



6,643 South Sudanese refugee returnees have been reported in November 2022.
An accumulated number of **620,183** refugee returnees have been reported since the signing of the revitalized peace agreement in October 2018 to 30 November 2022



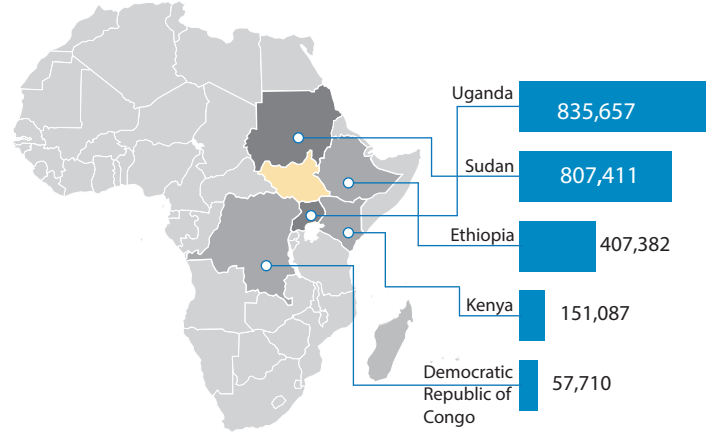
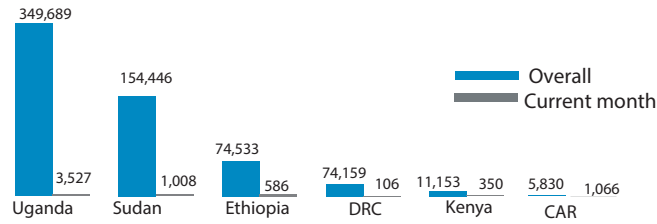
2.3 Million refugees

South Sudanese Refugees in the region as of 30 November 2022

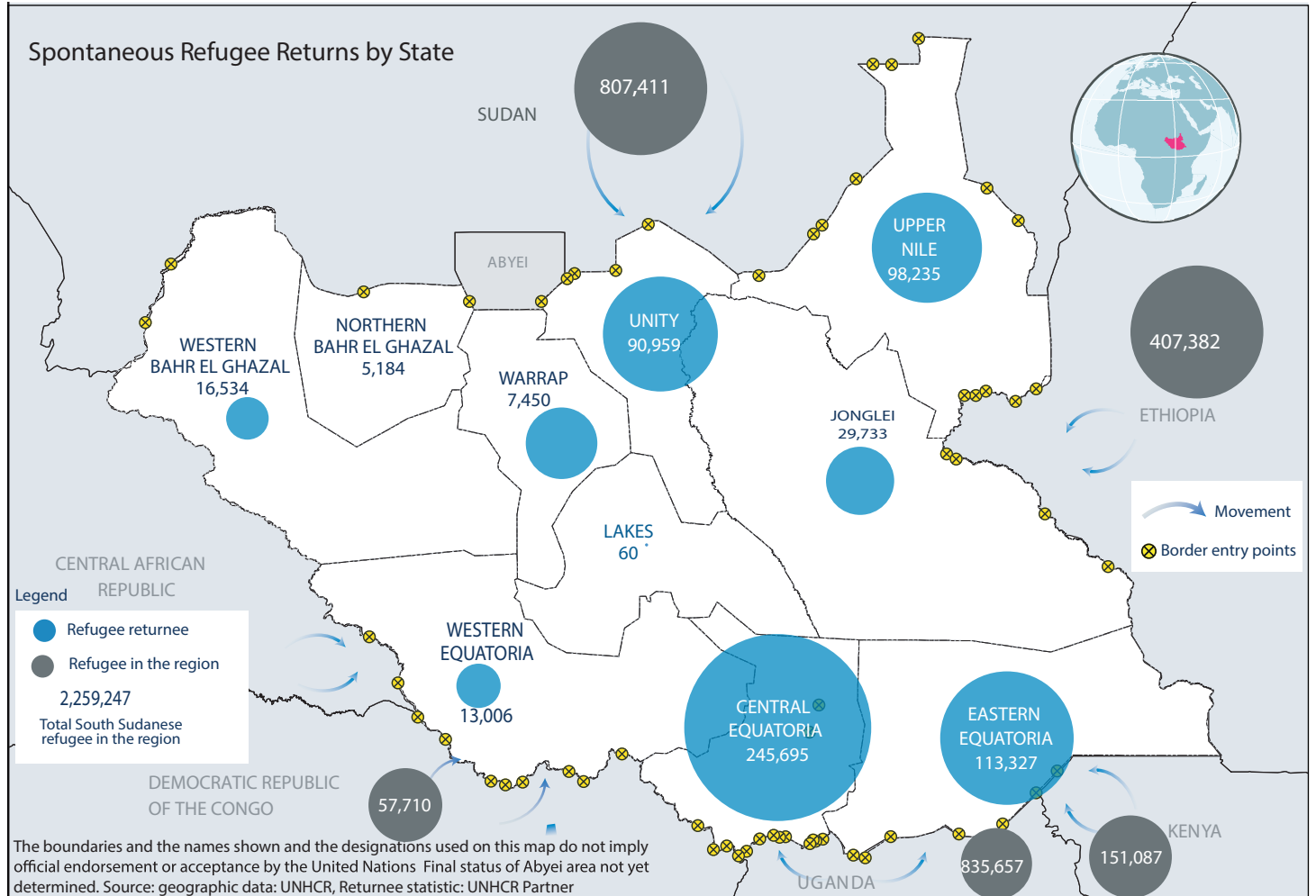
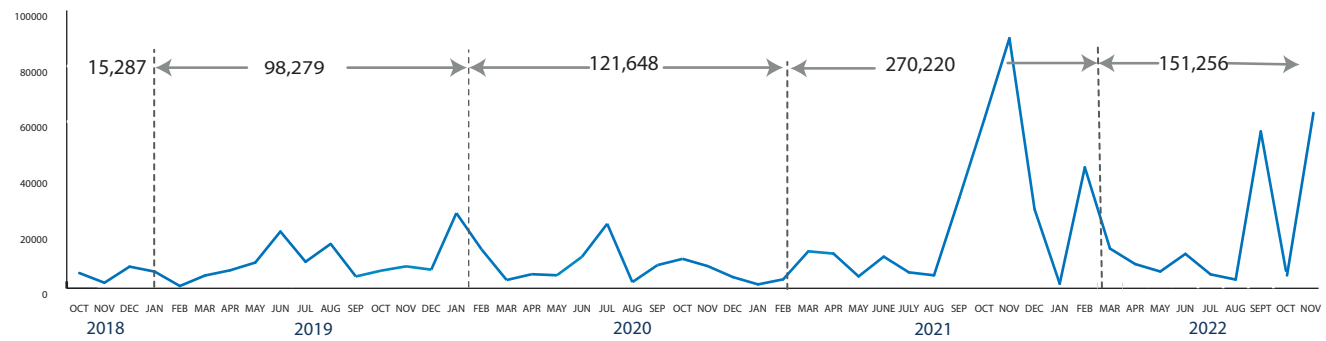
UNHCR and South Sudan's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) are pleased to share this monthly update on spontaneous South Sudanese refugee returnees.

The dashboard highlights cross-border refugee movements between neighboring countries and South Sudan during the month of November 2022

Spontaneous refugee returnees by Country of Asylum



Returns from Oct 2018 - November 2022



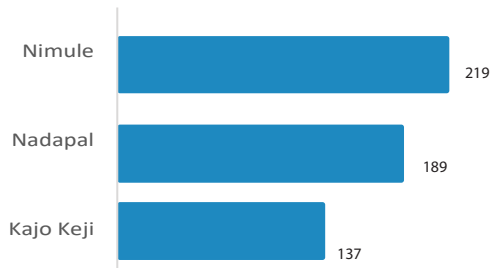
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Key highlights on refugee returns and cross border movements

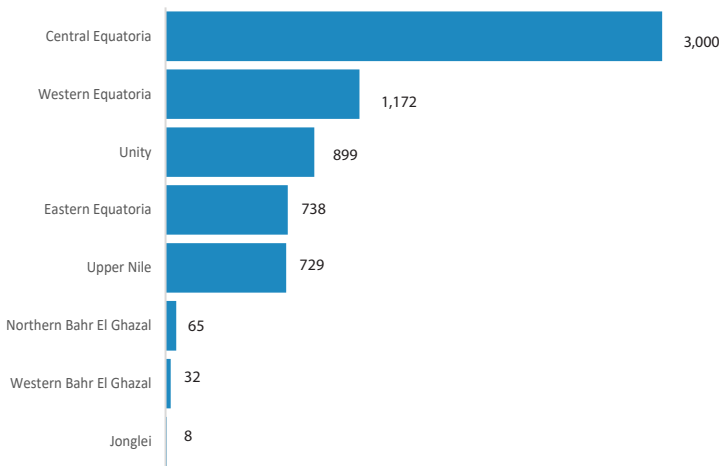
Return of 6,643 South Sudanese refugees have been verified and reported in the month of November 2022. This is a significant increase as compared to the returns in the previous month since January 2022. The significant increase is due to improve in security in some parts of the country enabling safe access to spontaneous refugee returnees to some parts of South Sudan.

This information on returnees was conducted in 22 Focus Group Discussions and 92 key informant interviews conducted during month of November 2022 in areas of return in the following 8 states of Central Equatoria, Western Equatoria, Unity, Jonglei, Northern Bahr El Ghazal, Upper Nile, Eastern Equatoria and Western Bahr El Ghazal. Most of the verified returnees to eight States were mostly from Uganda (53%), CAR (16%), Sudan (15%) and less than 10% from Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya and Ethiopia.

Top 3 border entry point November 2022



Return per States for the month of November 2022



Most of the returns for November 2022 were from Uganda through Nimule and Kajo Keji border crossing points of South Sudan while those from Kenya crossed through Nadapal border points of Eastern Equatoria State.

Contributing partners



Reason for leaving country of asylum

- I- Lack of employment and livelihood opportunities (14%)
- II- lack of access to basic services (11%)
- III- Insecurity in the country of asylum (1%)

Key protection concerns at border points and in areas of return (as reported by returned refugees) are:

- I- Lack of teachers and health professionals in the Education and health sector
- III- Shortage of food en route and in areas of return.
- IV- Lack of support in form of NFIs and shelter material to returnees
- IV- Inter-communal conflicts in communities in various parts of the country posing a challenge on livelihoods and re-integration of returnees.

Reasons for returning to South Sudan:

The most cited reasons for returning to South Sudan from Country of Asylum include:-

- I- Improvement of security situation in South Sudan (12%)
- II- Reuniting with the family members (12%)
- III- Check and attend to property (1%)

Methodology

The Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) in coordination with UNHCR and partners monitor cross-border movements at 42 border entry points and in areas of high return. Information is collected through interviews with returnees at border point and community based/house-hold level assessments regularly in areas of high return. The information is then triangulated with data collected from focus group discussion, key informant interviews, and meetings with local authorities and faith-based leaders, law enforcement agents, and immigration officers in the border entry points and areas of returns.

Top 5 cumulative counties of retrun from October 2018 to 30 November 2022

