



# Renk Port and Road Monitoring

Renk County, Upper Nile State, South Sudan

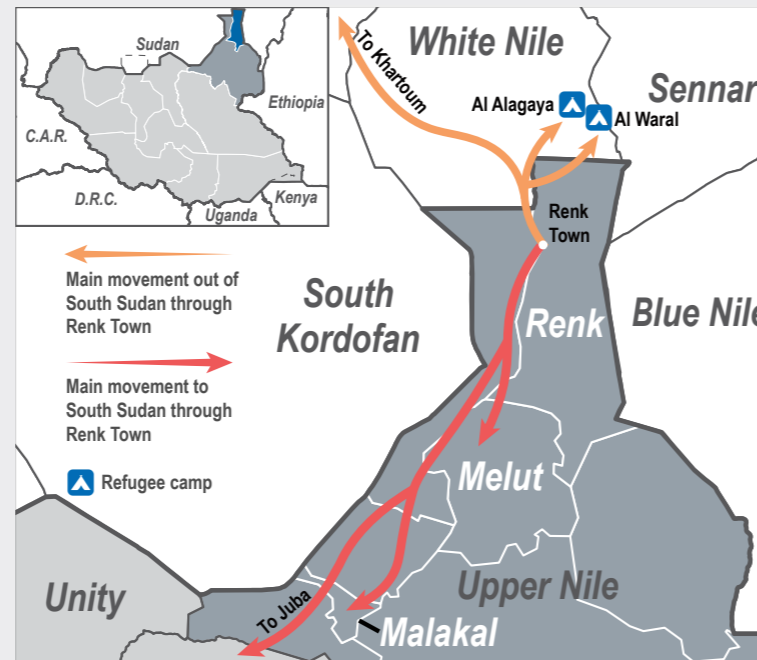
## CONTEXT AND METHODOLOGY

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. 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 throughout October 2018, during which 58 departing HHs (176 individuals), 25 arriving HHs (84 individuals) and 75 transiting HHs (248 individuals) were recorded at the three sites. Arrivals are mostly partial households (73% of all interviewed

HHs in October 2018) as family members await the last of the annual planned food distributions in their current settlements and verification of security conditions in possible sites of relocation.<sup>2</sup>



## TRANSITS VIA RENK TOWN

47% of the total traffic recorded in Renk Town.<sup>3</sup>

### Demographics

71% of transiting HHs are partial HHs.<sup>4</sup>



### Previous location

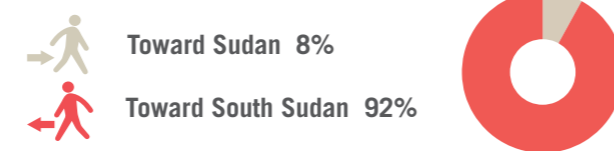
Primary reported locations from which HHs transiting through Renk were coming:

Khartoum	29%
Um Durman	11%
Al Alagaya Refugee Camp	8%

### Push factors

Primary push factors reported by HHs transiting through Renk:

Distance from family	61%
Lack of healthcare services	12%
Lack of food	11%



### Intended duration of stay

Reported length of time that HHs transiting through Renk intend to stay in final destination:

Less than a month	1%
From 1 to 3 months	7%
From 4 to 6 months	17%
More than 6 months	46%
Permanently	29%

### Intended destination

Primary intended destinations reported by HHs transiting through Renk:

Melut County	19%
Juba Town	15%
Malakal County	12%

### Pull factors

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

Proximity to family	73%
Presence of jobs	13%
Presence of shelter	5%

## ARRIVALS TO RENK TOWN

16% of the total traffic recorded in Renk Town.<sup>3</sup>

### Demographics

72% of arriving HHs are partial HHs.<sup>4</sup>



### Previous location

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

El Jabalian Refugee Camp	24%
Al Redis II Refugee Camp	20%
Al Redis I Refugee Camp	12%

### Pull factors

Primary pull factors to Renk reported by arriving HHs:

Proximity to family	44%
Presence of jobs	24%
Presence of education services	4%

### Intended duration of stay

Reported length of time that arriving HHs intend to stay in Renk:

Less than a month	4%
From 1 to 3 months	4%
From 4 to 6 months	0%
More than 6 months	28%
Permanently	64%

### Vulnerabilities

Proportion of arriving HHs reporting a member with the following vulnerabilities:<sup>5</sup>

Breastfeeding woman	52%
Pregnant woman	24%
Single parent	16%

Notes:

1. UNHCR, South Sudan Situation: UNHCR Regional Update, April 2018.
2. Based on information from monthly quantitative data triangulated with that collected from participants in a focus group discussion conducted in Renk in October, 2018.
3. These are indicative trends; REACH does not record all arrivals and departures.
4. "Partial" HHs in the sense that not all members of the HH are travelling.
5. Respondents could choose more than one answer.

## DEPARTURES FROM RENK TOWN

37% of the total traffic recorded in Renk Town.<sup>3</sup>

77% of departing HHs are partial HHs.<sup>4</sup>



### Intended destination

Primary intended destinations reported by HHs departing Renk:

Al Alagaya Refugee Camp	22%
Al Waral Refugee Camp	19%
Khartoum	12%

### Push factors

Primary push factors for leaving Renk reported by departing HHs:

Lack of food	36%
Distance from family	28%
Lack of healthcare services	16%

Reported length of time that departing HHs intend to stay in final destination:

Less than a month	2%
From 1 to 3 months	27%
From 4 to 6 months	57%
More than 6 months	12%
Permanently	2%

Proportion of departing HHs reporting a member with the following vulnerabilities:<sup>5</sup>

Breastfeeding woman	69%
Pregnant woman	7%
Single parent	7%