

Sudanese return from neighbouring countries

as of 31 Jan 2026

4.4 M
Sudanese refugees in
Neighbouring countries

721 K
Sudanese return
since 2024

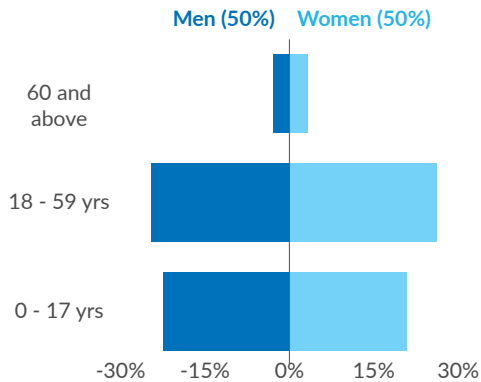
Country	Cross border movement	Primary asylum Country	Returnees	Pendular movements	Onward movements
Egypt*	475K	405K	98.1%	1.3%	0.6%
South Sudan*	209K	209K	84%	7%	9%
Chad*	33K	33K	56%	33%	11%
Libya*	2.5K	72.5K	Unknown		
Ethiopia*	1K	1K	85%	14%	1%

Returnees: Estimated number of people who are not planning to move onwards to another country.

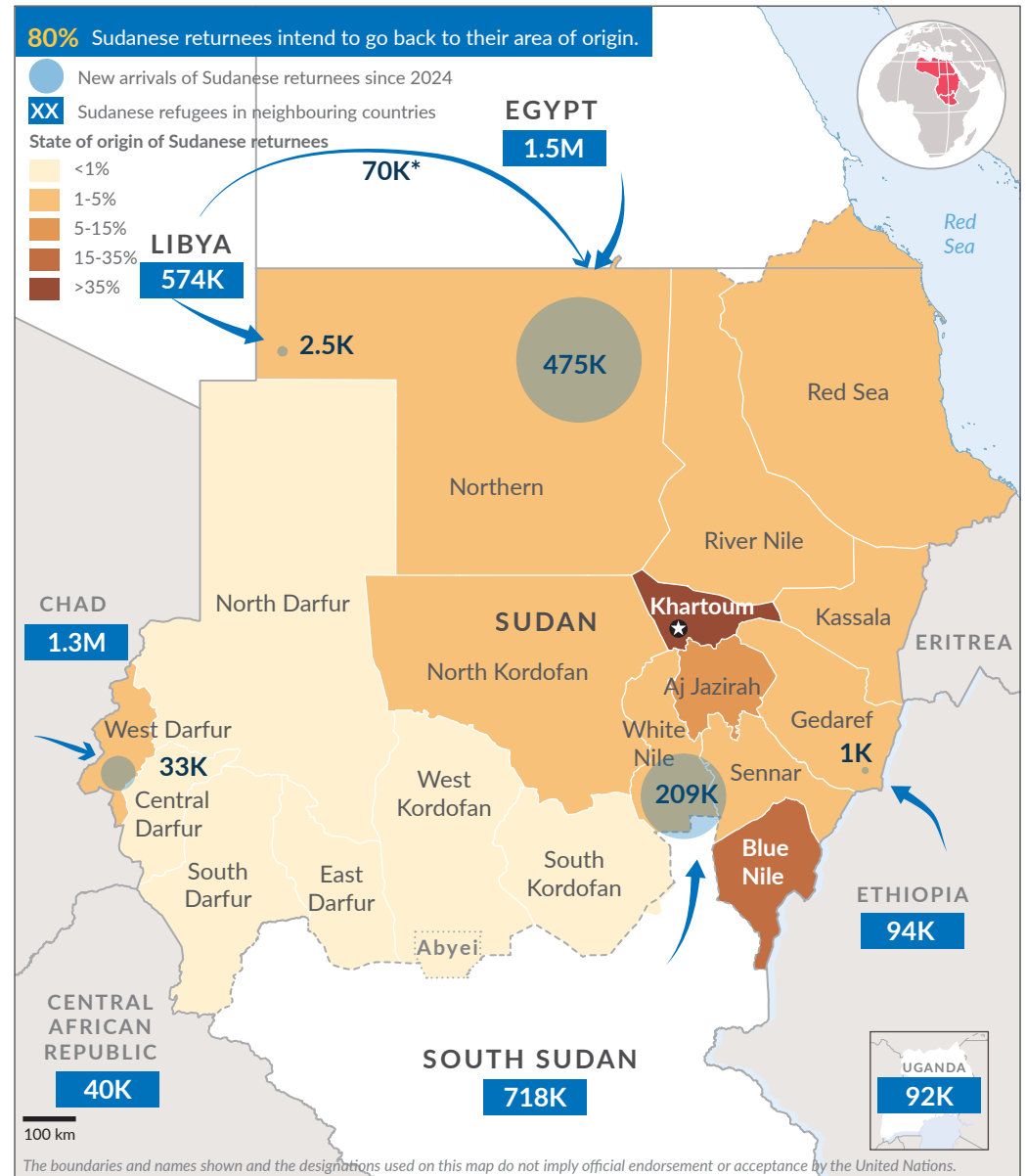
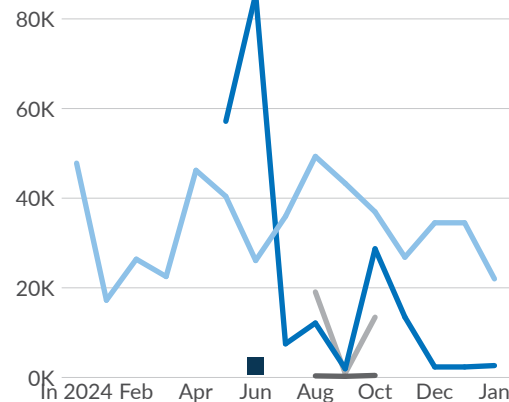
Pendular movements: Estimated number of people who are planning to return to the country they arrived from.

Onward movements: Estimated number of people who are planning to move to another country (other than the one they arrived from).

Age and gender



Return trend



* Data source

- Egypt: Border Authorities, UNHCR Border Monitoring, IOM DTM Return overview and cross-border monitoring reports.
- South Sudan: COR (Commissioner for Refugees), UNHCR Border Monitoring, IOM DTM Return overview and cross-border monitoring reports.
- Chad: IOM DTM Return overview and cross-border monitoring reports.
- Libya: UNHCR, IOM DTM Return overview and cross-border monitoring reports.
- Ethiopia: IOM DTM Return overview and cross-border monitoring reports.

Findings are based on sample border monitoring in Sudan which has been in place since July 2024. This monitoring does not identify registration status, refugee status, or other movement categories and therefore results should be read as indicative of the concerns raised by people returning to Sudan.

55%
had applied for asylum
in departing countries

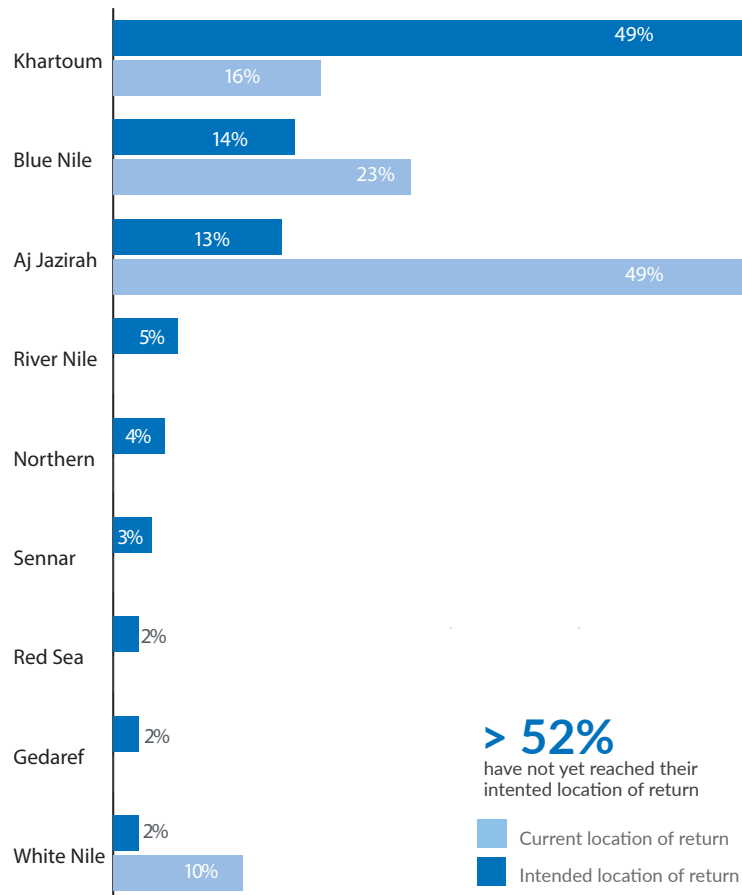
65%
reported protection risks
in departing countries

63%
reported long processing
times at the border

26%
reported family members
were left behind

51%
participated in economic
activities prior to
displacement

Intended state of return vs current location



> 52%
have not yet reached their
intended location of return

■ Current location of return
■ Intended location of return

Assistance and protection priorities by intended state of return

	Khartoum	Blue Nile	Aj Jazirah	River Nile	Northern	Sennar	Red Sea	Gedaref	White Nile	Other State
n= 3199										
Priority assistance needs	1577	459	401	150	139	92	75	64	57	185
Financial	94%	58%	93%	92%	88%	95%	74%	87%	91%	95%
Food	70%	86%	75%	65%	73%	65%	74%	80%	70%	74%
Health	67%	66%	63%	68%	65%	68%	53%	63%	48%	68%
Water	61%	60%	59%	56%	54%	60%	58%	53%	57%	74%
Sanitation	47%	47%	41%	44%	33%	45%	37%	50%	52%	53%
NFI	36%	47%	32%	21%	25%	35%	26%	33%	30%	32%
Shelter	25%	59%	30%	27%	25%	20%	11%	20%	17%	37%
MHPSS	33%	16%	30%	39%	25%	43%	32%	33%	35%	45%
Connectivity	29%	5%	27%	20%	17%	30%	21%	27%	17%	17%
Protection priorities										
Girls and women	41%	34%	33%	33%	25%	46%	26%	30%	22%	43%
Children	22%	35%	23%	26%	13%	23%	11%	20%	26%	22%
Elderly	18%	17%	20%	26%	17%	21%	11%	27%	17%	20%
Family reunification	17%	16%	19%	6%	8%	10%	11%	10%	22%	33%
Documentation	9%	42%	11%	6%	8%	18%	0%	7%	4%	11%
Legal assistance	13%	17%	10%	17%	21%	15%	16%	27%	17%	20%
Persons with disabilities	11%	18%	13%	17%	13%	18%	5%	17%	9%	16%
Access to asylum	8%	11%	7%	11%	6%	10%	11%	7%	17%	7%
Information	5%	12%	7%	2%	4%	10%	0%	7%	0%	6%