



Renk Road Monitoring

Renk County, Upper Nile State, South Sudan

South Sudan Displacement Crisis

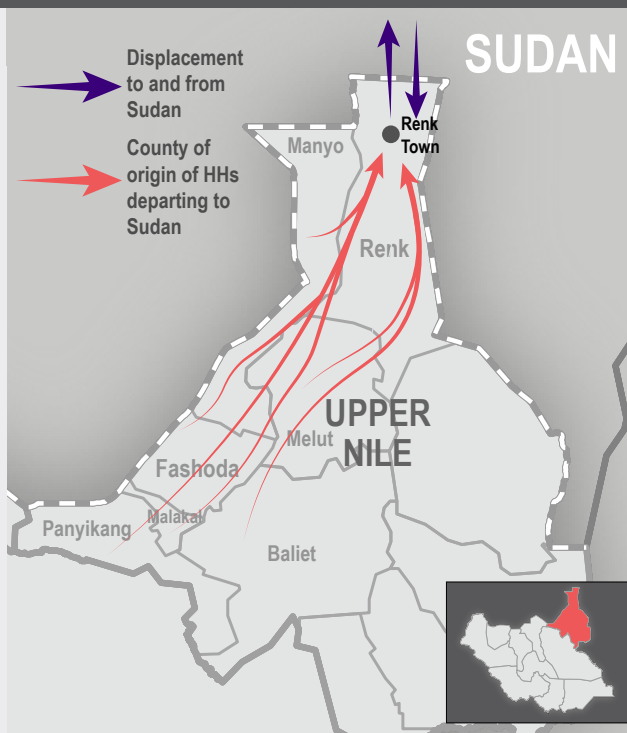
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CONTEXT AND METHODOLOGY

Renk Town is located in Renk County, Upper Nile State, near South Sudan's border with Sudan. Since independence in 2011, Renk has become a major destination and transit point for returnees from Sudan and, since the beginning of the current conflict in 2013, for IDPs fleeing conflict in Upper Nile State.

This factsheet provides results from the REACH road monitoring exercise in Renk Town, Renk County. REACH is monitoring three entry and exit points in Renk to record the arrivals and departures of South Sudanese returnee and IDP households (HHs) on a daily basis. Daily data is synthesized into a monthly factsheet to provide an overview of wider movement trends, including push/pull factors and intentions.

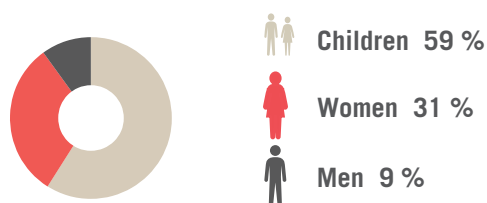
The following findings are based on primary data collected between 1 and 31 October 2017, during which 207 departing HHs (711 individuals) and 28 arriving HHs (115 individuals) were recorded.¹ Enumerators interviewed respondents who were arriving in and departing from Sukjima bus station. Respondents were selected based on pre-survey questions on motives of travel to ensure that only displaced people or returnees were interviewed.¹ Not all entry points to Renk town were covered systematically, and most arrivals reportedly took place after data collection hours (9:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m). Moreover, people using formal transportation (bus) are overrepresented as opposed to people using other means of transportation (trucks, boats) and most formal transportation is mostly going to and from Sudan. As such, the data presented in this factsheet is not representative, rather indicative of movement trends for the assessed population.



DEPARTURES FROM RENK TOWN

Demographic²

75% of the total departing HHs intended to leave Renk Town for 6 months or less.



Departing households

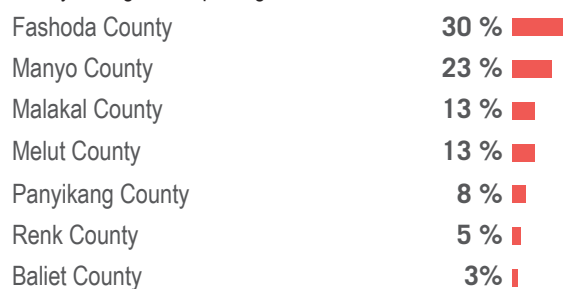
3 individuals is the average arriving HH size.

27% of departing HHs are made up of one individual travelling alone.

Area of origin of departing households

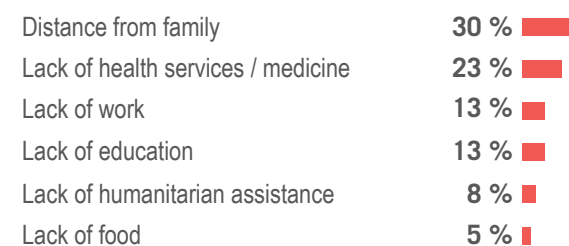
98% of the total departing HHs are originally from Upper Nile State.

County of origin of departing HHs:



Push factors

Primary push factors reported by departing HHs for leaving Renk Town:

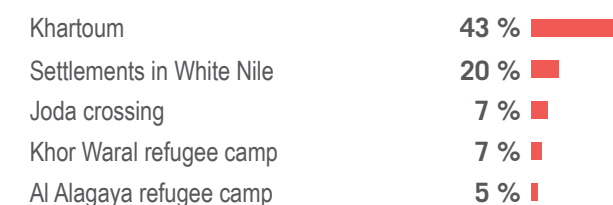


Intended destination

Intended country of destination of departing HHs:

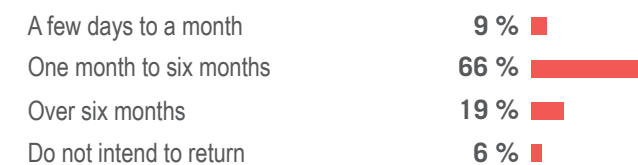
100% of the total departing HHs intended to go to Sudan³

Intended area of destination in Sudan for departing HHs:



Intended duration of stay at destination

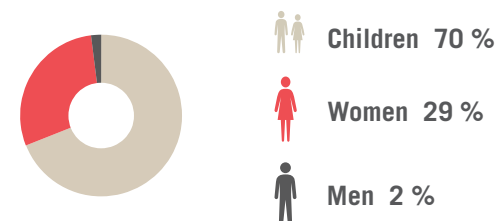
Reported length of time that departing HHs intend to stay in the location that they are departing for:



ARRIVALS TO RENK TOWN⁴

Demographic

64% of the total arriving HHs expressed the intention to remain in Renk Town permanently.

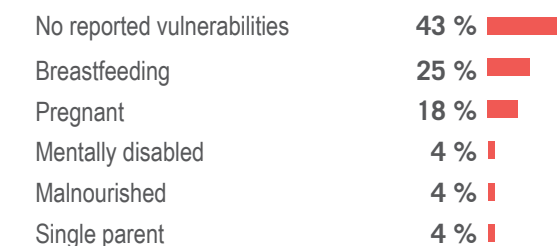


Arriving households

4 individuals is the average arriving HH size.

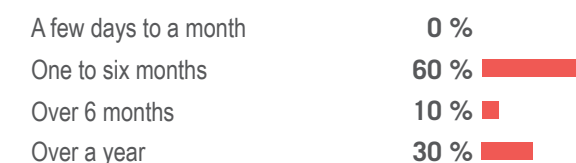
11% of arriving HHs are made up of one individual travelling alone.

Proportion of HHs reporting a member with the following vulnerabilities:⁵



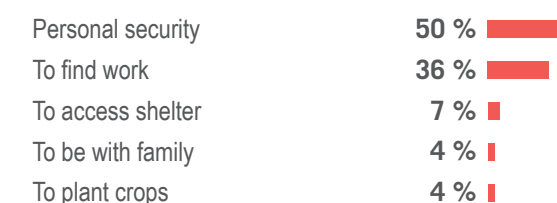
Intended duration of stay in Renk Town

Reported length of time that arriving HHs intend to stay in Renk Town among those not planning to stay permanently:



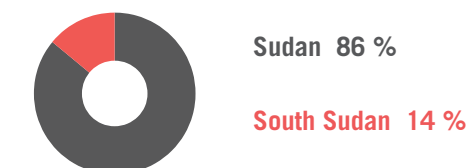
Pull factors

Primary pull factors reported by arriving HHs for choosing to come to Renk Town:

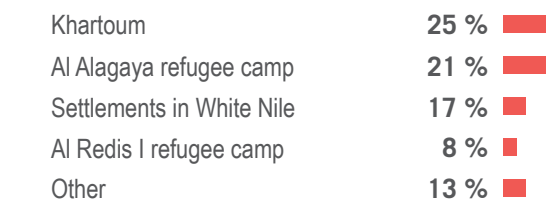


Previous location

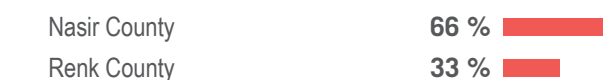
Country of most recent long term location for arriving HHs:



Area of most recent long term location of HHs arriving from Sudan:

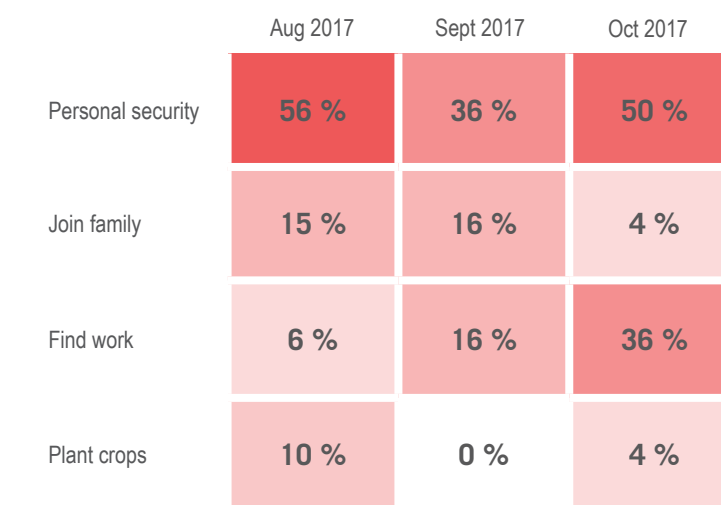


Area of most recent long term location for HHs arriving from South Sudan:⁶



Changes in pull factors toward Renk

Most prevalent reasons for coming to Renk between August and October:



Notes:

1. Most arriving HHs coming from South Sudan are internally displaced HHs whereas South Sudanese HHs coming from Sudan are usually returnees.
2. These are indicative trends; REACH does not record all arrivals and departures.
3. The fact that all departing HHs were heading to Sudan does not mean that departures from Renk toward other areas of South Sudan did not take place during the month. Departures are reported to take place by boat on the River Nile - however REACH is not currently collecting data at the Renk port.
4. As REACH recorded only 28 arriving HHs in October, the indicators found in the "Arrivals" section of this factsheet rely on a limited sample size and are not representative.
5. Respondents could choose more than one answer.
6. Only three HHs fell under the category of new arrivals displaced from South Sudan in October: 2 HHs came from Nasir, 1 HH came from another area in Renk County.