

Background and Methodology

DTM relies on its network of key informants and on secondary sources to provide a bi-weekly assessment of mobility and COVID-19 preparedness at priority locations in South Sudan. Table 2 on page 2 represents only points recommended by the Points of Entry Technical Working Group (PoE TWG). A more exhaustive list of entry points and displacement sites can be found [here](#).

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Overview

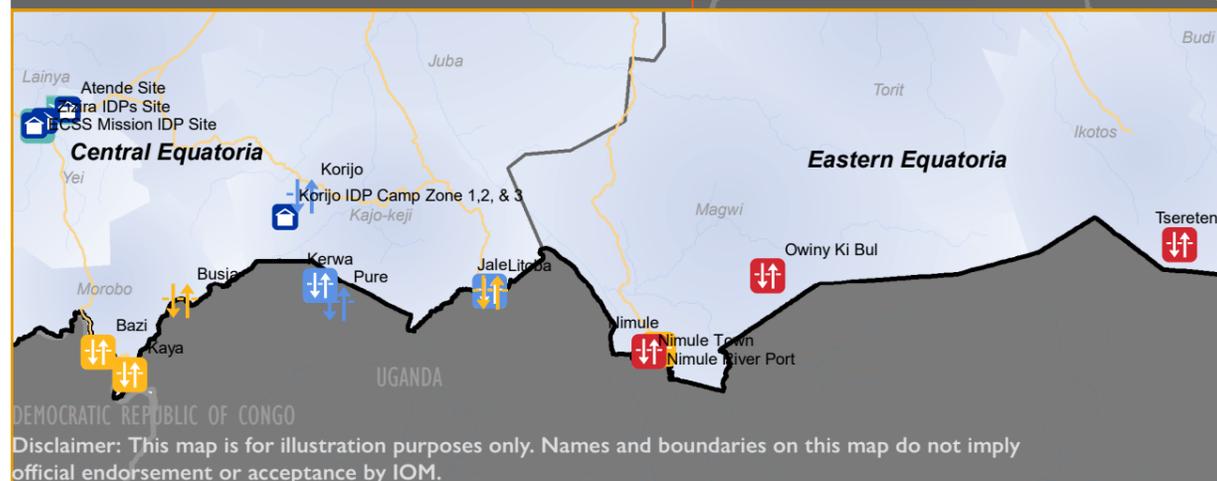
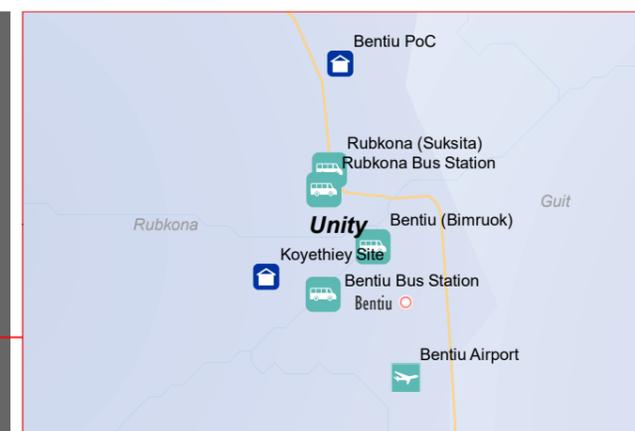
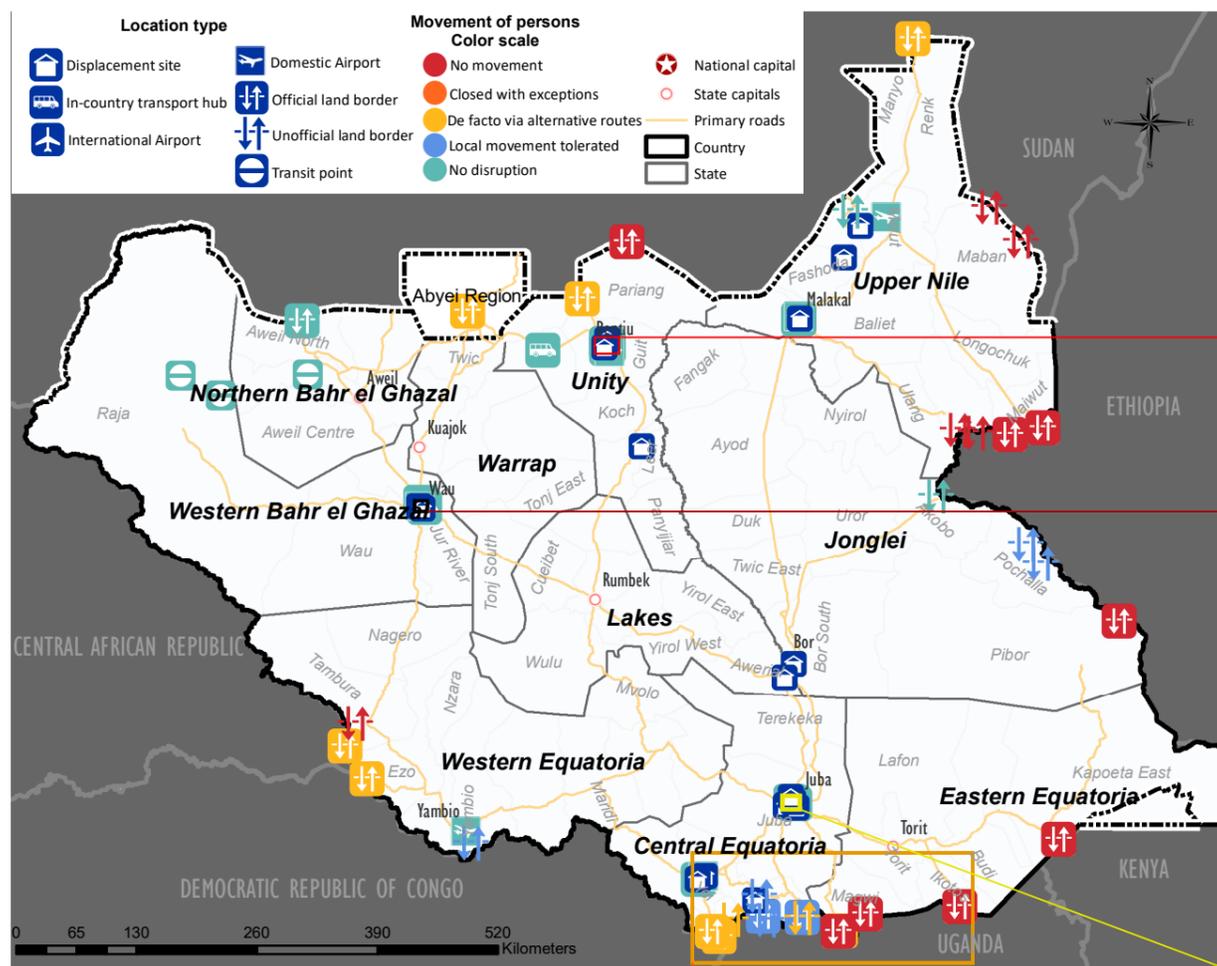
As of 26 July 2020, the Public Health Laboratory and the UN Clinic have tested 13,423 samples. The national cumulative figure of COVID-19 cases stands at **2,305 confirmed cases, 1,190 recoveries, and 46 deaths**.

The country's northern borders remain largely passable in the west while north-eastern routes remain closed. However, travellers are reported to use alternative crossing points. Official crossing points along the Ugandan border remain closed but its porous nature renders the management of migration flows challenging. Local authorities have been allowing minibuses of South Sudanese students to pass back into South Sudan through the official Nimule border as an exception.

Stigma has become a major hurdle in the fight against COVID-19 as described in a recent [report](#) and evidenced by 11 South Sudanese [health workers, who left their positions](#) due to reasons related to social stigma.

United Nations agencies (UNICEF, and UNESCO) have pushed South Sudan to [reopen schools](#) arguing that the benefits would outweigh the risks of new infections and that schools have not been major drivers of the COVID-19 pandemic in South Sudan.

Consequences of the pandemic continue to affect the country's economy as reported with regards to the [oil industry](#) as well as small business as reported by the example of [women businesses in Aweil](#).



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Please note that coordinates are available upon request.

DTM tracked 76 locations including 18 displacement sites and 58 transportation hubs within the country and along international borders to report on COVID-19 related measures such as temperature screening and the availability of handwashing stations.

Of 18 displacement sites all were subjected to some form of risk communications and made additional handwashing stations available. Three sites (17%) screened temperatures at the gates. The movement of persons was completely stopped at 17 per cent of tracked in-country and border transit locations (10 locations). However, movement continued unhindered at 27 points (47%) with reports of alternative nearby routes being used at 10 (17%) and local movement by cross-border communities being tolerated at a further 11 locations (19%). Temperature screening was practiced at 11 locations (19%) while risk communication was made available at 76 per cent of tracked transit areas (44 locations). While handwashing stations had been constructed at 28 locations (48%), these were not put to use by travellers in all hubs.

Key insights on countries bordering South Sudan

- **SUDAN:** While movements through most western routes bordering Northern and Western Bahr el Ghazal have been unaffected by COVID-19 regulations, other eastern routes remain shut down with travellers using alternative smaller routes. As [Sudan's death toll increases](#), the government announced it would [devalue the nation's currency](#) and cut fuel subsidies due to an economic crisis aggravated by the coronavirus pandemic.
- **ETHIOPIA:** Local authorities have been allowing local movements through Pibor and Pochalla. However, routes through the northern South Sudan / Ethiopia border remain without movements of persons or cargo apart from Akobo. Transport terminals in Addis Ababa remain congested as [cases have soared](#) in the second half of July 2020.
- **UGANDA:** Of eleven crossing points along the Ugandan border no movement of persons was registered for only three. Other points remain either open to local cross-border communities or have not been successfully shut due to the use of nearby alternative routes. As Uganda has [started easing some lockdown restrictions](#), it has also recorded the [first death](#) related to the virus.
- **DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO:** While borders remain closed to the movement of persons, most travellers have found alternative crossing points. The WHO warns that funding gaps have rendered a response to country's 11th [Ebola outbreak](#) challenging amid the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC:** Source Yubu and Nabia Pai remain closed for movement of persons with alternative routes being used by a reduced number of persons. A [UNDP-led study](#) finds that [violence against women](#) in the Central African Republic has surged during the pandemic.
- **KENYA:** Nadapal border point remains closed for movement of persons with no alternative movements recorded as of this reporting week. Despite rising cases, budget airlines have [resumed flights](#) in Kenya.

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

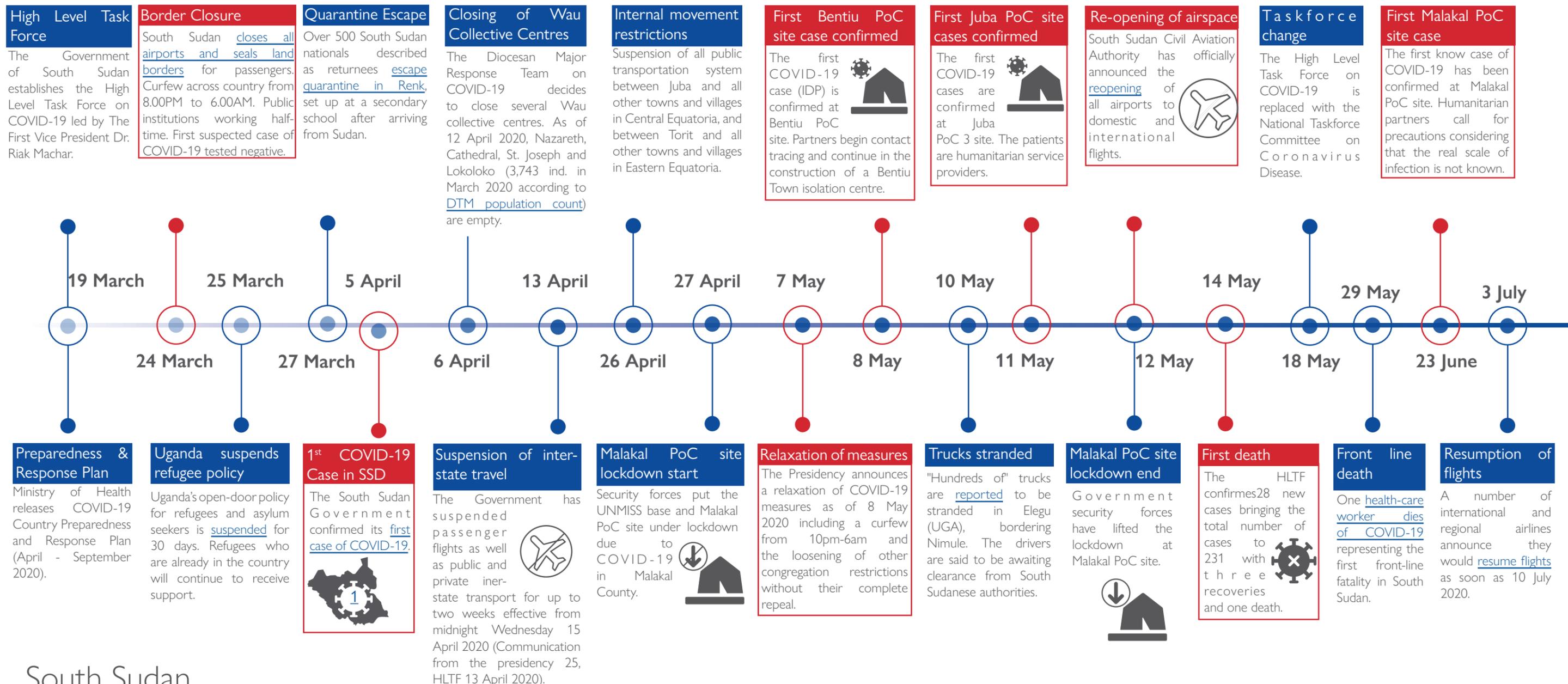
County	Location	Type	Population ¹	Movement Restrictions within and in/ out of the site	Average daily flow in / out (latest available data)	Approx. % overnight travel	Approx. % of out of county travel for overnight travel	Temperature Screening	Hand-washing stations	Risk communication	Comment
Rubkona	Bentiu PoC	PoC	99,052	None	11,270/10,794	54%	51%	No	Yes	Yes	There are two confirmed COVID-19 cases so far in Bentiu PoC site, while two COVID related deaths have been reported. UNMISS and other partners continue to operate with minimum footprint. While plans are in place to convert a former humanitarian hub in Bentiu town to an isolation facility, MSF has operationalized an on-site isolation facility.
Malakal	Malakal PoC	PoC	27,930	None	4,688/4,732	24%	66%	No	Yes	Yes	There are 20 confirmed COVID-19 cases so far in Malakal PoC site, while one COVID related death has been reported. To establish an isolation facility, IOM provided shelter material to Malakal Hospital. The construction of an on-site isolation facility has been finalized.
Wau	Wau PoC AA	PoC AA	9,393	None	3,869/4,236	1%	93%	No	Yes	Yes	No COVID-19 cases have been registered. Isolation facilities have been established at the Al-Mukta PHCC, Mary Help PHCC, and Wau Teaching Hospital in Wau Town while on site temporary facilities are situated within the IMC and IOM clinics.
Wau	Masna	Collective centre	5,496	None	Unkn.	7%	72%	No	Yes	Yes	
Bor South	Bor PoC	PoC	1,921	None	Unkn.	Unkn.	Unkn.	Yes	Yes	Yes	There are no COVID-19 cases so far in Bor PoC site. Public gatherings remain limited to 10 people. Temperature screening at the PoC gate is suspended due to malfunctioning of the equipment
Juba	Juba PoC1	PoC	6,880	None	Unkn.	Unkn.	Unkn.	Yes	Yes	Yes	There have been 11 confirmed COVID-19 cases at Juba PoC sites (1 & 3). An onsite isolation facility is not available at PoC 1. Cases are referred to a temporary isolation unit established by IMC before being referred to the infectious disease unit in Juba. Other preparatory measures include availability of an on- site ambulance for emergency referrals and involvement of WASH committee in RCCE messaging at water points.
Juba	Juba PoC3	PoC	22,778	None	Unkn.	Unkn.	Unkn.	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Table 2. Mobility and preparedness assessment at urban transport hubs and points of entry in South Sudan recommended by the Points of Entry Technical Working Group (PoETWG)

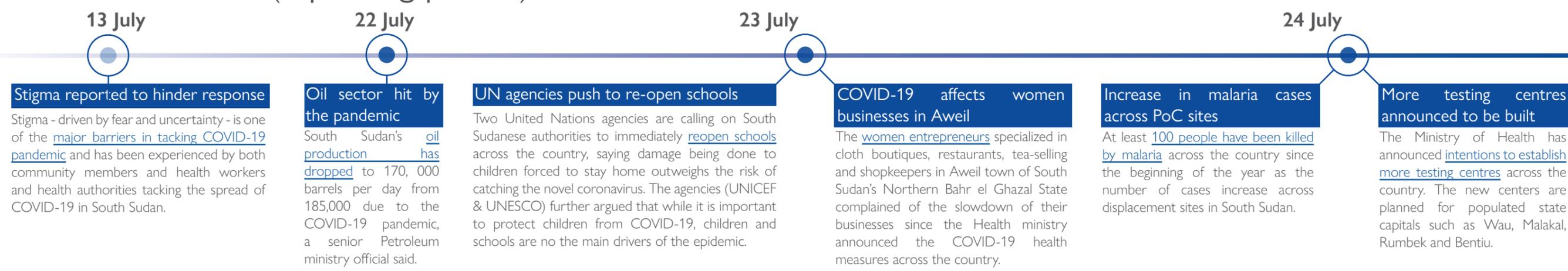
County	Location	Type	Border to	Mvmnt of cargo as of 26 July 2020	Mvmnt of persons as of 26 July 2020	Into / out of point 2019 daily average ²	Into / out of point during reporting period daily average ²	Temperature Screening	Hand-washing stations	Risk communication	Isolation / quarantine area	Increased security forces	Comment
Abyei	Abyei (Amiet)	Official land border	SDN	No disruption	De facto via alternative routes	20/32	17/44	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Akobo	Akobo	Unofficial land border	ETH	No disruption	No disruption	Unknown	11/17	No	No	Yes	No	No	
Aweil East	Majokyinhiou	Transit point	SDN	No disruption	No disruption	6/24	41/39	No	No	No	No	No	
Aweil North	Kiir Adem	Official land border	SDN	No disruption	No disruption	13/26	48/37	No	No	No	No	No	
Juba	Juba Intl. Airport	Intl. Airport	Inland	No disruption	No disruption	Unknown	386/NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unknown	While the airport is open for all movements of cargo and passengers, not all international flights have resumed to pre-COVID-19 schedules. Most flights operated within South Sudan only during the reporting period.
Kapoeta East	Nadapal	Official land border	KEN	No movement	No movement	Unknown	6/0	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Unknown	There are hand washing stations set up at the site by the Red Cross.
Maban	Yabous	Unofficial land border	SDN	No movement	Local movement tolerated	Unknown	31/30	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Maban	Elfoj	Unofficial land border	SDN	No movement	Local movement tolerated	Unknown	37/39	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	
Magwi	Nimule	Official land border	UGA	No movement	De facto via alternative routes ³	124/156	382/NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Most persons crossing the official border are South Sudanese students returning from Uganda for whom an exception has been made. During the reporting period two mini buses of students entered the country per day on average.
Maiwut	Pagak	Official land border	ETH	No movement	No movement	Unknown	0/0	No	No	No	No	Unknown	
Maiwut	Jekow	Official land border	ETH	No movement	No movement	Unknown	0/0	No	No	No	No	Unknown	
Morobo	Kaya	Official land border	UGA	No movement	De facto via alternative routes	249/198	2/2	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Holding unit available but no isolation unit. Hand washing facility installed on 14 July 2020.
Pariang	Pantou	Official land border	SDN	No movement	De facto via alternative routes	Unknown	0/0	No	No	Yes	Yes	Unknown	Travelers still cross on foot to South Sudan during the night. The travelers cross to Panthou first then disperse to different locations from there. Some take a route to Mayom and others board cars from Panakuach/Payangay to Unity oil fields and then to Rubkona.
Pariang	Jau	Official land border	SDN	No movement	No movement	Unknown	0/0	No	No	Yes	Yes	Unknown	
Renk	Wunthaw	Official land border	SDN	No movement	De facto via alternative routes	Unknown	0/0	No	No	No	No	Yes	
Rubkona	Rubkona Suksita	In-country transport hub	Inland	No movement	No disruption	9/28	707/594	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	This internal transit point is used by IDPs from Bentiu PoC site. It is a bus terminal for different internal locations within Rubkona and to other locations beyond Rubkona / Bentiu town such as Mayom, Unity Oil fields, Lalob / Rotriak, Panakuach. Handwashing facilities were installed by UNICEF/CWW.

1. Latest population counts or biometric registration data when population counts aren't available. 2 Averages from IOM DTM Flow Monitoring or KI information. Into and out of SSD for border points. 3. Exceptions are made for South Sudanese students returning from Uganda.

South Sudan COVID-19 Timeline (main events)



South Sudan COVID-19 Timeline (reporting period)



Summary of tracked border crossing points and transportation hubs Report 14 (13–26 July 2020)

Type	#
Domestic Airport	6
In-country transport hub	15
Intl. Airport	1
Official land border	19
Transit point	3
Unofficial land border	14
Total	58

Movement of cargo	#
Incoming only (small scale)	1
No disruption	16
No movement	41
Total	58

Movement of people	#
De facto via alternative routes	10
Local movement tolerated	11
No disruption	27
No movement	10
Total	58

C-19 measures	Yes	No	Unknown
Temperature screening	11	47	0
Handwashing stations	28	30	0
Isolation / quarantine area	12	44	2
Increased security forces	7	10	41
Risk Communication	44	14	0

[For an excel version of the above summary as well as table 1 & 2 including more transport hubs and points of entry, please click here.](#)

COVID-19 Cases and Deaths



Worldwide:

- 15,785,641 confirmed cases
- 640,016 deaths



Number of cases / deaths in neighboring countries:

- Sudan: 11,385 / 717
- Central African Republic: 4,598 / 59
- Democratic Republic of the Congo: 8,766 / 200
- Uganda: 1,103 / 1
- Ethiopia: 13,248 / 209
- Kenya: 16,643 / 375



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Source: WHO, update as of 26 July 2020
*Source: Ministry of Health, South Sudan