



Renk Port and Road Monitoring

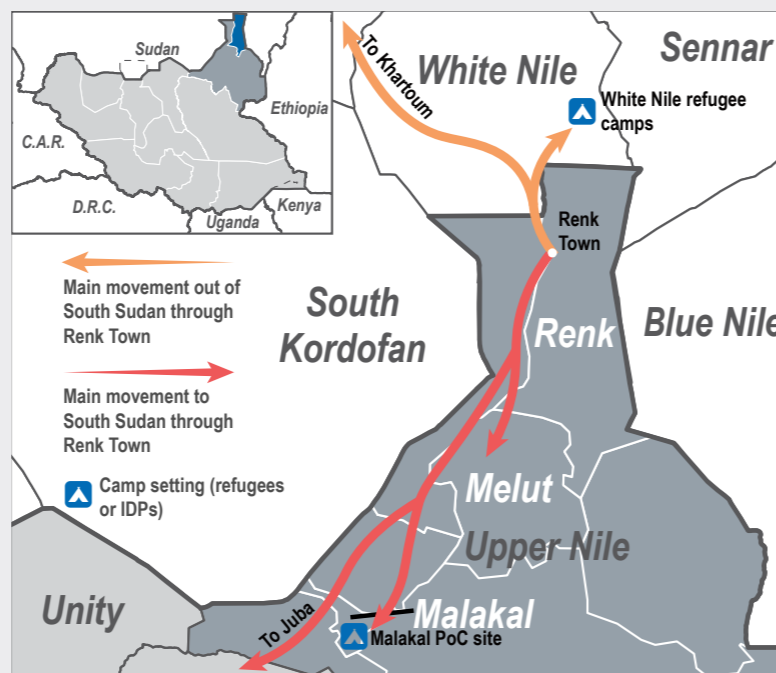
Renk County, Upper Nile State, South Sudan

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 2018,¹ 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 September 2018, during which 50 departing HHs (173 individuals), 25 arriving HHs (108 individuals) and 61 transiting HHs (218 individuals) were recorded at the three sites.



ARRIVALS TO RENK TOWN

18% of the total traffic recorded in Renk Town.²



Demographics

24% of arriving HHs are partial HHs.³



Previous location

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

Al Alagaya Refugee Camp	28%
Khartoum	16%
Al Redis II Refugee Camp	12%

Pull factors

3 primary pull factors to Renk reported by arriving HHs:

Presence of jobs	40%
Presence of shelter	28%
Proximity to family	16%

Intended duration of stay

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

Less than a month	0%
From 1 to 3 months	0%
From 4 to 6 months	4%
More than 6 months	16%
Permanently	80%

Vulnerabilities

Proportion of arriving HHs reporting a member with the following vulnerabilities:⁴

Breastfeeding woman	60%
Pregnant woman	32%
Separated child	4%

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. Respondents could choose more than one answer.

DEPARTURES FROM RENK TOWN

37% of the total traffic recorded in Renk Town.²



54% of departing HHs are partial HHs.³



Intended destination

Primary intended destinations reported by HHs departing Renk:

White Nile Refugee Camps	34%
Khartoum	22%
Juba Town	10%

Push factors

Primary push factors for leaving Renk reported by departing HHs:

Distance from family	34%
Lack of employment	24%
Lack of healthcare services	20%

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

Less than a month	2%
From 1 to 3 months	26%
From 4 to 6 months	22%
More than 6 months	40%
Permanently	10%

Proportion of departing HHs reporting a member with the following vulnerabilities:⁴

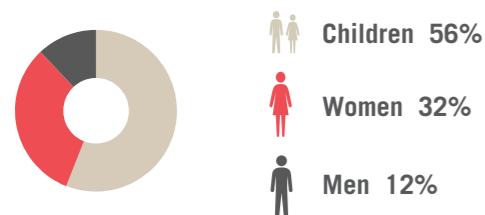
Breastfeeding woman	48%
Pregnant woman	32%
Critically ill person	8%

TRANSITS VIA RENK TOWN

45% of the total traffic recorded in Renk Town.²

Demographics

48% of transiting HHs are partial HHs.³



Previous location

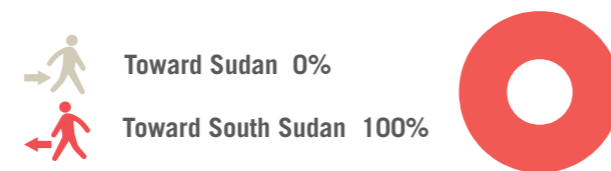
Primary reported locations from which HHs transiting through Renk were coming:

Khartoum	28%
Rabak	18%
Al Alagaya Refugee Camp	7%

Push factors

Primary push factors reported by HHs transiting through Renk:

Distance from family	54%
Lack of employment	15%
Lack of food	9%



Intended duration of stay

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

Less than a month	0%
From 1 to 3 months	6%
From 4 to 6 months	10%
More than 6 months	59%
Permanently	25%

Intended destination

Primary intended destinations reported by HHs transiting through Renk:

Melut County	43%
Juba Town	16%
Malakal PoC site	8%

Pull factors

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

Proximity to family	67%
Presence of jobs	13%
Presence of shelter	10%