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| **Research Terms of Reference****Sudan – South Sudan Displacement Crisis Rapid Needs Assessment****SSD2305b****South Sudan** |
| **May 2023****V1** | **C:\Users\Megan\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Word\REACH logo white (for a coloured background).jpg** |

# Executive Summary

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| **Country of intervention** | South Sudan |
| **Type of Emergency** | □ | Natural disaster | x | Conflict | □ | Other *(specify)* |
| **Type of Crisis** | x | Sudden onset  | □ | Slow onset | □ | Protracted |
| **Mandating Body/ Agency** | *REACH, WFP* |
| **IMPACT Project Code** | 32AWI |
| **Overall Research Timeframe** *(from research design to final outputs / M&E)* | 18/5/2023 to 16/6/2023 |
| **Research Timeframe***Add planned deadlines (for first cycle if more than 1)* | 1. Pilot/ training: N/A | 6. Preliminary presentation: 14/6/2023 |
| 2. Start collect data: 29/5/2023 | 7. Outputs sent for validation: 12/6/2023 |
| 3. Data collected: 5/6/2023 | 8. Outputs published: 16/6/2023 |
| 4. Data analysed: 5/6/2023 | 9. Final presentation: N/A |
| 5. Data sent for validation: 8/6/2023 |
| **Number of assessments** | x | Single assessment (one cycle) |
| □ | Multi assessment (more than one cycle)  |
| **Humanitarian milestones***Specify* ***what*** *will the assessment inform and* ***when*** *e.g. The shelter cluster will use this data to draft its Revised Flash Appeal;* | **Milestone** | **Deadline** |
| x | Donor plan/strategy  | As soon as possible |
| x | Inter-cluster plan/strategy  |
| x | Cluster plan/strategy  |
| x | NGO platform plan/strategy  |
| □ | Other (Specify): | \_ \_/\_ \_/\_ \_ \_ \_ |
| **Audience Type & Dissemination** *Specify* ***who*** *will the assessment inform and* ***how*** *you will disseminate to inform the audience* | **Audience type** | **Dissemination** |
| x Strategicx Programmatic□ Operational□ [Other, Specify] | **x** General Product Mailing (e.g. mail to NGO consortium; HCT participants; Donors)x Cluster Mailing (Education, Shelter and WASH) and presentation of findings at next cluster meeting x Presentation of findings (e.g. at HCT meeting; Cluster meeting) x Website Dissemination (Relief Web & REACH Resource Centre) |
| **Detailed dissemination plan required** | □ | Yes | x | No |
| **General Objective** | To inform the humanitarian response for returnee, refugee, and host community populations in South Sudan impacted by recent conflict shocks in Sudan. |
| **Specific Objective(s)** | To better understand the impacts of conflict in Sudan on population movement dynamics and on the basic needs of impacted communities in South Sudan. |
| **Research Questions** | How has the conflict in Sudan impacted population movement dynamics? * Where have recent arrivals settled?
	+ What are the push and pull factors to these locations?
* What are the movement intentions of recent arrivals?
	+ Are movement barriers limiting or preventing onward movement from the current displacement location?
* What displacement routes are being used?
* How much does each leg of the trip cost, and how are people financing their journey?
* Are there populations who have been unable to displace, and if so, where are these people?
* What services have returnees received along their journey, and what are the service gaps?

What is the status of affected populations food security and livelihoods and how has this been impacted by recent shocks?* How have food consumption patterns changed as a result of shocks?
* What are the food coping strategies being utilized and how have these changed as a result of shocks?
* How have access to livelihoods changed as a result of shocks?
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| **Geographic Coverage** | Data collection will take place in Renk, Melut (tentatively), Aweil, and Malakal counties and Abyei Administrative Area (AAA), specifically in the areas of residence of recent returnees and refugees, including in host communities, informal sites, and transit centers. This ToR details data collection in Malakal, Renk, and (tentatively) Melut counties, which will be carried out jointly by WFP and REACH. WFP will carry out data collection on its own in AAA and Aweil. |
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| **Secondary data sources** | October 2022 Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) key messages and historical key messages and classifications [Emergency Food Security Assessment (EFSAs) Technical Guidance Sheet, WFP, 2009](https://documents.wfp.org/stellent/groups/public/documents/manual_guide_proced/wfp197304.pdf) [OCHA Humanitarian Updates](https://reports.unocha.org/en/country/sudan/?_gl=1%2a1eo5bc0%2a_ga%2aNDUzNjcyNzE0LjE2NjI3MDkwMDY.%2a_ga_E60ZNX2F68%2aMTY4MzAxODI1Mi4xMTYuMS4xNjgzMDE5ODQ1LjI4LjAuMA..) [IOM-UNHCR Population Movement Dashboard](https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiZTQ1YzJlMzctNjhiNi00Njc4LWExOWYtNjA4YjM0ZDJlMDk2IiwidCI6IjE1ODgyNjJkLTIzZmItNDNiNC1iZDZlLWJjZTQ5YzhlNjE4NiIsImMiOjh9&amp%3BpageName=ReportSection&disablecdnExpiration=1683503679)CCCM Displacement Flow DataInformal Updates from Partners and REACH staff in the fieldHumanitarian Needs Overview, 2022Multi-sector initial rapid needs assessment (MIRA), IASC Needs Assessment Task Force, July 2015IOM-UNHCR Strategy and Response Presentation Materials[UNHCR Sudan Situation External Updates](https://acted-my.sharepoint.com/personal/guillaume_pocard_impact-initiatives_org/_layouts/15/onedrive.aspx?id=%2Fpersonal%2Fguillaume%5Fpocard%5Fimpact%2Dinitiatives%5Forg%2FDocuments%2FMicrosoft%20Teams%20Chat%20Files%2FSudan%20Situation%20%2D%20UNHCR%20South%20Sudan%20External%20Update%20%20as%20of%205%20May%202023%2Epdf&parent=%2Fpersonal%2Fguillaume%5Fpocard%5Fimpact%2Dinitiatives%5Forg%2FDocuments%2FMicrosoft%20Teams%20Chat%20Files&ga=1)WFP Ad-Hoc Food Security AnalysisREACH Joint Market Monitoring Initiative Data |
| **Population(s)** | □ | IDPs in camp | □ | IDPs in informal sites |
| *Select all that apply* | □ | IDPs in host communities | □ | IDPs [Other, Specify] |
|  | □ | Refugees in camp | □ | Refugees in informal sites |
|  | □ | Refugees in host communities | x | Refugees in any setting |
|  | x | Host communities | x | Returnees in any setting |
| **Stratification***Select type(s) and enter number of strata* | x | Geographical #: 2Population size per strata is known? □ Yes x No | x | Group #: 6Population size per strata is known? □ Yes x No | □ | *[Other Specify]* #: \_ \_ Population size per strata is known? □ Yes □ No |
| **Data collection tool(s)**  | □ | Structured (Quantitative) | x | Semi-structured (Qualitative) |
|  | **Sampling method** | **Data collection method**  |
| **Semi-structured data collection tool (s) # 1***Population movement*  | x Purposive□ Snowballing□ [Other, Specify] | □ Key informant interview (Target #): □ Individual interview (Target #):\_ \_ \_ \_ \_x Focus group discussion (Target #): 8-12 per location□ [Other, Specify](Target #):\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ |
| **Target level of precision if probability sampling** | N/A | N/A |
| **Data management platform(s)** | x | IMPACT | □ | UNHCR |
|  | □ | [Other, Specify] |
| **Expected ouput type(s)** | x | Situation overview #: 3 | □ | Report #: \_ \_ | □ | Profile #: \_ \_ |
|  | x | Presentation (Preliminary findings) #: 2 | x | Presentation (Final) #:  | □ | Factsheet #: \_ \_ |
|  | □ | Interactive dashboard #:\_ | □ | Webmap #: \_ \_ | □ | Map #: \_ \_ |
|  | □ | [Other, Specify] #: \_ \_ |
| **Access**  | x | Public (available on REACH resource center and other humanitarian platforms)  |
| □ | Restricted (bilateral dissemination only upon agreed dissemination list, no publication on REACH or other platforms) |
| **Visibility** *Specify which* ***logos*** *should be on outputs* | ***REACH*** |
| ***Donor:*** *USAID* |
| ***Coordination Framework:*** *FSL Cluster* |
| ***Partners:*** *WFP, FSL Cluster* |

# Rationale

* 1. Background

The nation-wide outbreak of fighting in Sudan on April 15 2023 triggered the displacement of tens of thousands of Sudanese and South Sudanese nationals into neighbouring countries, including South Sudan. As of the time of writing on May 12, IOM and UNHCR have recorded the arrival of 52,054 individuals at 14 entry points located across 4 states and Abyei Administrative Area, although this figure is believed to underestimate the full scale of displacement.[[1]](#footnote-2) The vast majority of arrivals are South Sudanese returnees, while roughly 7% are Sudanese or third country nationals.[[2]](#footnote-3) While it remains unclear how the political situation will develop and to what extent humanitarian needs will be impacted, the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) estimates a “most-likely scenario” involves the influx of 45,000 Sudanese and 125,000 South Sudanese nationals into South Sudan.[[3]](#footnote-4) In the coming months, populations are most likely to arrive from Sudanese states along the border, including South and East Darfur, West and South Kordofan, and White and Blue Nile States,[[4]](#footnote-5) many of which have already been impacted by heavy fighting.[[5]](#footnote-6)

Conflict-shocks, displacement, and anticipated macroeconomic consequences are likely to exacerbate already severe levels of humanitarian needs on both sides of the border. On the South Sudanese side, supply chain disruptions and mass inflows of returnees to communities with pre-existing underlying vulnerabilities and severe food insecurity constitute the greatest concern to wellbeing and life. WFP projects a 10-12% deterioration in the food security situation of northern counties, which it recognizes may be a conservative estimate.[[6]](#footnote-7)

Given the substantial information gaps associated with a rapidly developing context, REACH and WFP plan to conduct joint assessments in five counties that have recorded inflows of refugees and returnees, with REACH conducting primary data collection and producing outputs in Renk and Malakal counties. The research questions laid out in this ToR are built around information gaps and needs identified by humanitarian actors and coordination bodies, touching on themes such as population movement dynamics, access to humanitarian services, and access to livelihoods in destination locations. REACH has prioritized areas it believes have not already been adequately assessed by other actors.

* 1. Intended impact

This assessment aims to provide humanitarian actors with timely information and analysis on how the fighting in Sudan has impacted the needs of displaced populations recently arrived to South Sudan, as well as on host communities with significant levels of underlying vulnerability and acute food insecurity. Preliminary findings will be shared during data collection with the REACH senior management team for further bilateral dissemination to partners and coordination bodies on an ad-hoc basis, particularly those related to risk of excess mortality, protection concerns, or forecasting arrivals and needs. Following data collection, a presentation of preliminary findings will be given to coordination bodies including the Needs and Analysis Working Group (NAWG), national and state Inter-cluster Coordination Groups (ICCGs), and relevant clusters. Finally, a brief will be written and shared with REACH’s full product dissemination list. Findings will also be shared with INGOs including ACTED Emergency Response Unit (ERU) and the Emergency Rapid Response Mechanism (ERRM) Consortium to inform emergency response programming. All ERRM briefs and Rapid Needs Assessment outputs are also submitted to the IPC, which is scheduled to take place in October 2023.

# Methodology

* 1. Methodology overview

This assessment will utilize primarily qualitative methods including ad-hoc key informant interviews (KIIs) with humanitarian agency staff, and 2 FGDs tools, which are outlined below:

FGD tool 1: Population movement, push and pull factors, movement intentions, livelihoods in area of destination

FGD tool 2: Impacts of displacement and shocks on food security and livelihoods.

The sample size for each location, disaggregated by population group and gender, is as follows:





FGDs on FSL will primarily be held with women, who culturally are the household members primarily tasked with management of food and household resources. A smaller number of FGDs with men will be held using the same tool. Focus group discussions on population movement will not be conducted with the host community, since they are assumed to not have information on to the questions contained in the tool. Previous REACH assessments demonstrate that incentivizing men to participate in FGDs may prove difficult, as men are often involved disproportionately matters that necessitate their being out of the home during the day. As such, the gender breakdown detailed above may also shift, although field teams will aim to maintain the total number of FGDs per population group. In Malakal, no refugee arrivals have been recorded at the time of writing and thus are omitted from the sample. This may, however, change between the time of writing and data collection, and the sampling breakdown will be adjusted accordingly. More FGDs are planned for Renk due to the greater team capacity there relative to Malakal.

Different participants will be administered the two different tools. The population movement tool will be administered to groups of returnees who have travelled together, since it’s unlikely that the tool would be able to capture a wide range of experiences within the allotted time. For instance, 3-4 women who departed from the same region of Khartoum and travelled together along the same route to Renk. Criteria for FSL focus groups will be open, aiming only to separate by gender and population group, since these two factors are assumed to most impact experiences and views. Groups will also be separated by ethnic group (Dinka, Nuer, Shilluk), but this is only due to the infeasibility of translating multiple languages during the same discussion.

Population of interest

The population of interest for this assessment are persons impacted by the recent outbreak of violence in Sudan, primarily South Sudanese returnees and host communities receiving new arrivals, but also Sudanese and other third country national refugees, and populations in conflict affected areas of Sudan facing movement barriers.

Secondary data review

*October 2022 Integrated Phase Classification (IPC) key messages and historical key messages and classifications* – used to better understand areas that are facing severe levels of food insecurity and may be particularly vulnerable to high influx of arrivals. Also used to understand

[*OCHA Humanitarian Updates*](https://reports.unocha.org/en/country/sudan/?_gl=1%2a1eo5bc0%2a_ga%2aNDUzNjcyNzE0LjE2NjI3MDkwMDY.%2a_ga_E60ZNX2F68%2aMTY4MzAxODI1Mi4xMTYuMS4xNjgzMDE5ODQ1LjI4LjAuMA..) – used to better understand scale of displacement, locations of IDPs, and conditions faced by communities in areas affected by violence.

[*IOM-UNHCR Population Movement Dashboard*](https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiZTQ1YzJlMzctNjhiNi00Njc4LWExOWYtNjA4YjM0ZDJlMDk2IiwidCI6IjE1ODgyNjJkLTIzZmItNDNiNC1iZDZlLWJjZTQ5YzhlNjE4NiIsImMiOjh9&amp%3BpageName=ReportSection&disablecdnExpiration=1683503679) – used to track displacement flows at various entry points.

*CCCM Displacement Flow Data* – used to track population flows into sites managed by the CCCM cluster across South Sudan.

*Informal Updates from Partners and REACH staff in the field* – Used also to understand the operational context, including access and security, as well as population flows and target population whereabouts.

*Humanitarian Needs Overview, 2022* – used to better understand the scope of humanitarian needs, as well as drivers of needs, in the assessment area.

*Multi-sector initial rapid needs assessment (MIRA), IASC Needs Assessment Task Force, July 2015 –* used for technical guidance in coordinating and designing rapid needs assessments.

* 1. Primary Data Collection

Data collection will be carried out by REACH and WFP in Aweil, Malakal, Renk, Melut, and Abyei Administrative Area (AAA). WFP will lead data collection in Aweil and AAA, while REACH will jointly carry out data collection in Malakal and Renk. The same tools will be used by both organizations, while WFP may also carry out additional ad-hoc partner mapping key informant interviews to better understand activities carried out by humanitarian partners. Data collection will take place between the 15th of May and the 5th of June and will be carried out by two REACH senior assessment officers, one assessment officer, and one field officer with the support of WFP assessment officers and staff based at WFP field offices. Two REACH staff and one WFP staff will travel to Renk, who will also potentially travel for 1 days to Melut – depending on the security situation and the team’s ability to secure transportation - which is a one hour drive from Renk, and one REACH staff and one WFP staff will travel to Malakal, where there is a permanently based REACH field officer and REACH Humanitarian Situation Monitoring (HSM) enumerators who will support with participant identification and data collection. REACH will hire local daily workers in both locations to support as local guides and translators. Female guides and translators will be prioritized to ensure that, when possible, discussions and interviews with women are led by women. Similarly, a female HSM enumerator will take part in data collection in Malakal. At the end of each day, notes from FGDs will be transcribed into digital transcripts and entered into a data saturation grid. Saturation grids and transcripts will be password protected and stored on REACH computers and backed up on OneDrive.

Because access to Mellut is tentative, the sampling plan has been combined with Renk, where the majority of data collection will take place. Should the team access Mellut, they will likely only have sufficient time on the ground to carry out 3-4 FGDs.

Data collection will be carried out across different communities, camps, and informal sites where new arrivals are currently residing. While a preliminary population mapping exercise has been conducted, giving field teams a rough understanding of where target populations are residing, the context remains highly fluid and such locations may change between the time of writing and data collection. To ensure all target groups are captured, an informal population mapping exercise will be carried out with RRC and UN agencies upon arrival to assessment locations. The population groups present in each location are also fluid. For instance, at the time of writing there have been no recorded refugee arrivals to Malakal, but this may change during data collection, and will be incorporated into the sampling.

Key findings, particularly those related to protection risks and risk of excess mortality, or findings which are of immediate programmatic relevance, will be shared with REACH senior management in Juba for further dissemination to partners and coordination bodies. Transcripts will be shared between WFP and REACH, and REACH will take the lead in the production of publicly facing outputs. REACH and WFP will jointly present findings to stakeholders. REACH will take the lead on analysis for all transcripts that feed into its outputs, including of WFP FGD notes. WFP will share relevant notes and information with REACH who will then incorporate them into data saturation grids.

Outputs will include one humanitarian brief in each location where REACH is leading data collection (Malakal and Renk), and one longer thematic output looking at population in all assessment locations, and its potential impact on the food security and livelihoods of populations there. The longer thematic output will draw on primary data collection by REACH and WFP, as well as secondary data on seasonality, food security, and market functionality in areas of destination. Additionally, REACH will aim to publish a shorter emergency brief on the situation in Malakal due to the increasing number of arrivals there and its increasing relevance to humanitarian actors.

Upon arrival to assessment locations, REACH will spend one day meeting with stakeholders including representatives from the South Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commissions (RRC) and from various UN agencies including UNHCR and IOM. REACH will brief these individuals on the purpose of their assessment to get maximum buy in. REACH will coordinate with RRC in hiring local translators and guides.

As noted, WFP and REACH will conduct ad-hoc interviews with senior management of humanitarian agencies to better understand top-line trends and response planning. These interviews will be unstructured, but will aim to answer the following questions, at a minimum:

1. What are the main changes to the context of this location since the crisis in Sudan?
2. What has been the response of the humanitarian community? What response components are planned?
3. What have been the challenges faced in responding to the needs of impacted populations?
	1. Data Processing & Analysis

Due to the frequency of KIIs and FGDs conducted on ERRM rapid assessments and time pressures, a shortened debrief form has been created to ensure that regular debriefs are completed, while not consuming too much of the assessment teams time. The debrief form will be used to understand the following.

1. Were the participant’s/key informant able to provide answers to all the sections of the questionnaire? If not, what is missing and why? (Please be as specific as possible.)
2. If there were any questions that went unanswered, might be unreliable, or were not well understood, please indicate them here (with the reason).
3. How would you describe the reliability of the information gathered? (include your observation of the dynamics of the group, body language etc.)

Debriefs will only apply to the data collected by REACH. Debriefs should also be used during analysis to better inform the trustworthiness of findings and overall data quality. For instance, if debriefs show that certain questions are consistently misunderstood by participants, that analysis may be omitted from final outputs.

Notes from FGD will be typed up the same day as interviews and entered into a data saturation grid no later than one week afterwards. Analysis of qualitative data collected by WFP and REACH will be done by REACH. Results of participatory mapping sessions will be consolidated onto one map and digitized by the REACH GIS unit in Juba.

# Key ethical considerations and related risks

The proposed research design meets / does not meet the following criteria:

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| ***The proposed research design…***  | ***Yes/ No*** | ***Details if no (including mitigation)*** |
| … Has been coordinated with relevant stakeholders to **avoid unnecessary duplication** of data collection efforts? | Yes | REACH has coordinated this assessment with all major UN agencies including UNHCR, IOM and WFP, and has presented the concept note at key coordination forums, including the ICCG. REACH will be jointly conducting the assessment with WFP, with support from INGOs and NNGOs on the ground. |
| … **Respects respondents, their rights and dignity** (*specifically by: seeking informed consent, designing length of survey/ discussion while being considerate of participants’ time, ensuring accurate reporting of information provided*)? | Yes |  |
| … Does not **expose data collectors to any risks as a direct result** of participation in data collection? | No | Data collectors will travel around an area that experiences routine security issues. To mitigate these risks, a security assessment (sec-19) will be conducted and reviewed by coordination prior to data collection. Field teams will strictly follow the protocols laid out in the sec-19, including having in their possession a GPS tracker and a satellite phone, and checking in with security focal points as required. Information on security will be communicated back to the ACTED security team in Juba for follow up and guidance.  |
| … Does not **expose respondents / their communities to any risks as a direct result** of participation in data collection? | Yes |  |
| … Does not involve **collecting information on specific topics which may be stressful and/ or re-traumatising** for research participants (both respondents and data collectors)? | No | This assessment involves collecting information on sensitive topics, including on displacement, protection risks, and potentially severe humanitarian needs. To mitigate the risk of re-traumatisation, participants will be briefed on the subject matter of the interviews prior to beginning, and will be told that consent can be revoked at any time during the interview. Field teams will be made aware of services providers in the area to whom respondents may be referred, with their consent.  |
| … Does not involve **data collection with minors** i.e. anyone less than 18 years old? | Yes | No individuals under 18 will participate in data collection. |
| … Does not involve **data collection with other vulnerable groups** e.g. persons with disabilities, victims/ survivors of protection incidents, etc.? | No | It is likely that respondents will include individuals who have experienced protection incidents. While some protection incidents may be reported during data collection, these topics will not be probed. Field teams will be familiar with protection partners operation in the area. |
| … Follows IMPACT SOPs for management of **personally identifiable information**? | Yes | No personally identifiable information will be collected. |

# 5. Roles and responsibilities

Table 3: Description of roles and responsibilities

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| **Task Description** | **Responsible** | **Accountable** | **Consulted** | **Informed** |
| Research design | FSL and Emergency Response SAO; HSM SAO | DCC[[7]](#footnote-8) | WFP, IOM, UNHCR, ICCG, HSM SAO, ERRM JAO | IMPACT Country Coordinator, IMPACT HQ |
| Supervising data collection | FSL/ERRM SAO; HSM SAO; ERRM AO; HSM FO | DCC | WFP | HQ, IOM, UNHCR |
| Data processing (checking, cleaning) | FSL/ERRM SAO; HSM SAO, ERRM AO | DCC | WFP, REACH JMMI, REACH SDO | HQ |
| Data analysis | FSL/ERRM SAO; HSM SAO | DCC | REACH SDO, REACH JMMI, HQ | HQ |
| Output production | FSL/ERRM SAO; HSM SAO; ERRM AO | DCC | REACH HQ, WFP, FSLC | CC |
| Dissemination | FSL/ERRM SAO; HSM SAO | DCC | FSLC, WFP | CC |
| Monitoring & Evaluation | FSL/ERRM SAO; | DCC | CC | HQ |
| Lessons learned | FSL/ERRM SAO; HSM SAO | DCC | CC | HQ |

***Responsible:*** *the person(s) who executes the task*

***Accountable:*** *the person who validates the completion of the task and is accountable of the final output or milestone*

***Consulted:*** *the person(s) who must be consulted when the task is implemented*

***Informed:*** *the person(s) who need to be informed when the task is completed*

***NB: Only one person can be Accountable; the only scenario when the same person is listed twice for a task is when the same person is both Responsible and Accountable.***

# Data Analysis Plan

See annexes A and B for qualitative data collection tools.

**Annex A:**

**Sudan – South Sudan Displacement Crisis: Population Movement Focus Group Discussion Guide**

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| **Moderator name** |  | **Assistant moderator name** |  |
| **Date** |  | **Location** |  |

**Start time: End time:**

**FGD participant details:**

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| **Gender** | **Age** | **Area of origin/habitual residence** | **Location of displacement (IDPs/refugees only)** | **Date of displacement** | **Nationality (for refugees)** | **Other relevant details** |
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**For returnees only, describe the participants displacement history, including their original date of displacement to Sudan and whether they have ever lived or spent time in South Sudan:**

**Instructions to moderators**

* Questions to participants must be read out and communicated clearly. If there are some specific terms which may be unclear, please provide a definition for the purpose of the exercise.
* Where **specified**, ensure the discussion focuses on the participants’ understanding of the experiences of their community, **not** their perceptions of other communities in the area. Here, community is defined on the basis of the displacement status of the key informant and further by location of origin/habitual residence.
* **Probing questions** should be use to clarify what participants have said and to get more detailed information on the topic of interest. Do not read the probing questions along with the main questions to participants, but as follow up questions. Feel free to adapt them as needed.
* Ensure that you are trained on procedure for handling disclosures of experiences with violence (particularly gender based violence) by participants and have the local referral pathway at hand.

**Participant Selection**

* Select 2-4 participants who have travelled together as a group from their location of origin to their current location.
* Groups should be disaggregated by gender.
* Participants should be their head of household, or at least an adult household member with information on household finances and access to resources, who have been responsible for making decisions along the journey.

**Introduction**

**Facilitator’s welcome, introduction and instructions to participants**

Welcome and thank you for volunteering to take part in this focus group discussion. Our discussion today will mainly focus on ongoing population movement dynamics occurring as a result of the April fighting in Sudan. The questions aim to better understand how and why people are moving from Sudan to South Sudan, and then within South Sudan to their final destination. Questions will also touch on movement barriers faced by these population groups.

The information you will provide us today will be used to inform response strategy and planning of humanitarian actors in South Sudan. Please note that this discussion does not have any impact on whether you or your family will receive assistance in the future.

You have been asked to participate because your point of view is important and we want to hear your opinions. We appreciate your time. **Please note that everything you tell us will be kept confidential and will not be attributed to you. We will not take down your name for this exercise.**

**We may touch on some sensitive subjects. If you or someone you know is affected by any of the topics of discussion, you can come to ask for information about services available after the group discussion ends. Please do not feel obliged to share specific incidents of violence that you may have experienced within the group.**

**Your participation in this discussion is entirely voluntary, and anyone who does not want to participate can leave now or at any time during the discussion. You can decide whether you want to answer questions or not once the discussion starts. If you choose not to take part or to skip any questions, it will have no negative impacts whatsoever on your ability to access services from any agency.** Please feel free to ask me any questions now, or at any point during the discussion. **Do you consent to participate in this discussion?**

**This discussion will take no more than one hour and fifteen minutes.**

**Group agreements**

Before we begin, it is important that we create a safe environment for this discussion where people feel free to speak openly. Therefore, it will be good if we can make certain agreements among the group. What should we include in these agreements?

*Start by suggesting one and wait for people to come up with other agreements. If any of the below agreements are not mentioned by the participants, suggest to also include those.*

* We must ensure that each participant is at an appropriate distance from other participants and the moderators in this group, in adherence with COVID-19 social distancing rules.
* The most important rule is that only **one person speaks at a time**. There may be a temptation to jump in when someone is talking but please wait until they have finished.
* There are no right or wrong answers.
* You do not have to speak in any particular order.
* When you do have something to say, please do so. There are many of you in the group and it is important that we hear from all of you.
* You do not have to agree with the views of other people in the group.
* All participants must be respectful towards one another.
* Everyone must respect the confidentiality of the discussion and not repeat what is discussed here, or attribute it to participants.
* Does anyone have any questions? (answers)

Please can everyone confirm that you agree with these community agreements? OK, let’s begin.

**Begin Discussion**

**Shocks and displacement**

1. Has there been any large scale movement out of your area of departure (in Sudan) since the outbreak of conflict (April 15), and if so why?
	* Can you describe when your household decided to leave and why?
2. Now lets map the journey starting in your original location of departure.
	* Where did you depart from and when did you depart?
	* Where did you go first?
		+ Why did you decide to go here?
	* How did you travel and how much did this cost? [Be sure to clarify if cost is per person or for a rental, etc]
	* Did you face any barriers along this leg of the journey?
		+ Probes: check points, mechanical difficulties with vehicle, issues with finances, issues with police/armed groups, criminality
	* How long did you stay at this location?
	* Where did you stay at this location? Were there any specific difficulties you faced here?
	* Where did you go next?

[Repeat for each leg of the journey – filling in the table below]

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| *Departure location* | *Arrival location* | *Means of transport* | *Price* | *Barriers/challenges encountered* | *Services received* |
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3. Was your household registered by a humanitarian organization at any point during your journey?

* Probe on access to services specifically in current location – has the household received anything? Food, NFIs, shelter, nutrition or health services, protection support?
1. How did your household pay for your trip?
	* Probes: savings, selling assets, bartering assets, remittances, begging, etc
2. Do you know if people are still using these routes?
	* Do you know if certain routes are considered better than others? Why?

**Movement restrictions**

1. Did all members of your community displace? Or did some remain behind?
	* Which members stayed?
	* How was this decision made?
	* Did certain specific groups remain behind? Which?
2. Did you observe any groups of people along your journey that wanted to move onwards but were unable to?
	* Where were these people?
	* What barriers to movement were they experiencing?

**Movement intentions**

1. Do you have any plans to move from this current location? If yes, where?
	* Why to this location?
	* When do you plan on moving?
	* How do you plan on moving?
	* Do you anticipate any negatives associated with this anticipated displacement location?
	* Have you been able to contact anybody in this location? Do you know exactly where you are going?

**Livelihoods in Destination Locations**

1. Do you know how you and your household will support yourselves in your area of destination?

2. Will you have support from relatives?

* What types of activities do they practice?

**Assistance Preferences**

* Can you help me better understand the types of support that you and your household most need in this location?
	+ Probes: food, NFIs, shelter, protection, information about relatives in Sudan or South Sudan, support communicating relatives, support with transportation, cash, clothing, healthcare.
* What about in your final destination?

**Conflict Sensitivity**

* Can you help me better understand the relations between the different groups at this site? Are they positive, or negative?
* What about the different grounds here and people in Town?
* Would you say you feel safe in your current location?
	+ If no, why?

**Annex B:**

**Sudan – South Sudan Displacement Crisis: FSL and Priority Needs Focus Group Discussion Guide**

**Focus Group Discussion Tool**

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| **Moderator name** |  | **Assistant moderator name** |  |
| **Date** |  | **Location** |  |

**Start time: End time:**

**FGD participant details:**

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| **Gender** | **Age** | **Area of origin/habitual residence** | **Location of displacement (IDPs only)** | **Date of displacement** | **Other relevant details** |
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**For returnees only, describe the participants displacement history, including their original date of displacement to Sudan and whether they have ever lived or spent time in South Sudan:**

**Instructions to moderators**

* Questions to participants must be read out and communicated clearly. If there are some specific terms which may be unclear, please provide a definition for the purpose of the exercise.
* **Do not read out questions** for female only FGDs (which are specified in this tool) in male FGDs.
* Where **specified**, ensure the discussion focuses on the participants’ understanding of the experiences of their community, **not** their perceptions of other communities in the area. Here, community is defined on the basis of the displacement status of the key informant and further by location of origin/habitual residence.
* **Probing questions** should be use to clarify what participants have said and to get more detailed information on the topic of interest. Do not read the probing questions along with the main questions to participants, but as follow up questions. Feel free to adapt them as needed.
* Ensure that you are trained on procedure for handling disclosures of experiences with violence (particularly gender based violence) by participants and have the local referral pathway at hand.

**Introduction**

**Facilitator’s welcome, introduction and instructions to participants**

Welcome and thank you for volunteering to take part in this focus group discussion.

The information you will provide us today will be used to inform response strategy and planning of humanitarian actors in South Sudan. Please note that this discussion does not have any impact on whether you or your family will receive assistance in the future.

You have been asked to participate because your point of view is important and we want to hear your opinions. We appreciate your time. **Please note that everything you tell us will be kept confidential and will not be attributed to you. We will not take down your name for this exercise.**

**We may touch on some sensitive subjects. If you or someone you know is affected by any of the topics of discussion, you can come to ask for information about services available after the group discussion ends. Please do not feel obliged to share specific incidents of violence that you may have experienced within the group.**

**Your participation in this discussion is entirely voluntary, and anyone who does not want to participate can leave now or at any time during the discussion. You can decide whether you want to answer questions or not once the discussion starts. If you choose not to take part or to skip any questions, it will have no negative impacts whatsoever on your ability to access services from any agency.** Please feel free to ask me any questions now, or at any point during the discussion. **Do you consent to participate in this discussion?**

**This discussion will take no more than one hour and fifteen minutes.**

**Group agreements**

Before we begin, it is important that we create a safe environment for this discussion where people feel free to speak openly. Therefore, it will be good if we can make certain agreements among the group. What should we include in these agreements?

*Start by suggesting one and wait for people to come up with other agreements. If any of the below agreements are not mentioned by the participants, suggest to also include those.*

* We must ensure that each participant is at an appropriate distance from other participants and the moderators in this group, in adherence with COVID-19 social distancing rules.
* The most important rule is that only **one person speaks at a time**. There may be a temptation to jump in when someone is talking but please wait until they have finished.
* There are no right or wrong answers.
* You do not have to speak in any particular order.
* When you do have something to say, please do so. There are many of you in the group and it is important that we hear from all of you.
* You do not have to agree with the views of other people in the group.
* All participants must be respectful towards one another.
* Everyone must respect the confidentiality of the discussion and not repeat what is discussed here, or attribute it to participants.
* Does anyone have any questions? (answers)

Please can everyone confirm that you agree with these community agreements? OK, let’s begin.

**For the duration of this discussion be aware that some questions are only appropriate for certain population groups. Some questions should only be asked to recent arrivals, while others are only appropriate for members of the host community or other groups that were residing in the area prior to the April 15 conflict.**

**Begin Discussion**

**Food consumption**

**For recent arrivals only (IDPs/returnees/refugees):**

1. **Let’s start by listing all the food that people were consuming in your community in your area of departure (the area where your household was living prior to displacement), in the month prior to your departure, as well as the source of each of these foods. Rank these from most common to least common.**

*Probes:*

* Cereals, vegetables, livestock products (milk, meat, blood) uncultivated wild foods, fish
* Sources: own production (farming, livestock rearing), markets, gathering, fishing, trading, gifts, begging, humanitarian assistance

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| ***Food consumption in area of departure*** |
| *Food item*  | *How do people obtain this? (gardens/farms, markets, humanitarian assistance)* |
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**2. Now can you list all the food items that your household is currently consuming in your current area of residence, and their sources. *Rank from most common to least common.* When do you expect these food items to no longer be available? [For recent arrivals] Can you describe how your household’s food consumption changed since your departure?**

*Probes:*

* Cereals, vegetables, livestock products (milk, meat, blood) uncultivated wild foods, fish
* Sources: own production (farming, livestock rearing), markets, gathering, fishing, trading, gifts, begging, humanitarian assistance
1. **[For host community or people living in community prior to recent arrivals, including protracted IDPs] Can you describe how the recent arrival of people to this area has impacted your household’s ability to access to food? How else has your household’s food consumption been impacted?**

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| ***Current food sources*** |
| *Food item*  | *How do people obtain this? (gardens/farms, markets, humanitarian assistance)* | *Most likely period of exhaustion for most people in the community (month, or range of 2 months)* |
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**Coping**

1. **Do you feel that most people in your community are able to access enough food right now in this location? [If no] How are these people in your community coping with food-shortages?**
* *Probes:* Selling assets, moving locations, sending family members away, engaging in illegal activities, increased fishing/hunting/collection of wild foods?
* If any strategies reported known to be regarded as particularly severe (full household migration, consumption of famine foods such as hyde, cattle blood, wild foods known to cause sickness, etc), who is engaging in these strategies?
* *Probes*: probe on strategies that are abnormal or associated with periods of particularly severe food insecurity. When was the last time these strategies were used? Why are they considered so severe? *Probe for: social stigma, livelihood deterioration, detriments to other basic needs like health, protection, etc?*
* **[For host community or people living in community prior to recent arrivals, including protracted IDPs]** How has the recent arrival of people to this area impacted your household’s ability to engage in these strategies?

**Livelihoods**

1. **[For recent arrivals] What were the main livelihood activities that you practiced in your area of departure?**
* *Probes:* rearing livestock, cultivation, participating in markets, casual labor
1. **[For recent arrivals] Are you able to practice these livelihoods in your current location?**
	* If no, why? What are the barriers to practicing typical livelihood activities here?
* Are there any groups of people who face greater difficulty practicing these activities? Who and why?
1. **[For host community or people living in community prior to recent arrivals, including protracted IDPs] Has the recent arrival of people to this area impacted your household’s ability to practice its normal livelihood activities?**
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