



# Renk Road Monitoring

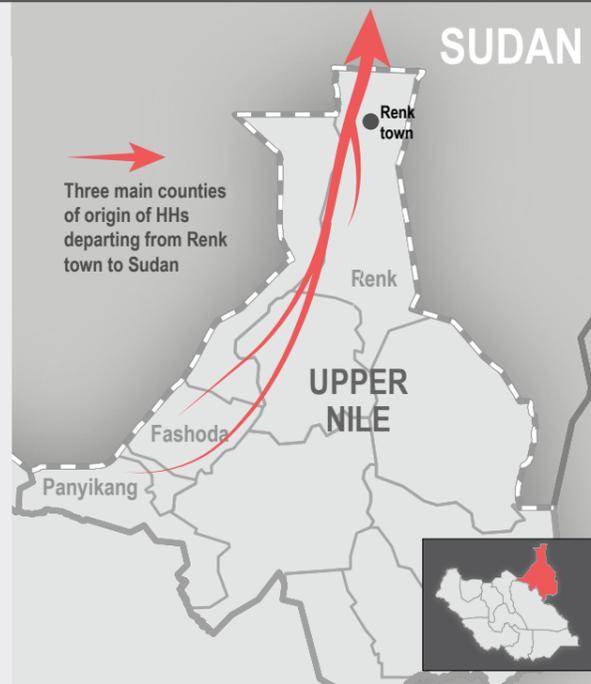
Renk County, Upper Nile State, South Sudan

## 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 become 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.

This factsheet provides results from the REACH road monitoring exercise in Renk town, Renk County. REACH monitors one entry point 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 3 and 17 and 29 and 31 December 2017, during which 55 departing HHs (223 individuals) and 34 arriving HHs (167 individuals) were recorded.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>1</sup> 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

### Demographic<sup>2</sup>

**91%** of the total departing HHs intended to leave Renk town for 6 months or less.



### Departing households

**4** individuals is the average arriving HH size.

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

### Area of origin of departing households

**92%** of the total departing HHs are originally from Upper Nile State.

County of origin of departing HHs:

Fashoda County	28 %
Renk County	27 %
Panyikang County	10 %
Manyo County	7 %
Nasir County	7 %
Malakal County	5 %
Other	16 %

### Push factors

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

Distance from family	51 %
Lack of health services / medicine	20 %
Lack of food	11 %
Lack of work	7 %
Lack of education	4 %
Other	7 %

### Intended destination

Intended country of destination of departing HHs:

**100%** of the total departing HHs intend to go to Sudan.<sup>3</sup>

Primary intended areas of destination in Sudan for departing HHs:

Khartoum	38 %
Settlements in White Nile	16 %
Al Alagaya Refugee Camp	11 %
Joda Crossing Point	9 %
Jouri	5 %

### Intended duration of stay at destination

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

Less than a month	11 %
One month to six months	80 %
Over six months	9 %
Do not intend to return	0 %

## ARRIVALS TO RENK TOWN

### Demographic

**62%** of the total arriving HHs expressed the intention to remain in Renk town permanently.



### Arriving households

**5** individuals is the average arriving HH size.

**3%** of arriving HHs are made up of one individual travelling alone.

Proportion of HHs reporting a member with the following vulnerabilities:<sup>4</sup>

Breastfeeding woman	53 %
Pregnant woman	38 %
No vulnerable people	26 %
Separated child in household	3 %
Malnourished	3 %

### 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:

Less than a week	31 %
Less than a month	54 %
One month to four months	15 %
4 months or more	0 %

### Pull factors

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

Personal security	38 %
To find work	38 %
To find shelter	21 %
To be with family	3 %

### Previous location

Country of most recent long term location for arriving HHs:<sup>5</sup>



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

Khartoum	38 %
Joda crossing	18 %
El Kashafa	12 %
Settlements in White Nile	9 %
Al Redis I refugee camp	6 %
Al Alagaya refugee camp	6 %
Khor Waral refugee camp	3 %
Other	9 %

### Changes in pull factors toward Renk

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

	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017
Personal security	50 %	64 %	38 %
To access work	36 %	14 %	38 %
To access shelter	7 %	19 %	21 %
To be with family	4 %	3 %	3 %

Notes:

- Most arriving HHs coming from South Sudan are internally displaced HHs whereas South Sudanese HHs coming from Sudan are usually returnees.
- These are indicative trends; REACH does not record all arrivals and departures.
- 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 reportedly taking place by boat on the River Nile - however REACH is not currently collecting data at the Renk port.
- Respondents could choose more than one answer.
- Arrivals to Renk town from other parts of South Sudan are also reported by Key Informants (KIs) to be taking place, however such arrivals are reported to take place late in the evening or during the night, therefore after data collection hours.