



# Renk Port and Road Monitoring

Renk County, Upper Nile State, South Sudan

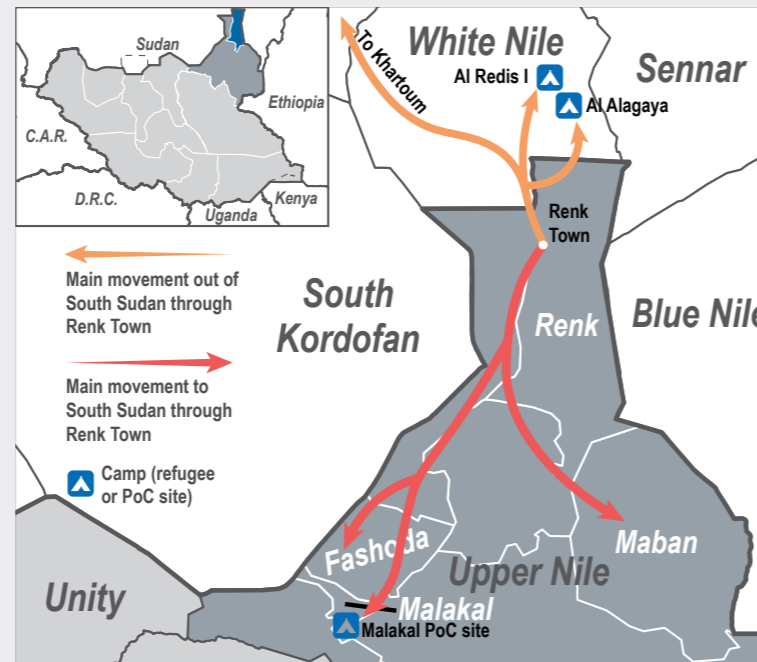
## CONTEXT AND METHODOLOGY

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

REACH monitors three transit sites in Renk Town, two road points (Sukjima and Zero bus stations) and one port (Renk Port), to record all the arrivals and departures on a daily basis. Respondents were selected based on pre-survey questions on motives of travel to ensure that only displaced people or returnees were interviewed. Data is collected at household (HH) level on HH demographics and vulnerabilities, transportation routes, key push/pull factors and intentions. Data collected daily is then synthesized into a monthly factsheet to provide humanitarian actors with an overview of wider movement trends. Due to Sudan's closure of the Juba border entrance into South Sudan in March 2018,<sup>1</sup> returnees increasingly cross at informal border sites at night, after data collection hours (9:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m). Further, not all entry points to Renk Town were covered systematically. Due to operational challenges, data was not collected for nine days in November. As such, the data presented in this factsheet is not representative, rather indicative of movement trends for the assessed population.

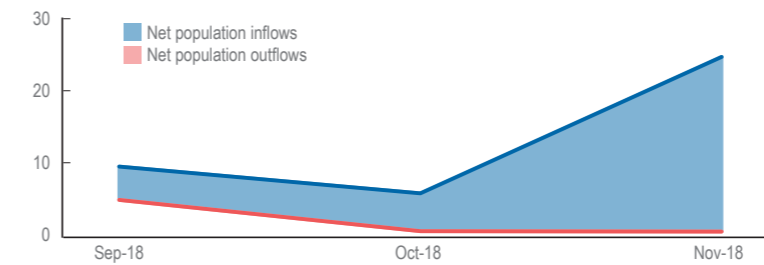
The following findings are based on primary data collected between 1-7 and 16-30 November 2018, during which 17 departing HHs (63 individuals), 21 arriving HHs (77 individuals) and 116 transiting HHs (485 individuals) were

recorded at the three sites. Average daily, permanent returns to South Sudan arriving to or transiting through Renk Town increased from 6 individuals (October) to 25 individuals by November. The largest share of these individuals was proceeding to Malakal Protection of Civilians (PoC) site.



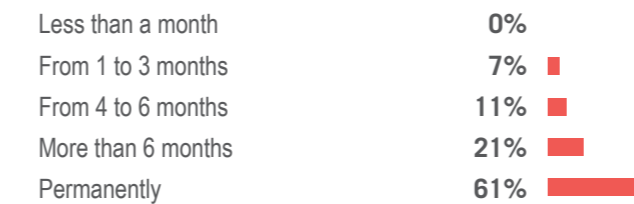
## GENERAL MOVEMENT TRENDS<sup>4</sup>

Average daily number of individuals permanently leaving (red) and relocating (blue) to South Sudan from September to November 2018.



## Intended duration of stay in South Sudan

Reported length of time that HHs relocating to South Sudan, including to Renk Town, intend to stay:



## Vulnerabilities<sup>5</sup>



78% of the total households relocating to South Sudan, including to Renk Town, reported that at least one member of the household was travelling with vulnerabilities, including:

- 66% of the total relocating households reported that at least one member of the household was **pregnant or breastfeeding**.
- 7% of the total relocating households reported that the household head was a **single parent**.
- 7% of the total relocating households reported that at least one member of the household was **elderly**.
- 3% of the total relocating households reported that at least one member of the household was **critically ill**.

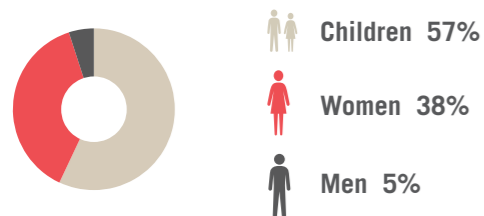
## ARRIVALS TO RENK TOWN

14% of the total traffic recorded in Renk Town.<sup>2</sup>



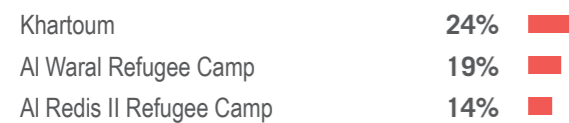
## Demographics

71% of arriving HHs are partial HHs.<sup>3</sup>



## Previous location

Primary reported locations from which HHs arriving to Renk were coming:



## Pull factors

Primary pull factors to Renk reported by arriving HHs:



## DEPARTURES FROM RENK TOWN

11% of the total traffic recorded in Renk Town.<sup>2</sup>



## Demographics

76% of departing HHs are partial HHs.<sup>3</sup>



## Intended destination

Primary intended destinations reported by HHs departing Renk:



## Push factors

Primary push factors for leaving Renk reported by departing HHs:



## TRANSITS VIA RENK TOWN

75% of the total traffic recorded in Renk Town.<sup>6</sup>

## Demographics

67% of transiting HHs are partial HHs.<sup>7</sup>



## Previous location

Primary reported locations from which HHs transiting through Renk were coming:

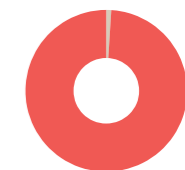


## Push factors

Primary push factors reported by HHs transiting through Renk:



Toward Sudan 1%  
Toward South Sudan 99%



## Intended destination

Primary intended destinations reported by HHs transiting through Renk:



## Pull factors

Primary pull factors to final destination reported by HHs transiting through Renk:



Notes: 1. UNHCR, South Sudan Situation: UNHCR Regional Update, April 2018. 2. These are indicative trends; REACH does not record all arrivals and departures. 3. "Partial" HHs in the sense that not all members of the HH are travelling. 4. The general trends section looks at households relocating to South Sudan, including "arrivals" and "transits." 5. Respondents could choose more than one answer. 6. These are indicative trends; REACH does not record all arrivals and departures. 7. "Partial" HHs in the sense that not all members of the HH are travelling.