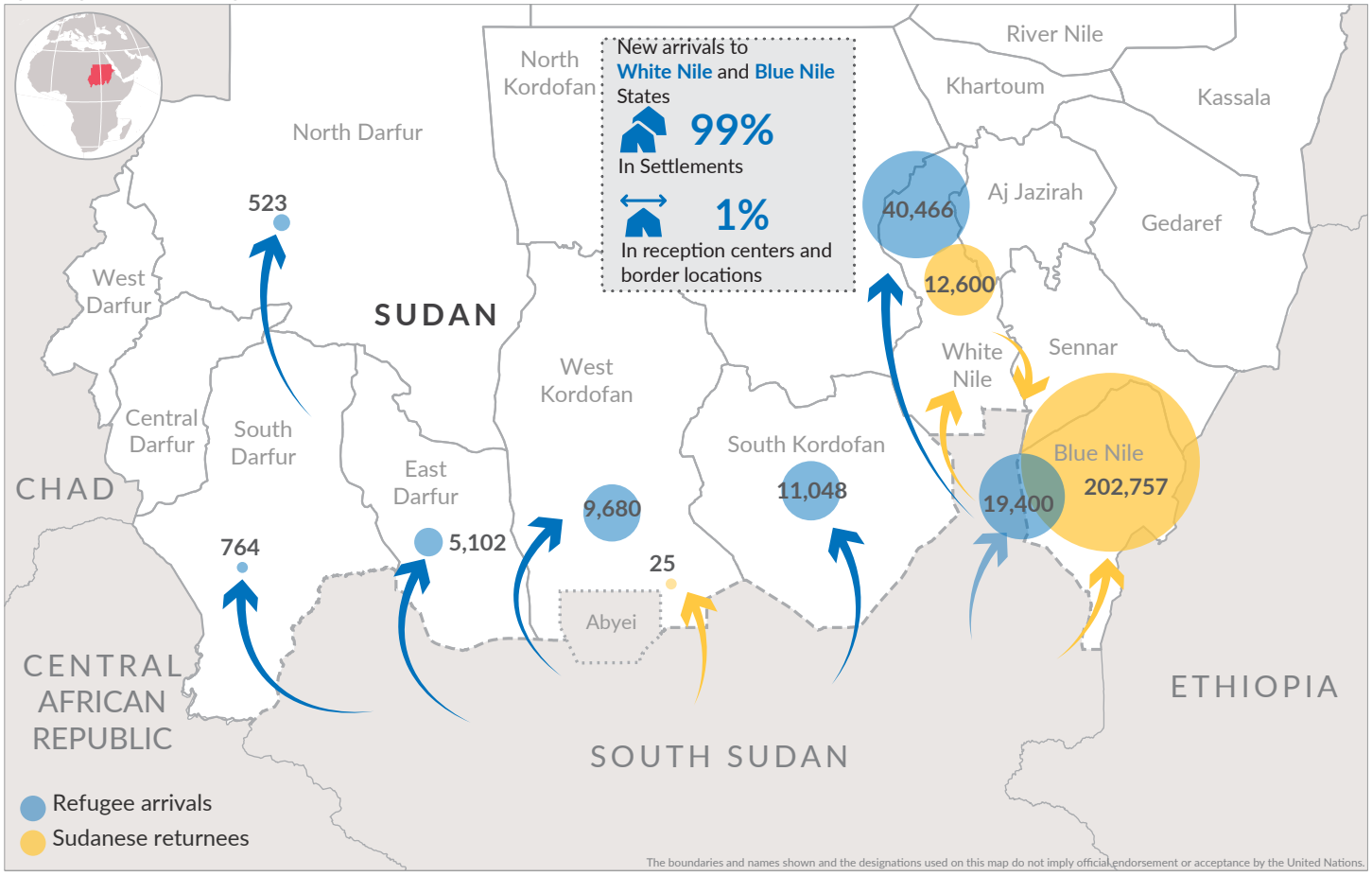
Coordination: COR, UNHCR	**Education**: MOE, ADRA, UNHCR, NORD, UNICEF
Food Security: WFP, Islamic Relief, ADD	**Health/ Nutrition**: MOH, MTI, UNICEF, MSF, PANCARE, CAFA
Livelihood: FAO, CDF, UNHCR	**Protection**: ADRA, UNHCR, BMDO, ACTED, COR, ICRC
Registration: COR, UNHCR	**Shelter/ NFI**: ADRA, SRCS, UNHCR, Medair
Site Management: COR, ACTED, BMDO	**WASH**: WES, SRCS, UNHCR, NORD, UNICEF, ACTED

Key Gaps and Priorities:

Blue Nile State: *Shelter and NFI requirements are increasing due to new arrivals and returnees from areas of origin (Baw) following renewed conflict. Protection services operate at minimal capacity despite escalating needs, with lack of documentation continuing to be a major concern affecting access to assistance and services. Food assistance currently reaches an estimated 70 per cent of the population, leaving significant gaps, particularly among new arrivals.*

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 **302,000** people have entered Sudan since the escalation began, including an estimated **87,000 South Sudanese refugees**, primarily arriving in White Nile (46%), Blue Nile (22%), South Kordofan (13%) and West Kordofan (11%). These arrivals are compounded by an estimated **215,000 Sudanese returnees** to Blue Nile and White Nile States. In terms of protection, a major gap affecting new South Sudanese arrivals is the suspension of registration and documentation processes, limiting access to formal assistance and services. In Blue Nile State, the returnee households previously returned to their areas of origin are coming back due to ongoing insecurity in surrounding areas, particularly Baw locality.

Total new arrivals (cumulative since Apr. 2025)