



Within the context of the conflict in South Sudan, the IOM Mission in Sudan has been undergoing population tracking activities within South Kordofan and East Darfur. This report provides the current findings of the tracking process up to 19 January 2014.



Family arrived in South Kordofan



Family in East Darfur

### OVERALL FIGURES

A total of 3,999 people have arrived from South Sudan

- 1,586 South Sudanese
- 2,413 Nomads

### Introduction

Due to the on-going fighting in South Sudan, there continue to be population movements into Sudan. Over the course of last week, more people arrived to South Kordofan and East Darfur and there were reported movements into White Nile state too. We expect these population movements to continue as fighting is on-going.

IOM has been monitoring the population movements from South Sudan to South Kordofan thanks to the contributions of Canada, ECHO and OFDA. In addition, IOM, in full coordination with HAC, has sent another tracking team to the border area in East Darfur to monitor the situation.

### Tracking and registration

#### South Kordofan

In addition to the 3,806 who arrived in the period of 25 December 2013 to 12 January 2014, IOM teams tracked and registered other arrivals in the last week from South Sudan to South Kordofan state. An additional 179 South Sudanese reportedly arrived at Abo Jbiha, joining the 967 who had come on 10 January. The verification of these 179 people is on-going.

Very few new arrivals (5) came to Alleri West in the last week. Out of the 163 who returned to South Sudan to bring their families; thus far none have come back to Sudan. Currently, there are only 149 individuals on the ground in Alleri West. According to IOM tracking teams, some individuals left the area heading to Khartoum, stating that they have relatives in Khartoum.

According to HAC, approximately 5,000 people are on their way to South Kordofan. HAC requested IOM to support in transporting some people from an area called Jadyat, close to the border to Grayd area. IOM will verify and secure funding for this possible operation.

The registration exercise is still on-going in Abo Jbiha given the new arrivals, but in summary, a total of **3,869 persons arrived in South Kordofan**. **1,456** South Sudanese were registered and **2,413** nomads, no nomads arrivals reported in the last week. This information is in the final stages of data quality check so minor changes may ensue.

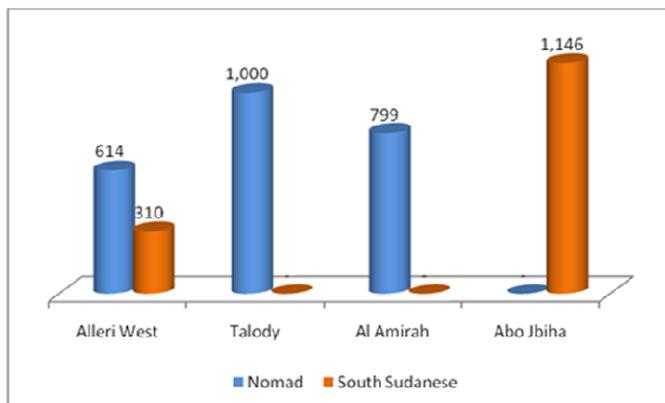


Figure 1: Current location of new arrivals in South Kordofan

### East Darfur

In East Darfur, IOM tracking team reported that 14 individuals (3 families) crossed the border to East Darfur and arrived to Khor Omer IDP camp. Those people fled from Northern Bahr el Ghazal in South Sudan to East Darfur state. The journey took them around six days to reach their final destination. According to them, there are 10 to 15 families on their way to Khor Omer, they originally started the journey together but split along the way.

They utilized the following routes to arrive to East Darfur:

Route 1: Gong Mashar – Angok – Labang – Gahwah – Griwe – Abumatarig – Khor Omer IDP camp

Route 2: Aweil – Gong Mashar – Samaha – Abumatarig – Khor Omer IDP camp

The main reason behind the displacement were the tough living conditions in South Sudan; they stated the difficulty in finding employment due to the on-going conflict in South Sudan. One head of household reported that he is looking for better health treatment for his wife. Some of them stated that they will assess the situation in order to update their relatives who are still in South Sudan.

When asked, the group stated they do not have any intentions to return to South Sudan. They stated that one traveler was killed during the journey – no additional information was provided.

IOM is planning to expand the tracking system in East Darfur to cover more areas, especially the above mentioned routes.

### Other states

Reportedly, more people have arrived to different states; where there was a report of thousands of people who crossed the border to Joda and Megienisin in White Nile state as well as new arrivals in West Kordofan and Blue Nile. IOM has not verified these to confirm numbers.

### Needs and gaps

According to IOM tracking teams in South Kordofan, food assistance was provided to the South Sudanese in Alleri West by WFP, WHO established a health clinic and UNICEF distributed plastic sheets and hygiene tools. NFI assistance already arrived to the site and it supposed to be distributed in the next couple of days. There are still gaps in sanitation that need to be filled.

Regarding the available basic services in Abo Jbiha, there is a seasonal water source in the area, however, NFI, sanitation and hygiene are needed. WFP already distributed food.

Rapid need assessments are needed to determine exact needs. Regarding the people in Jadyat area, HAC intends to transport them to Grayd area, since Jadyat is not prepared to receive large numbers of people. HAC requested IOM to provide transportation for the people from Jadyat to Grayd.

### Number of Arrivals per state:

East Darfur: 14  
West Kordofan: 116 (not registered)  
South Kordofan: 3869

### Conclusion and action needed

IOM will continue to track movements. Given the on-going fighting in South Sudan, more people are expected to cross the borders, some of them are already at the borders areas in South Sudan. The armed conflict inevitably is affecting the economy of South Sudan, thus creating another push factor for South Sudanese to cross into Sudan; this was noted particularly in East Darfur state, where some families joined relatives or friends already living in different camps and gathering areas in East Darfur state.



Family in South Kordofan

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