

Sudanese return from neighbouring countries

as of 31 Jul 2026

4.5 M

Sudanese refugees in neighbouring countries

1.19 M

Sudanese return from abroad since 2024

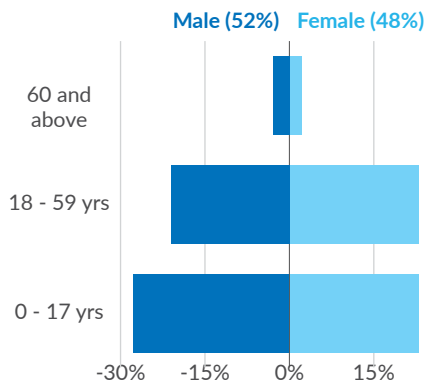
Country	Cross border movement	Primary asylum Country	Returnees	Pendular movements	Onward movements
Egypt*	797K	714K	96%	3.6%	0.7%
South Sudan*	222K	222K	84%	7%	9%
Chad*	82K	82K	63%	20%	17%
GCC*	68K	68K	Unknown		
Uganda*	11.7K	11.7K	Unknown		
Libya*	3.7K	86.7K	Unknown		
Ethiopia*	1.3K	1.3K	56%	30%	14%

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

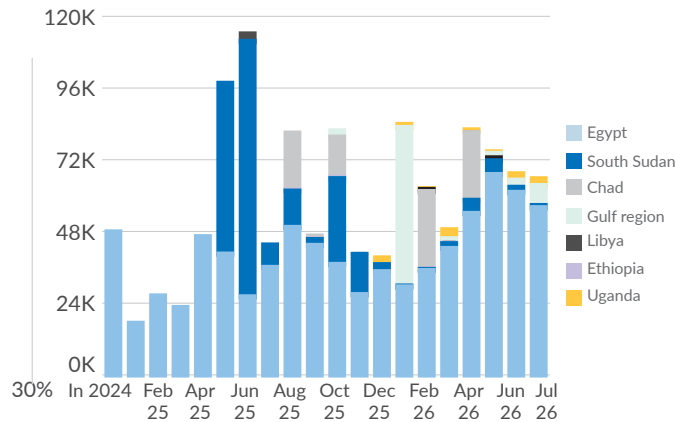
Pendular movements: Estimated number of people who are planning to return to the country they arrived from.

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

Age and gender

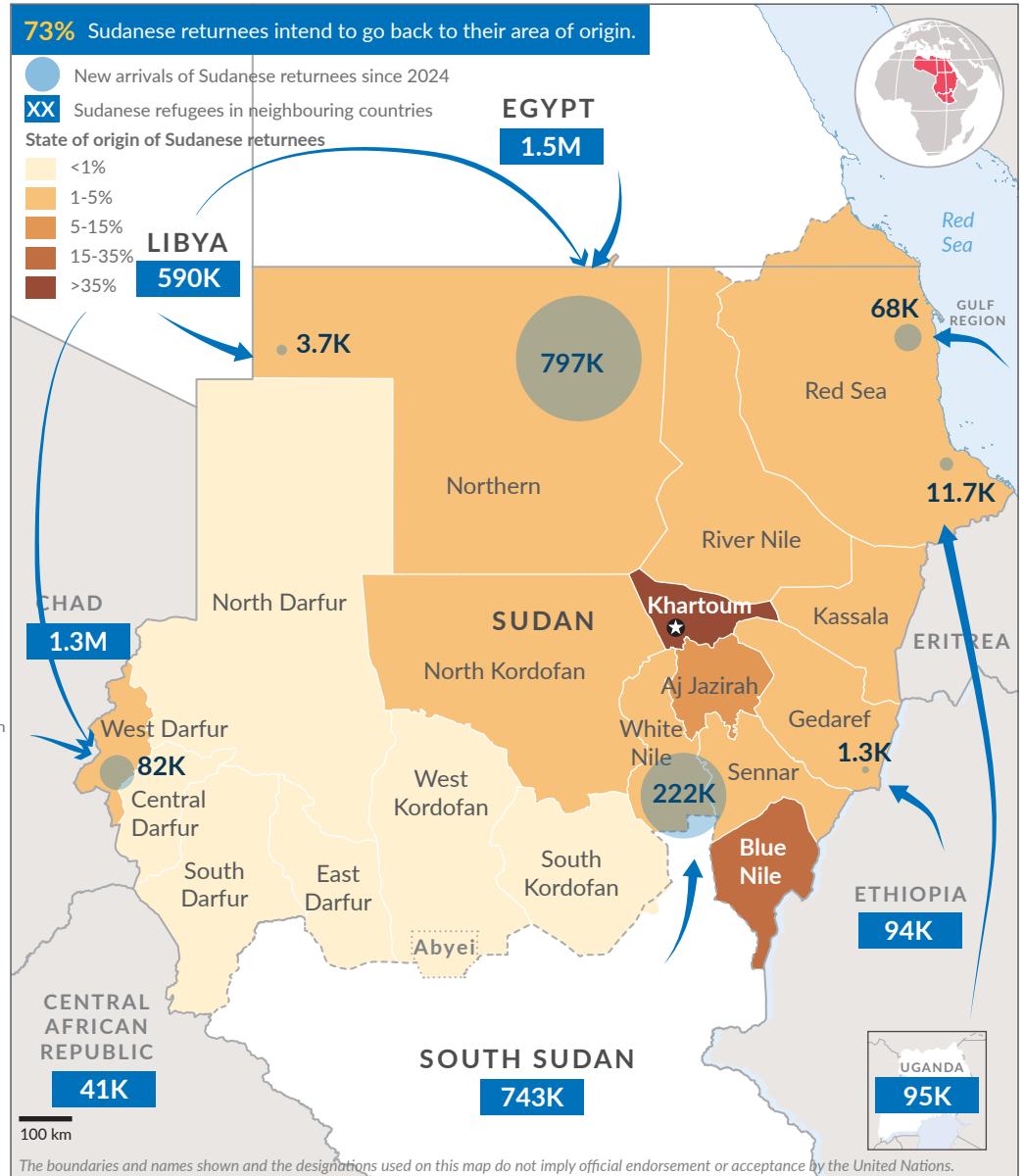


Return trend



* 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.
- **Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC):** 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.
- **Uganda:** UNHCR Red Sea Return movement tracking, IOM DTM Return overview.



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.

50%
had applied for asylum
in departing countries

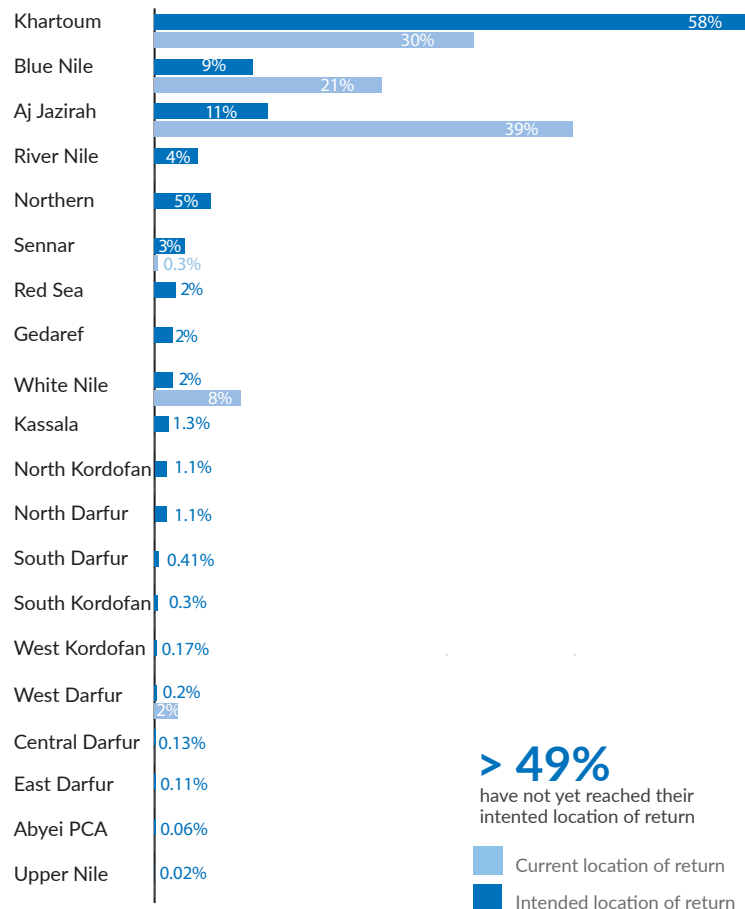
42%
reported protection risks
in departing countries

46%
reported long processing
times at the border

17%
reported family members
were left behind

37%
participated in economic
activities prior to
displacement

Intended state of return vs current location



> 49%
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

n= 5,356

	Khartoum	Aj Jazirah	Blue Nile	Northern	River Nile	Sennar	Red Sea	Gedaref	White Nile	Other State
Priority assistance needs	3,113	564	488	277	213	150	105	89	89	268
Financial	95%	93%	62%	87%	92%	96%	90%	89%	95%	95%
Food	64%	71%	85%	73%	72%	70%	76%	80%	75%	68%
Health	44%	52%	66%	38%	53%	56%	41%	49%	49%	52%
Water	34%	46%	60%	29%	40%	52%	35%	49%	42%	53%
Sanitation	20%	32%	43%	17%	30%	30%	20%	33%	35%	37%
NFI	25%	32%	47%	14%	24%	38%	22%	29%	27%	31%
Shelter	31%	38%	60%	24%	33%	47%	22%	24%	29%	41%
MHPSS	21%	28%	17%	17%	29%	37%	22%	25%	31%	36%
Connectivity	13%	22%	9%	11%	17%	22%	16%	22%	20%	16%
Protection priorities										
Girls and women	18%	26%	34%	12%	21%	30%	18%	22%	20%	27%
Children	12%	18%	37%	9%	19%	17%	12%	16%	22%	16%
Elderly	9%	14%	18%	9%	17%	13%	4%	16%	11%	13%
Family reunification	13%	18%	16%	8%	6%	12%	8%	11%	15%	27%
Documentation	6%	12%	40%	8%	8%	15%	8%	13%	15%	10%
Legal assistance	7%	13%	16%	12%	14%	13%	14%	22%	18%	15%
Persons with disabilities	5%	9%	16%	5%	12%	10%	2%	9%	4%	10%
Access to asylum	10%	11%	11%	6%	5%	19%	10%	7%	13%	14%
Information	3%	8%	11%	4%	2%	10%	6%	9%	9%	6%