

COVID-19 Preparedness: Mobility Update Week 3 (6 - 12 April 2020)

Background and Methodology

DTM relies on its network of key informants and on secondary sources to provide a weekly assessment of mobility and COVID-19 preparedness at priority locations in South Sudan. The updates are released in the beginning of each week based on information collected Monday–Sunday of the previous week.

If you wish to share any updates or flag any errors, please contact DTM at southsudanDTM@iom.int.

Overview

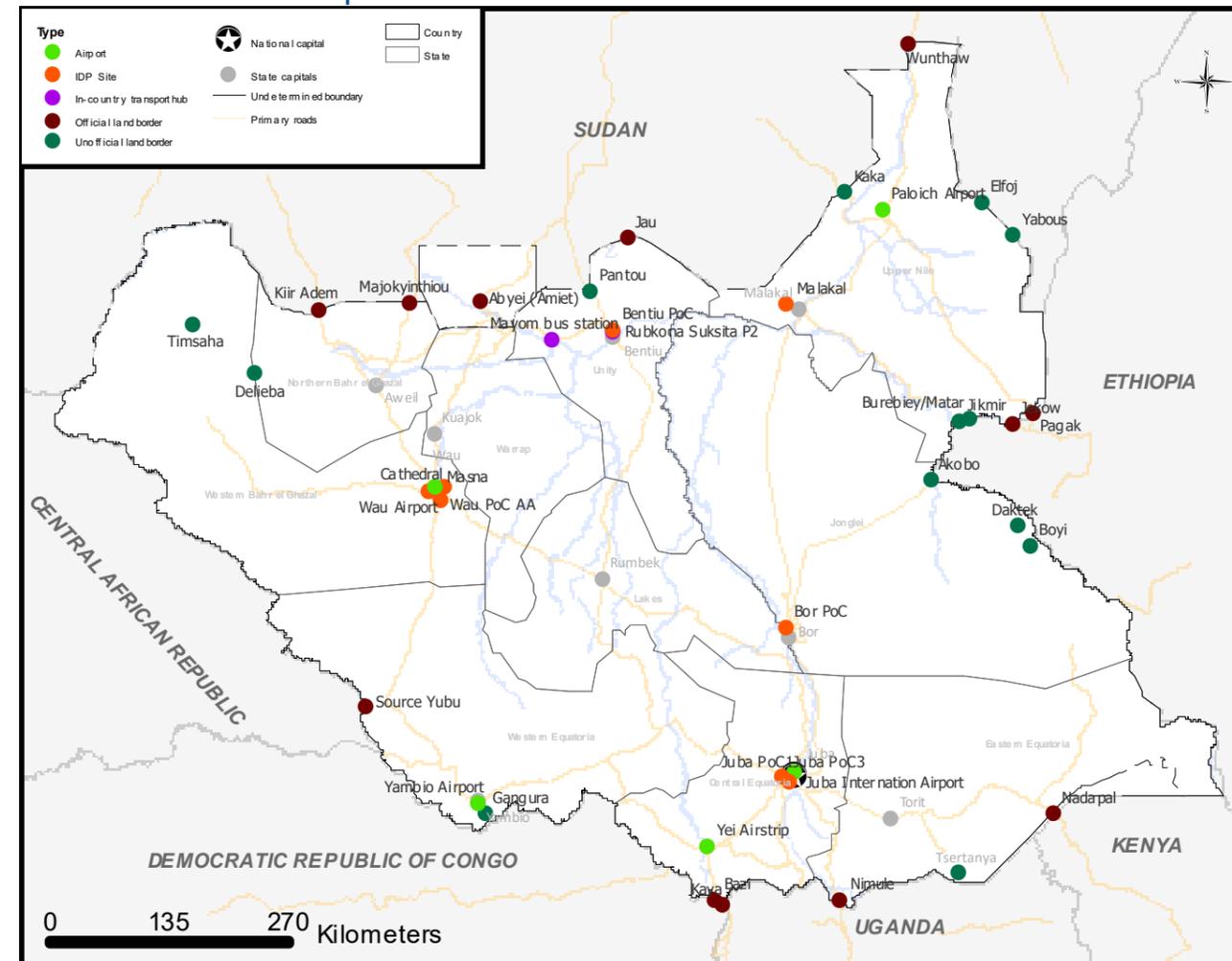
On 10 April 2020, the Government of South Sudan reported a [new COVID-19 case](#), raising its total number of cases to four. The South Sudan People's Defence Forces (SSPDF) temporarily blocked the gates of Bentiu, Malakal and Juba PoC sites limiting movement of IDPs as well as UNMISS and humanitarian service providers. The Diocesan Major Response Team on COVID-19 decided to close several IDP collective centres in Wau on 6 April 2020. As of 12 April 2020, Nazareth, Cathedral, St. Joseph and Lokoloko located within the Diocesan compounds (3,743 ind. in March 2020 according to DTM population count) are near deserted.

This reporting week has seen a further case of detention following the breaking of movement restrictions.

Key insights on countries bordering South Sudan

- SUDAN:** Travel through the two major points in Abyei and Renk came to a standstill, including smaller alternative roads that were in use around Abyei Amiet until the beginning of April 2020. Movements through Priang and Northern Bahr el Ghazal continue uninterrupted.
- ETHIOPIA:** Most cross-border movement to and from Ethiopia have come to a halt at known entry points including unofficial crossing points gazetted by Ethiopian forces. Only small-scale incoming flows are observed in Akobo and Boyi / Dima.
- UGANDA:** Authorities held a woman for illegally crossing the border on 9 April who is to be quarantined. A Medair assessment in Nimule (26 March – 14 April 2020) found that uncontrolled border crossings via unofficial nearby routes are ongoing despite the official border closure. Population movements are often circular and difficult to stop through the long and porous southern border. While cross-border communities still travel through smaller routes, these movements are often short-term and localized.
- DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO:** Movement through Gangura, a key route between DRC and Yambio in SSD, has stopped. Localized movement by cross-border communities continues along the border on small routes. Movement restrictions have affected local markets of which some have closed.
- CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC:** The main border points, both official (Source Yubu) and unofficial (Dingimo), have been closed by authorities, with only limited travel continuing along smaller informal routes.
- KENYA:** Whilst movement through Nadapal was still witnessed during the previous reporting period, migration has been halted as of 5 April 2020 except for incoming cargo.

Selected IDP sites and transportation hubs as included in table 1 & 2



Please note that coordinates are available upon request.

Table 1. Mobility and preparedness assessment at selected IDP sites within South Sudan

#	County	Location	Type	Population ¹	Movement Restrictions within and in/out of the site	Average daily flow	Approx. % overnight travel ²	Approx. % of out of county travel ²	Congregation restrictions	Compliance with restrictions	Fever Screening	Hand-washing stations	Risk communication	Comment
1	Rubkona	Bentiu PoC	PoC	118,385	None	Unkn.	45%	71%	Yes	Unkn.	No	Yes	Yes	SSPDF forces blocked the PoC site's entrance and exit used by UNMISS and service-providers on Monday 6 April 2020. Movements resumed on Tuesday 7 April 2020.
2	Malakal	Malakal PoC	PoC	27,924	Yes	Unkn.	30%	63%	Yes	Yes.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Security forces have restricted access to the PoC site gates as well as the gate used by UNMISS and humanitarian service providers as of Monday 6 April 2020.
3	Wau	Wau PoC AA	PoC AA	12,483	None	Unkn.	3%	6%	Unkn.	Unkn.	No	No	Yes	Wau PoC AA has not witnessed the same movement restrictions as other PoC sites.
4	Wau	Cathedral	Collective centre	2	None	Unkn.	17%	59%	Unkn.	Unkn.	No	Yes	No	The Diocesan Major Response Team on COVID-19 decides to close several Wau collective centres. As of 12 April 2020, Nazareth, Cathedral, St. Joseph and Lokoloko (3,743 ind. in March 2020 according to DTM population count) are empty apart from a few stranded households.
5	Wau	Masna	Collective centre	3,477	None	Unkn.	6%	32%	No.	NA.	No	No	No	Masna remains populated without movement / congregation restrictions or handwashing. New arrivals from Jur River.
6	Bor South	Bor PoC	PoC	1,921	Yes	Unkn.	Unkn.	Unkn.	Unkn.	Unkn.	No	Yes	Yes	
7	Juba	Juba PoC1	PoC	6,880	None	Unkn.	Unkn.	Unkn.	Unkn.	Unkn.	No	Yes	Yes	Access to the PoC site was blocked between 6 and 8 April 2020. Normal operations resumed on 9 April 2020.
8	Juba	Juba PoC3	PoC	22,779	None	Unkn.	Unkn.	Unkn.	Unkn.	Unkn.	No	Yes	Yes	Access to the PoC site was blocked between 6 and 8 April 2020. Normal operations resumed on 9 April 2020.

1. Latest population counts or biometric registration data when population counts aren't available. 2. Based on DTM Displacement Site Flow Monitoring Nov-Dec 2019.

Table 2. Mobility and preparedness assessment at selected urban transport hubs and points of entry in South Sudan (not exhaustive)

#	County	Location	Type	Border to	Mvmnt of cargo as of 12 April	Mvmnt of pvrns as of 12 April	Into SSD / out of SSD 2019 daily average ³	Into SSD / out of SSD reporting period daily average ³	Fever screening	Hand-washing stations	Risk communication	Isolation / quarantine area	Increased security forces	Comment
1	Abyei	Abyei (Amiet)	Official land border	SDN	Incoming only	No movement	20/32	3/1.5	No	No	Unknown	No	Yes	Travel has come to a halt, including via nearby smaller routes.
2	Akobo	Akobo	Unofficial land border	ETH	Incoming only (small scale)	No disruption	Unknown	Unknown	No	Unknown	No	No	No	REACH conducts road monitoring in Akobo Town . Persons and cargo are still crossing the border. Cargo is transported by river here, not trucks.
3	Aweil East	Majokyinthiou	Official land border	SDN	Incoming only	No disruption	6/24		No	No	No	No	No	
4	Aweil North	Kiir Adem	Official land border	SDN	Incoming only	No disruption	13/26	32/4	No	No	No	No	No	
5	Ikotos	Tsertanya	Unofficial land border	UGA	Incoming only	No disruption	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	No	Also known as Sertinya.
6	Juba	Juba Intl. Airport	Intl. Airport	Inland	Incoming only	Closed with exceptions	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unknown	Suspected cases are transported with the RRT to the John Garang Isolation Unit.
7	Kapoeta East	Nadapal	Official land border	KEN	Incoming only	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	Yes	No	Unknown	REACH conducting road monitoring in Kapoeta Town .
8	Luakpiniy / Nasir	Burebiey/Matar	Unofficial land border	ETH	Incoming only	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	Yes	One of the main border crossing points used from Gambella. Movement stopped by Ethiopian forces.
9	Luakpiniy / Nasir	Jikmir	Unofficial land border	ETH	Incoming only	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	Unknown	
10	Maban	Yabous	Unofficial land border	SDN	Incoming only	No disruption	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	No	Small border crossing used as usual.
11	Maban	Elfoj	Unofficial land border	SDN	Incoming only	No disruption	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	No	Small border crossing used as usual..
12	Magwi	Nimule	Official land border	UGA	Incoming only	De facto via alternative routes	124/156	86/65	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Authorities held a women for illegally crossing the border on 6 April 2020. The woman will undv
13	Maiwut	Pagak	Official land border	ETH	Incoming only (small scale)	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	No	
14	Maiwut	Jekow	Official land border	ETH	Incoming only	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	Unknown	
15	Manyo	Kaka	Unofficial land border	SDN	Incoming only (small scale)	No disruption	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	No	Small border crossing used as usual.
16	Mayom	Mayom bus station	In-country transport hub	Inland	Incoming only	No disruption	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	Unknown	Arrivals from Sudan and internal movement
17	Melut	Paloich Airport	National airport	Inland	Incoming only	Closed with exceptions	Unknown	Unknown	No	Yes	Yes	No	Unknown	
18	Morobo	Kaya	Official land border	UGA	Incoming only	No movement	249/198	Unknown	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Holding unit available but no isolation unit.
19	Morobo	Bazi	Official land border	DRC	No disruption	No disruption	117/13	57/14	No	Yes	No	No	Unknown	Localized circular movement continues.
20	Pariang	Pantou	Official land border	SDN	Incoming only	Closed with exceptions	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	Unknown	Panakuac road through Karsana and Heglig (all names with frequently used alternative spellings).
21	Pariang	Jau	Official land border	SDN	Incoming only	No disruption	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	Unknown	
22	Pochalla	Boyi / Dima	Unofficial land border	ETH	Incoming only (small scale)	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	No	Small amounts of cargo incoming (small road).
23	Pochalla	Daktek	Unofficial land border	ETH	Incoming only (small scale)	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	No	
24	Raja	Delieba	Unofficial land border	SDN	Incoming only	No disruption	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Travellers from SDN are sent back if they are deemed sick by authorities in Delieba.
25	Raja	Timsah	Unofficial land border	SDN	Incoming only	No disruption	Unknown	Unknown	No	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Also known as "Ere".
26	Renk	Wunthaw	Official land border	SDN	No movement	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
27	Rubkona	Rubkona Suksita	In-country transport hub	Inland	Incoming only	No disruption	9/28	1.5/0	No	No	No	No	No	Arrivals from Sudan and internal movement
28	Tambura	Source Yubu	Official land border	CAR	No movement	De facto via alternative routes	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	No	Price increases at Tambura market.
29	Wau	Wau Airport	Intl. Airport	Inland	Unknown	Closed with exceptions	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
30	Yambio	Gangura	Unofficial land border	DRC	Outgoing only	De facto via alternative routes	11/37	Unknown	No	No	No	Yes*	Yes	Border closed except for incoming cargo. *Isolation unit available in near-by Yambio Town.
31	Yambio	Yambio Airport	Intl. Airport	Inland	No movement	Closed with exceptions	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unknown	Isolation unit available in Yambio Town.
32	Yei	Yei Airstrip	Intl. Airport	Inland	No movement	Closed with exceptions	8/7	0/0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unknown	International flights restricted but internal continue.

Prioritized by the Point of Entry (POE) Technical Working Group (TWG)

3. Averages for days with migration or when and where DTM flow monitoring data was collected.

High Level Task Force

The Government of South Sudan establishes the High Level Task Force on COVID-19 led by The First Vice President Dr. Riak Machar.

Closure of edu. facilities

South Sudan Vice President for Service Cluster Hussein Abdelbagi Akol has decided to close all the schools, teachers training institutes and the universities across the country.

Uganda suspends refugee policy

Uganda's open-door policy for refugees and asylum seekers is suspended for 30 days. Refugees who are already in the country will continue to receive support.



Quarantine Escape

Over 500 South Sudan nationals described as returnees escape quarantine in Renk, set up at a secondary school after arriving from Sudan.

1st COVID-19 Case in SSD

The South Sudan Government confirmed its first case of COVID-19.



2nd COVID-19 Case in SSD

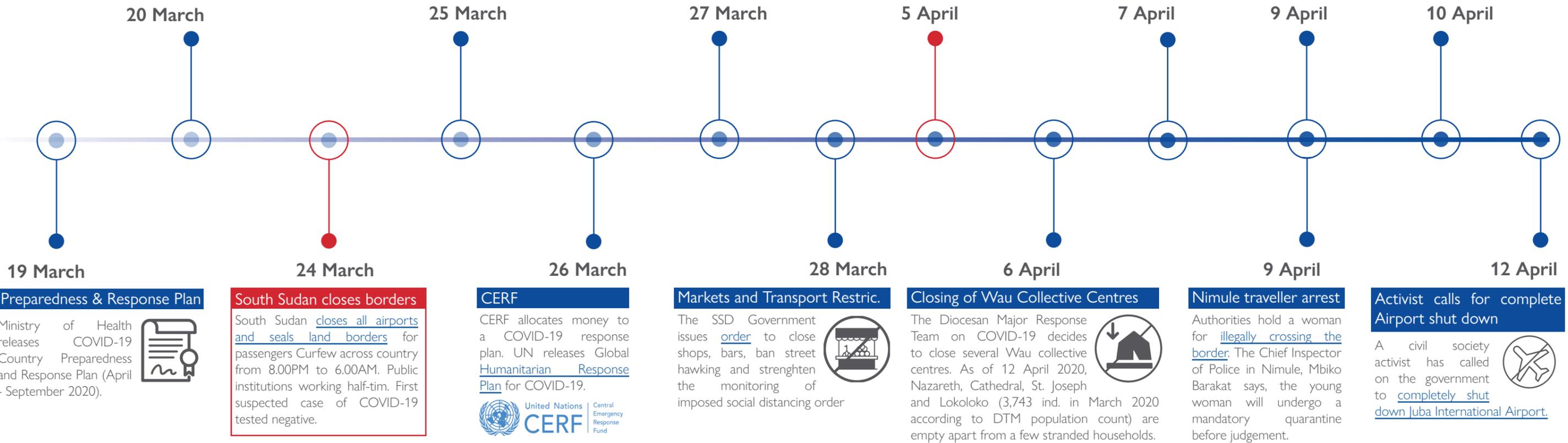
The South Sudan Government confirmed its second case of COVID-19.



3rd COVID-19 Case



4th COVID-19 Case



COVID-19 Cases and Deaths



Worldwide:

- 1,696,588 confirmed cases
- 105,952 deaths



Number of cases/deaths in neighboring countries:

- Sudan: 19/2
- Central African Republic: 11/0
- Democratic Republic of the Congo: 223/20
- Uganda: 53/0
- Ethiopia: 69/3
- Kenya: 191/7



South Sudan

- 4 confirmed case
- 0 deaths

Source: WHO, update as of 12 April 2020

