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

as of 31 October 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 remain White Nile, Eastern states and Port Sudan. The internal as well as the outflow concern Sudanese, documented and non-documented asylum seekers and refugees, third country nationals, etc.

1. PRE-2023 CONFLICT REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SEEKERS OUTLOOK

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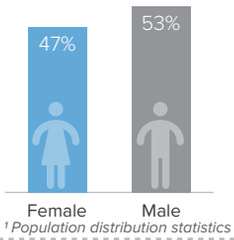
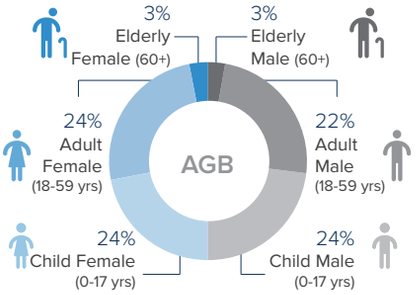
1,144,675 Individuals

381,558 Households

Age-gender Breakdown[1]





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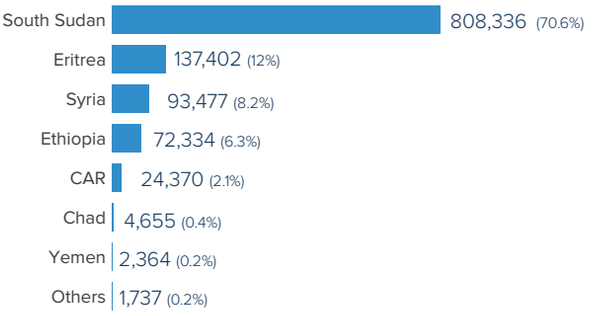


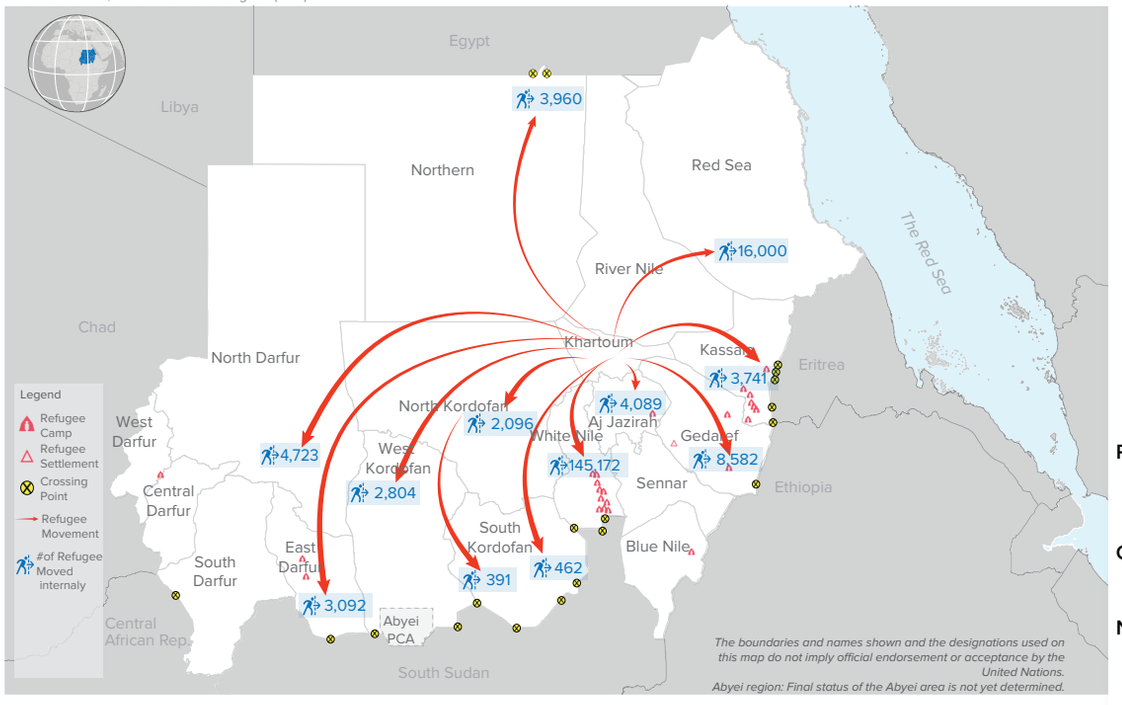
[1] *Population distribution statistics are based on registered individuals only.*

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

An estimated **195k** refugees and asylum seekers have moved out of conflict areas, mainly towards White Nile, Eastern states and Port Sudan (visualized in the following live link).

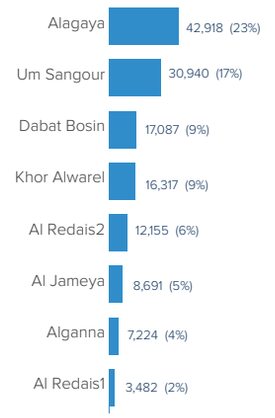
IDPs, refugees and asylum seekers in Sudan continue to move, towards areas where they find safety within the country, in a first stage. Analysis considers the first movements as indicators of what can potentially be the next moves (including to neighboring countries), if forcibly displaced persons are in a situation to take further steps. The general trend shows that Eritreans and Ethiopian caseload moving towards Eastern states (Kassala and Gedaref), while South Sudanese move towards White Nile. Though, in the first 3 months of the conflict, South Sudanese trucks were proceeding directly to the border from Khartoum.

Sources: UNHCR, Commission of Refugees (CoR)



Top **11** locations recieving internal refugees movement

White Nile (mainly South Sudanese)



Red Sea (mainly Syrians)

21 sites in Port Sudan — 16,000 (9%)

Gedaref (mainly Ethiopians and Eritreans)

Um Gulja — 4,033 (2%)

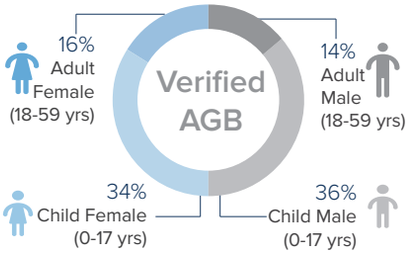
Northern (mainly Ethiopians)

Wadi Halfa — 3,960 (2%)

195,059 Individuals

44,306 Households

68% Verified — 26 K Individually, 106 K Household



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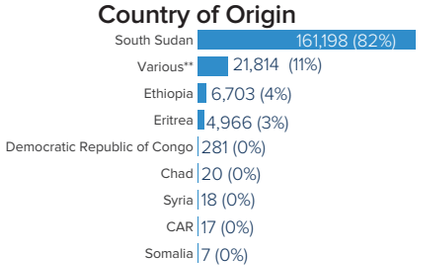

Since mid-April, refugees and asylum seekers, mainly from Khartoum, relocated to the East and White Nile states in Sudan. UNHCR and its partners will continue to map movements of refugees and asylum seekers to safer places within Sudan.

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

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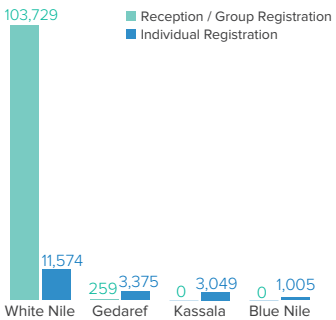
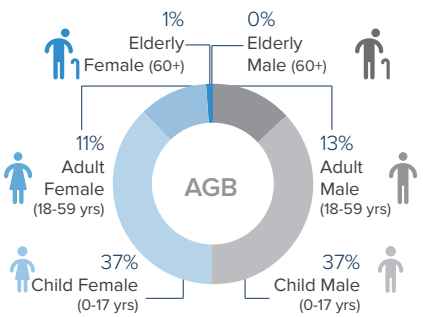
3. REGISTRATION AND VERIFICATION OF SELF-RELOCATED REFUGEES

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. **122,991** were newly registered with **49%** female and **51%** 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. There is an increasing interest on registration for those who did not come forward to be registered.

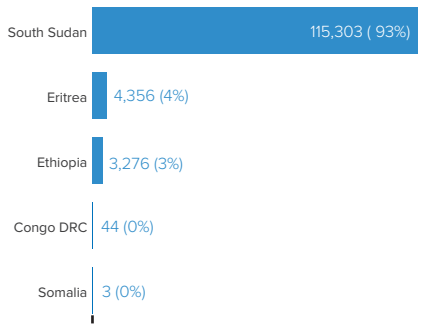
New registration per state



Age-gender Breakdown



Newly registered per country of origin

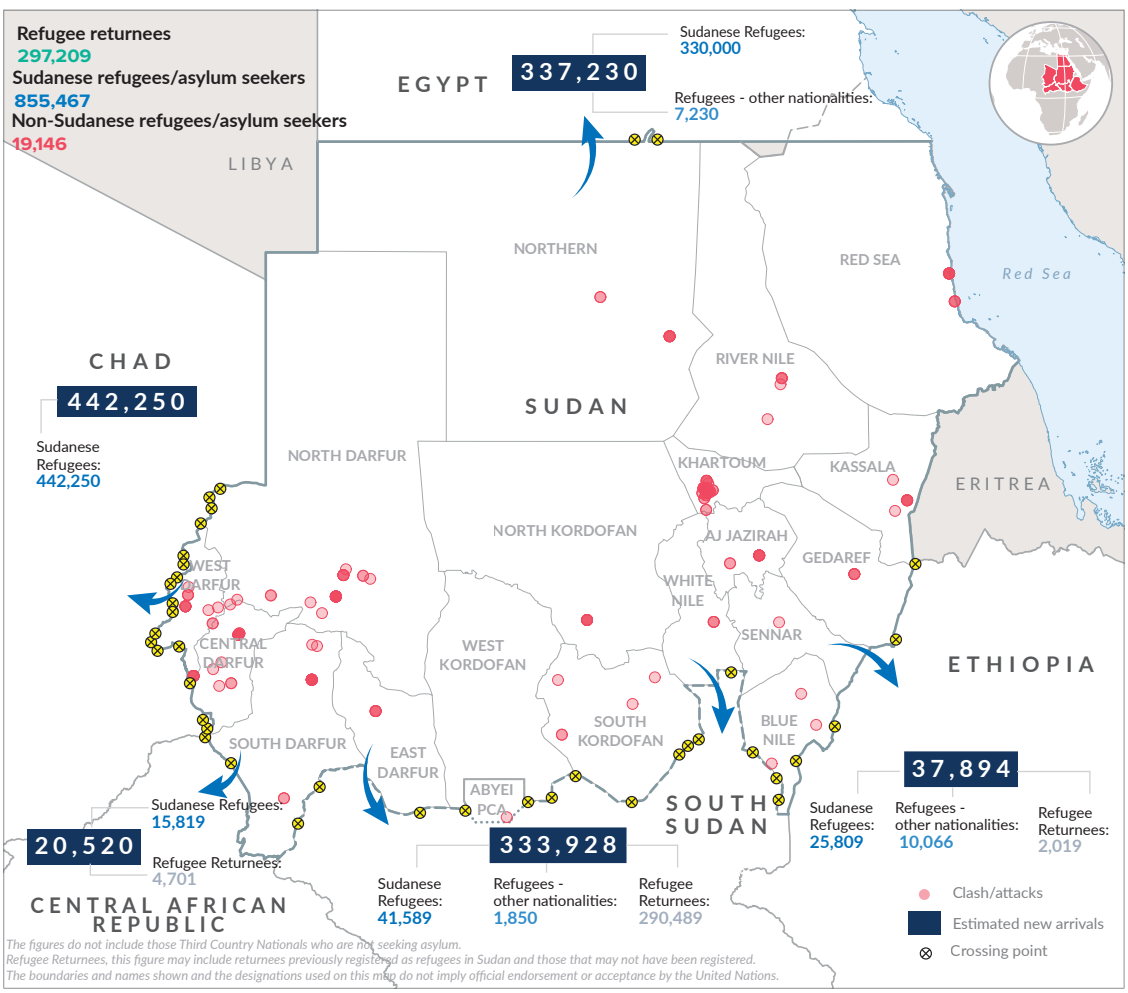


4.CROSS-BORDER MOVEMENTS

Cross-border movements as reported by neighboring country offices via the data portal (under SudanSituation) are on the increase for all population groups : Sudanese seeking asylum, refugees returning in their home country under adverse circumstances, third country nationals. Though, Sudan remains a country of assylum for those fleeing neighboring countries. With an increasing trend, since May 2023, over **4,500** were registered as following: Kassala **3,294**, Blue Nile **1,137**, Gedaref **150**.

There are now nearly 6 million forcibly displaced since the outbreak of mid-April, with 4.8 million internally and over 1.1 million in neighbouring countries. Sudan was already hosting large refugee populations before being impacted by this new emergency and, like hosting countries, needs additional support to provide protection and critical life-saving assistance, including for those who have been secondarily displaced within the country. Urgent needs include water, food, shelter, health, and core relief items. The current priority activities are the registration of new arrivals, relocation away from border areas, identification of especially vulnerable families and persons with specific needs, and putting mechanisms in place to prevent and respond to gender-based violence and ensure alternative care services for unaccompanied refugee children.

As the situation evolves with continuous fighting and secondary movements within the country, it is possible to foresee further movements out of the country and new displacement of those who so far not yet affected.



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Bilateral engagements with neighboring operations give opportunities to Sudan operation, to engage on the consolidation of its records with identified refugees and asylum seekers earlier registered in Sudan. This identification is made possible with the use of Biometric Identity Management System (BIMS) and also by considering established identity in Sudan via issued documentation such as photo slip (proof of registration) and ID card.
proGres data of identified individuals, who crossed borders, is transfered to receiving operation upon demand. Otherwise, those records are inactivated in line with Sudan registration SOP and not reflected in Sudan statistical counts.

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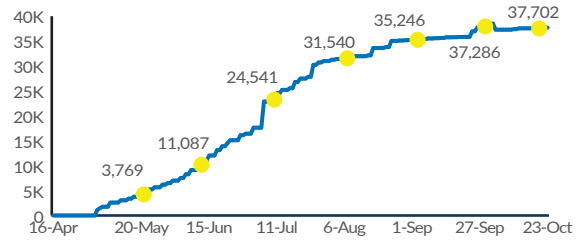
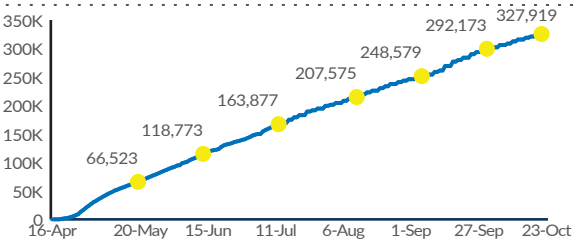


68% sudanese nationals
27% non-Sudanese
5% returnees to their country of origin

2,275 were indentified as earlier registered in Sudan

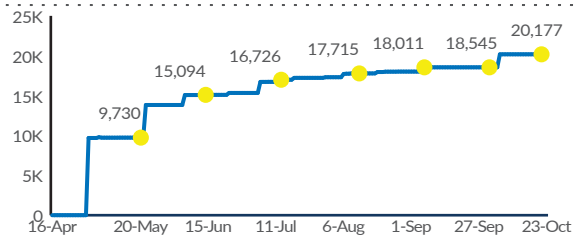
To SOUTH SUDAN:



12% sudanese nationals
1% non-Sudanese
87% returnees to their country of origin

(13-19)% were indentified as earlier registered in Sudan

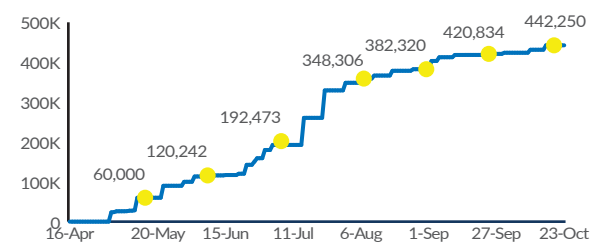
To CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC:



77% sudanese nationals
<1% non-Sudanese
23% returnees to their country of origin

3,264 were indentified as earlier registered in Sudan

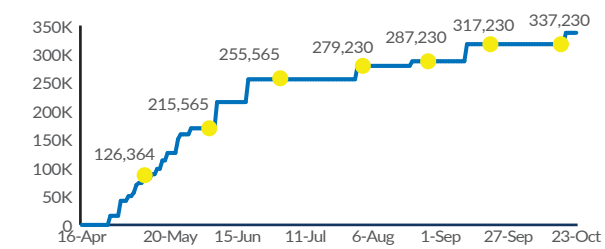
To CHAD:



100% sudanese nationals
<1% non-Sudanese
<1% returnees to their country of origin

So far none reported as earlier registered in Sudan

To EGYPT:



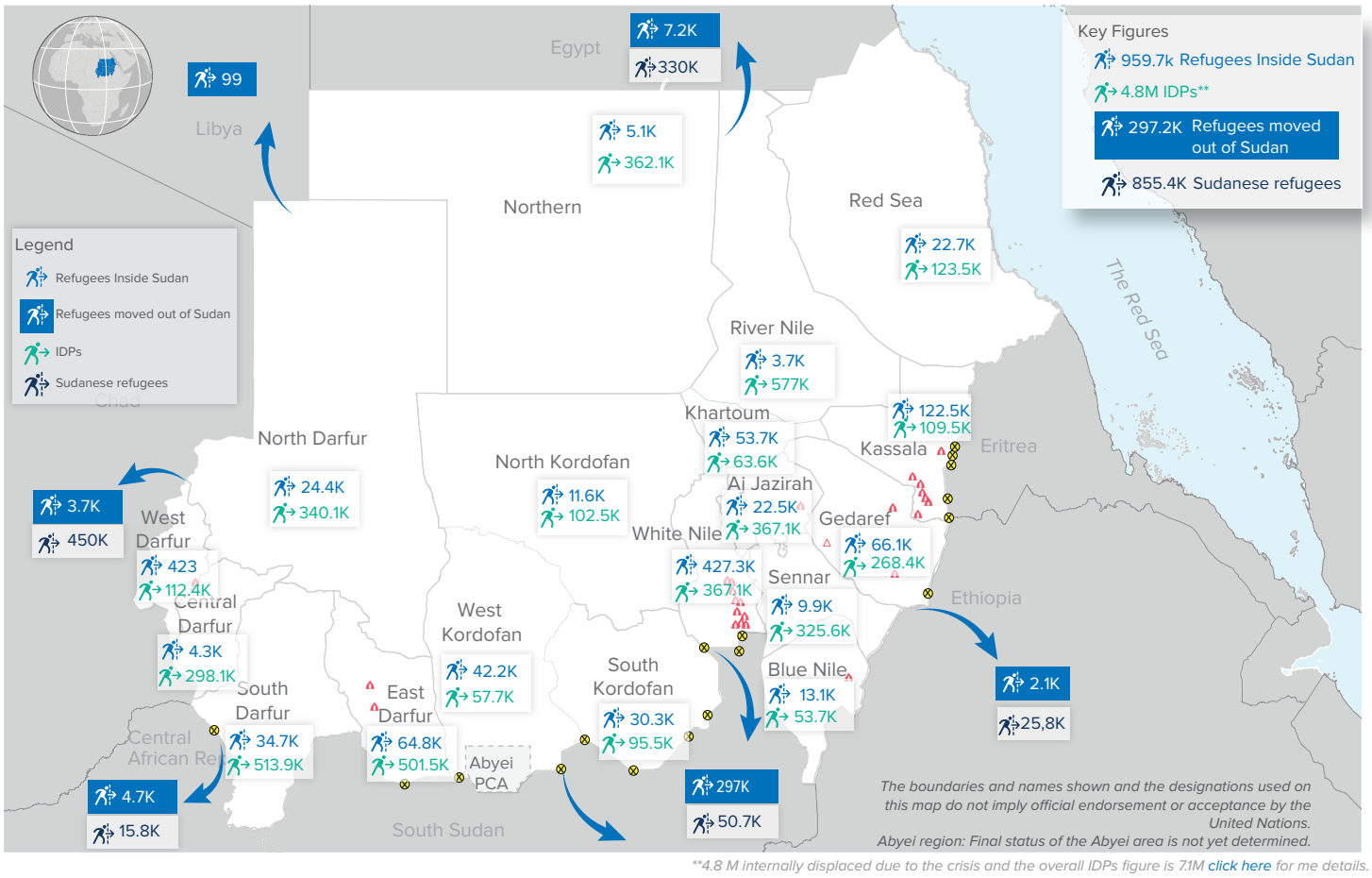
97% sudanese nationals
2% non-Sudanese

3,852 were indentified as earlier registered in Sudan

Remarks:
Increasing trend of Sudanese who have crossed under the outflow movements to Ethiopia and South South Sudan are reported to have continued their way to other countries such as Uganda and Kenya. A certain percentage of Sudanese reached to neighboring countries, to settle their family in safer places, for education and returned to Sudan for work and/ or to monitor their assets in the country.

5. CURRENT REFUGEE, ASYLUM SEEKER AND IDP POPULATION

Analysis and estimations of the current population considered the following components: Map-estimations of internal movements in receiving states in Sudan, reach out to residual casaeoad in conflict areas, Partial resumption of individual registration, Increasing interest on registration for those who were not registered earlier in Sudan, engagements with neighboring country oprations to indentiy earlier registered refugees and sylum seeker, continuous new arrivals from neighboring Eritrea and Ethiopia ...



***4.8 M internally displaced due to the crisis and the overall IDPs figure is 7.1M click here for me details.*

Over all, while refugee caseload is in an decreasing trend despite resilient character, IDP caseload is increasing as a result of continuous fighting and fear of further threats that might trigger further border crossing.

		Quarter 1 (Jan-Mar)		Quarter 2 (Apr-Jun)		Quarter 3 (Jul-Sep)		
State	Refugee population as of 31 Dec 2022	Refugee population as of 31 March	Quarterly Change	Refugee population as of 30 June 2023	Quarterly Change	Refugee population as of 30 september 2023	Quarterly Change	Total Changes
Khartoum	308,030	308,955	0%	68,083	-78%	53728	-21%	-83%
White Nile	281,631	293,669	4%	415,535	41%	427308	3%	52%
Kassala	114,589	117,180	2%	121,764	4%	122589	1%	7%
East Darfur	95,445	95,410	0%	69,398	-27%	64825	-7%	-32%
West Kordofan	67,168	67,643	1%	44,580	-34%	42232	-5%	-37%
Gedaref	64,181	66,099	3%	65,146	-1%	66118	1%	3%
South Darfur	48,476	48,475	0%	36,062	-26%	34749	-4%	-28%
South Kordofan	43,994	44,306	1%	32,488	-27%	30321	-7%	-31%
North Darfur	34,358	32,933	-4%	23,953	-27%	24411	2%	-29%
Aj Jazirah	17,267	17,471	1%	19,856	14%	22490	13%	30%
Blue Nile	13,252	13,254	0%	13,099	-1%	13103	0%	-1%
Sennar	9,890	9,890	0%	9,845	0%	9899	1%	0%
North Kordofan	9,648	9,794	2%	11,589	18%	11671	1%	21%
Central Darfur	7,931	7,930	0%	4,279	-46%	4303	1%	-46%
Red Sea	6,374	6,370	0%	22,429	252%	22706	1%	256%
River Nile	3,732	3,732	0%	3,766	1%	3788	1%	2%
Northern	1,138	1,138	0%	1,108	-3%	5134	363%	351%
West Darfur	426	426	0%	430	1%	423	-2%	-1%
Total	**1,127,530**	**1,144,675**		**963,410**		**959,798**		