SUDAN
Overview of Refugees and Asylum Seekers Movements within and out of Sudan

as of 30 July 2023

Introduction:

Prior to the conflict, Sudan was hosting by end of March 2023 a total of **1,144,675** refugees and asylum seekers, including **47%** female, **48%** children and **6%** elderly refugees. A total of **41%** of them were living in camps while **59%** stayed out of camps.

Since armed clashes erupted in Sudan in mid-April 23, many civilians fled and continue to leave conflict areas to safer places. These population movements are both internal and external to neighboring countries. Internally, the main directions taken were White Nile, East and Port Sudan states. The internal as well as the outflow concern Sudanese, documented and non-documented asylum seekers and refugees, third country nationals, and stateless persons.

1. PRE-2023 CONFLICT REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKERS OUTLOOK

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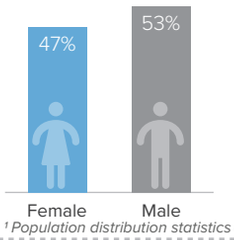
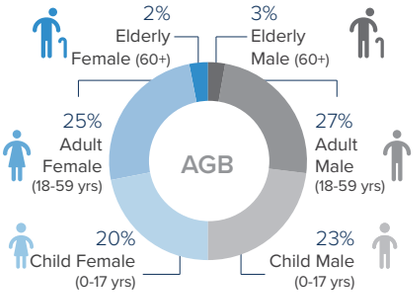
1,144,675 Individuals

381,558 Households

Age-gender Breakdown[1]





[1] *Population distribution statistics are based on registered individuals only.*

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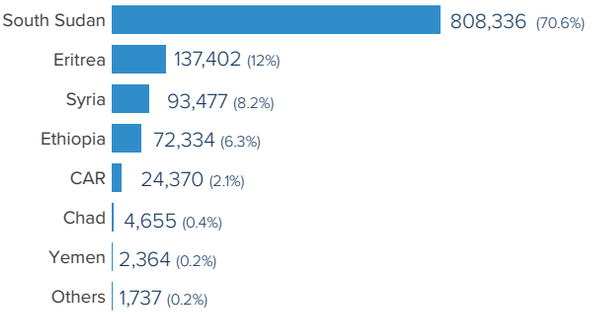
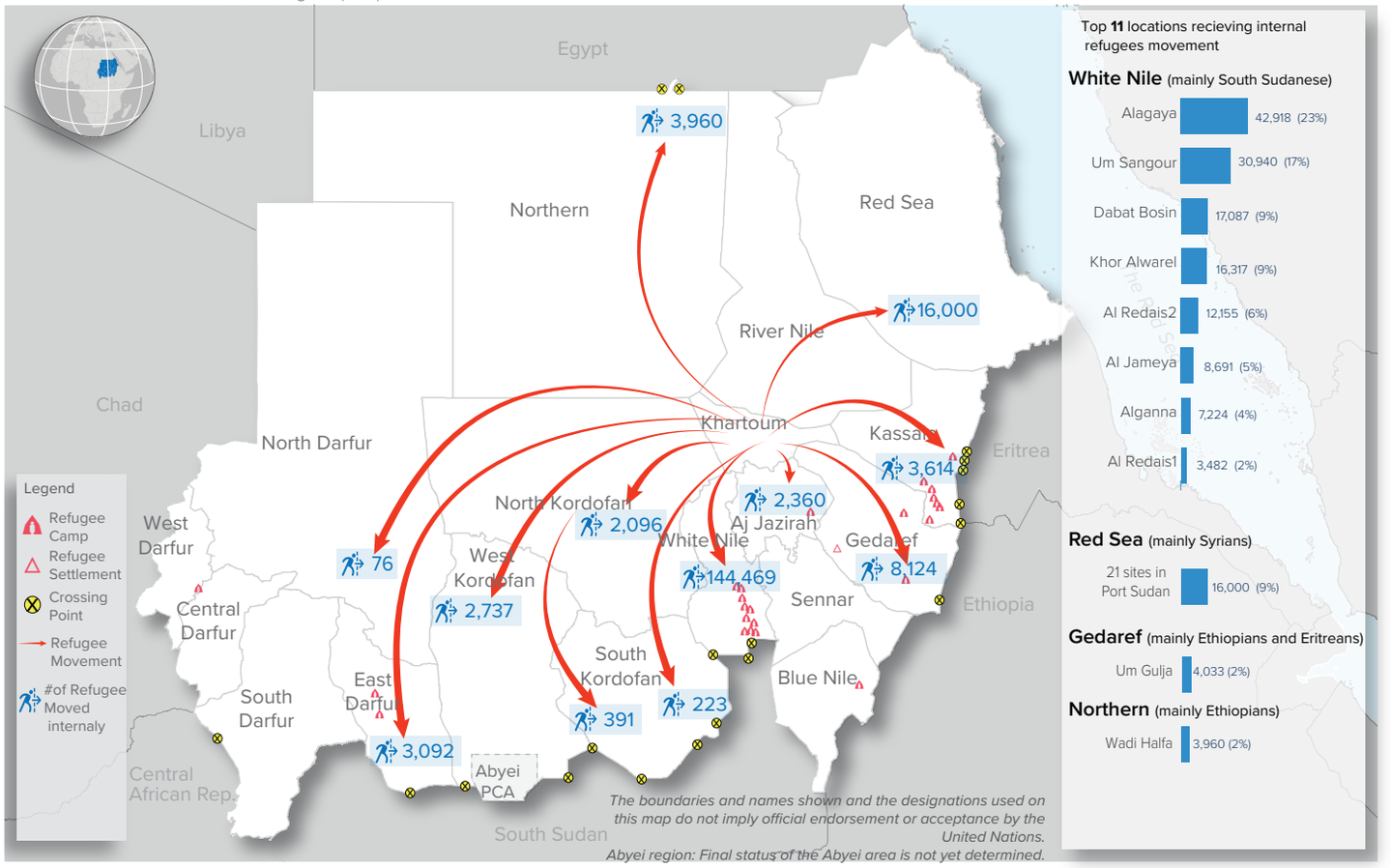


2. POST 15 APRIL 2023 INTERNAL MOVEMENTS OF REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS *:

An estimated **187k** refugees and asylum seekers have moved out of conflict areas, mainly towards White Nile, East and Port Sudan states (visualized in the following live link). The mapping also covers locations in Darfur, Kordofan and Northern states.

Sources: UNHCR, Commission of Refugees (CoR)

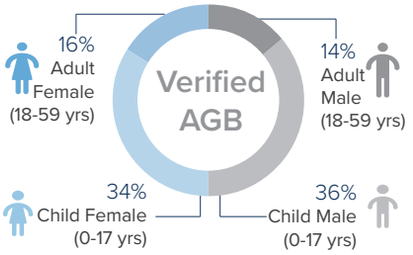


The boundaries and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.
Abyei region: Final status of the Abyei area is not yet determined.

187,142 Individuals

42,239 Households

71% Verified
26 K Individually
106 K Household



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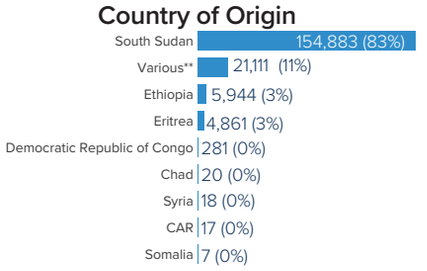

**Since mid-April, refugees and asylum seekers, mainly from Khartoum, relocated to the East and White Nile states in Sudan. UNHCR and its partners will continue to map movements of refugees and asylum seekers to safer places within Sudan.*

*** "Various" represent estimated population gatherings where nationality breakdown has not been established (include Syrians, Ethiopians, Eritreans, Congolese...)*

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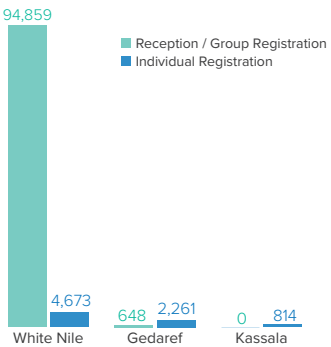
3. UPDATE ON CURRENT REGISTRATION AND VERIFICATION

UNHCR has sought to register the self-relocated refugees and asylum seekers in a phased approach, contingent to the security environment. Estimates were generally used to support the emergency response at the onset of the crisis. In a subsequent phase, registration teams in field offices have deployed efforts on population fixing, through verification of past enrollment, new registrations, consequently allowing update of the databases. **103,225** were newly registered with **47%** female and **53%** male. Early results indicate that **90%** of the self-relocated refugees and asylum seekers are in White Nile and mainly from Khartoum. **80%** of this caseload was not previously registered by UNHCR and COR.

New registration per state



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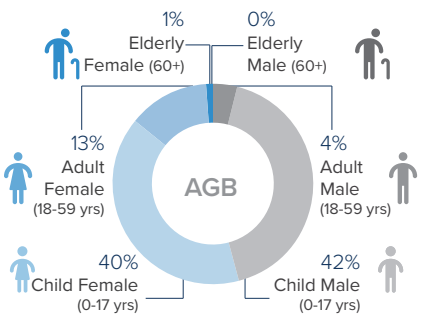
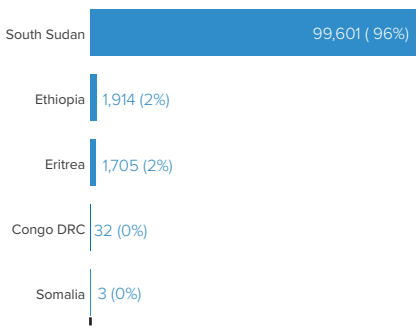
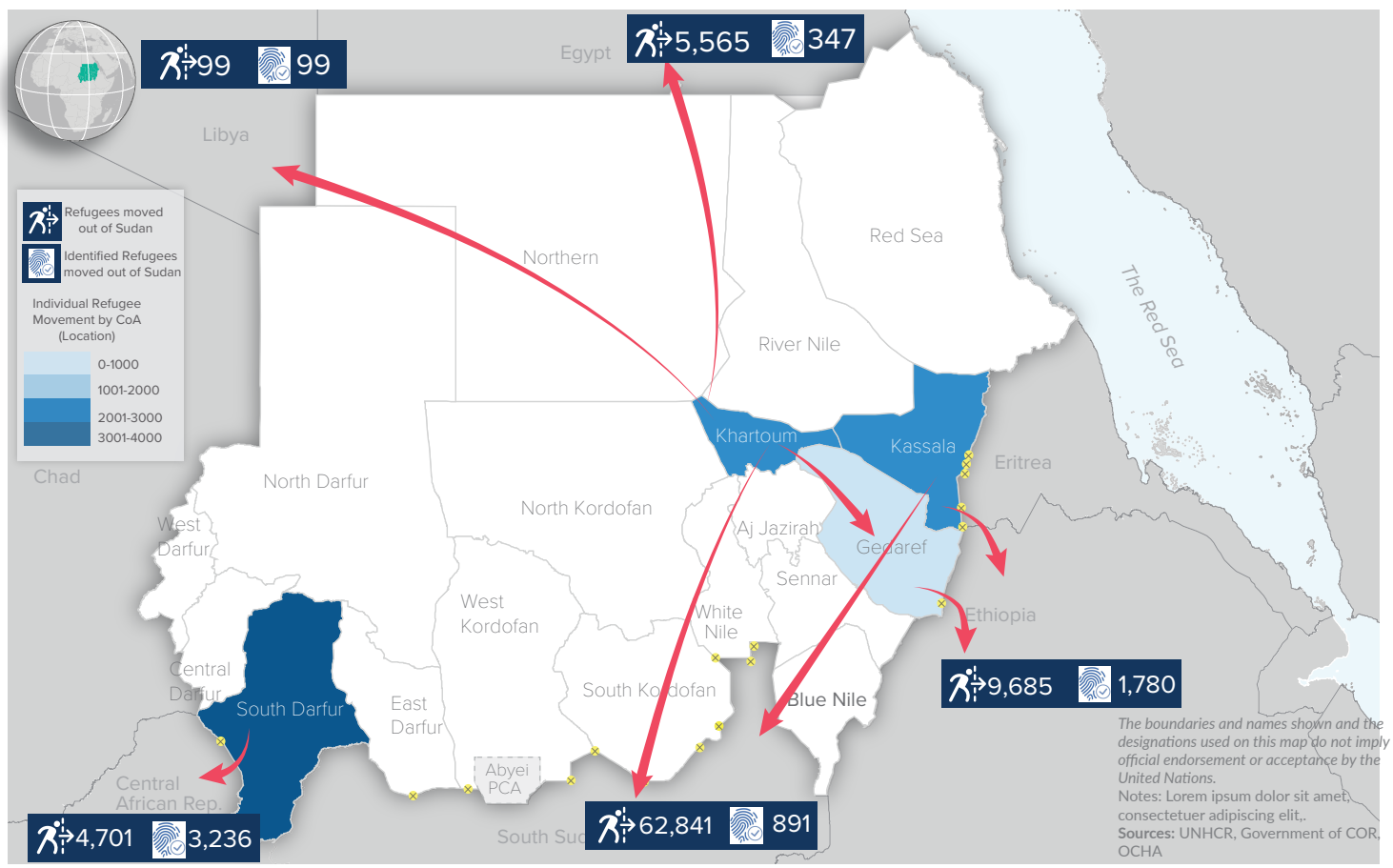


Newly registered per country of origin



4.OUT OF COUNTRY MOVEMENTS

Cross-border movements as reported by neighboring country offices via the data portal (under SudanSituation) are on the increase for all population groups (nationals seeking asylum, refugees returning in their home country under adverse circumstances, third country nationals, stateless persons).
186,516 asylum seekers and Refugees have moved out of Sudan to: South Sudan **62,841 (87%)**, Ethiopia **9,685 (5%)**, Egypt **5,565 (3%)**, Central Africa **4,701 (3%)** and Chad **3,724 (2%)**. These figures include spontaneous return to country of origin under adverse circumstances.

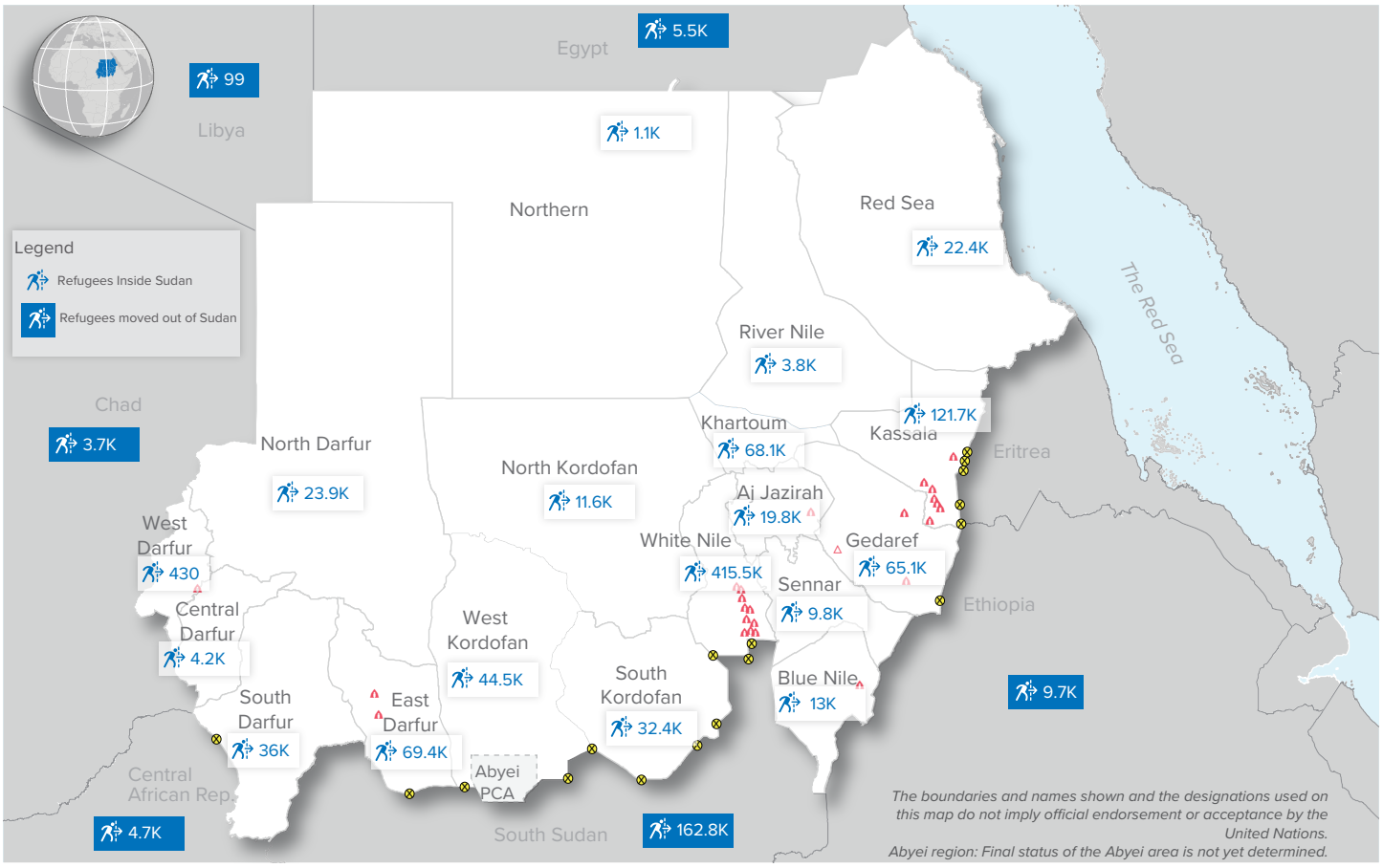


Engagement with neighboring countries:

Registration in receiving countries seeks to help consolidate records. Systematic notification via BIMS and/or possession of established identity documents are means to trace refugees and asylum seekers previously registered in Sudan as well as to record new refugees.

5. CURRENT REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKER POPULATION

Map of Refugee and asylum seeker population:



State	Refugee population as of 31 March	Estimated mid-year Refugee population	Difference	% Total Refugees
Aj Jazirah	17,471	19,856	↑	2%
Blue Nile	13,254	13,099	↓	1%
Central Darfur	7,930	4,279	↓	0%
East Darfur	95,410	69,398	↓	7%
Gedaref	66,099	65,146	↓	7%
Kassala	117,180	121,764	↑	13%
Khartoum	308,955	68,083	↓	7%
North Darfur	32,933	23,953	↓	2%
North Kordofan	9,794	11,589	↑	1%
Northern	1,138	1,108	↓	0%
Red Sea	6,370	22,429	↑	2%
River Nile	3,732	3,766	↑	0%
Sennar	9,890	9,845	↓	1%
South Darfur	48,475	36,062	↓	4%
South Kordofan	44,306	32,488	↓	3%
West Darfur	426	430	↑	0%
West Kordofan	67,643	44,580	↓	5%
White Nile	293,669	415,535	↑	43%
Total	**1,144,675**	**963,410**	**181,265**	**100%**