

POPULATION COUNT

Bentiu IDP Camp

Data collection: March 2023

Population overview (March 2023): 102,436 individuals.

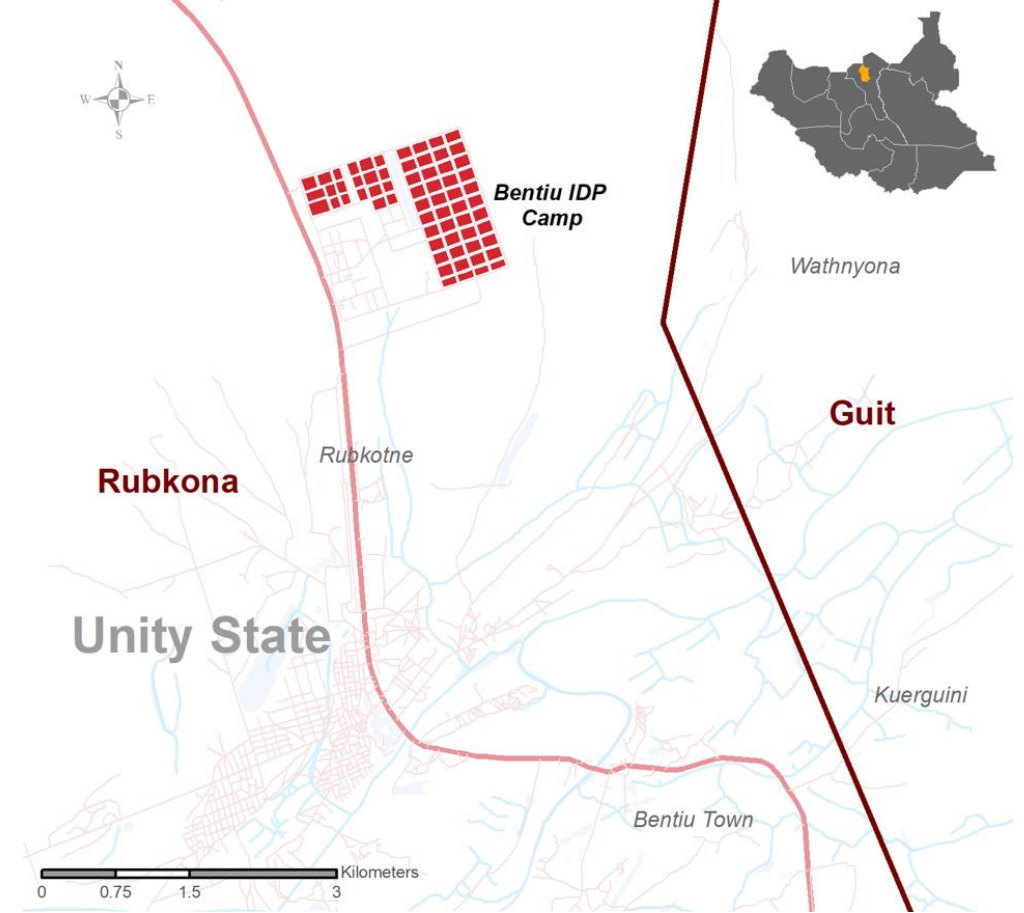
At the end of March 2023, 137,864 individuals (31,071 households) are biometrically registered as active beneficiaries in the site, representing an increase of two per cent of individuals since January following the latest biometric registration maintenance in Bentiu IDP Camp.

Recognizing that there have been significant population changes since the last overall biometric registration / verification, IOM DTM conducts regular population counts to monitor population dynamics and displacement trends. This exercise shows that the actual number of persons currently living at Bentiu IDP camp remains lower than the registered total.

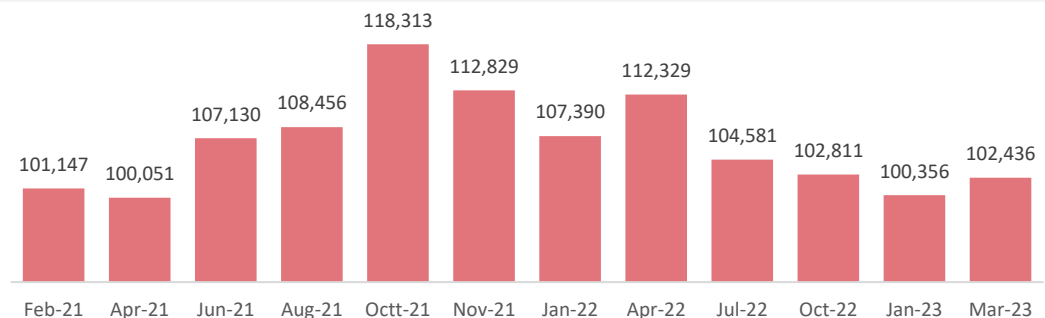
As per March 2023 population count findings, the Bentiu IDP camp population stands at 102,436 individuals (17,440 households) in 12,038 inhabited shelters (on average of 6 individuals per shelter). This represents a two per cent increase compared to January 2023.

Looking at the daily mobility dynamic, IOM DTM's daily gate count of individual entries and exits through the camp's three main gates (New western gate, Southern gate and Western gate) shows more exits (16,148 individuals) than entries (12,721 individuals) through gate count findings between 1 February 2023 and 31 March 2023.

Between 1 February and 31 March 2023, Displacement Site Flow Monitoring (DSFM) at points of entry in Bentiu IDP camp recorded 6,844 interviews accounting for 29,048 individuals moving into or out of the camp. Temporary movement was the most recorded movement category (52%), followed by day movements (45%). The main drivers of movements during this period were, the need to tend to livelihood activities (40%), visit friends or family (22%), attempt to return home (10%) and to check on or repair property (6%). *Due to late entry of new arrivals to the camp, the DTM team could not capture most of the new arrivals which led to the discrepancies between the Gate-Count and the March population count.*



Monthly population trends at Bentiu IDP Camp, February 2021 – March 2023*



*In February, March, May, June, August, September, November, and December 2022, February 2023, IOM was unable to conduct population counts.

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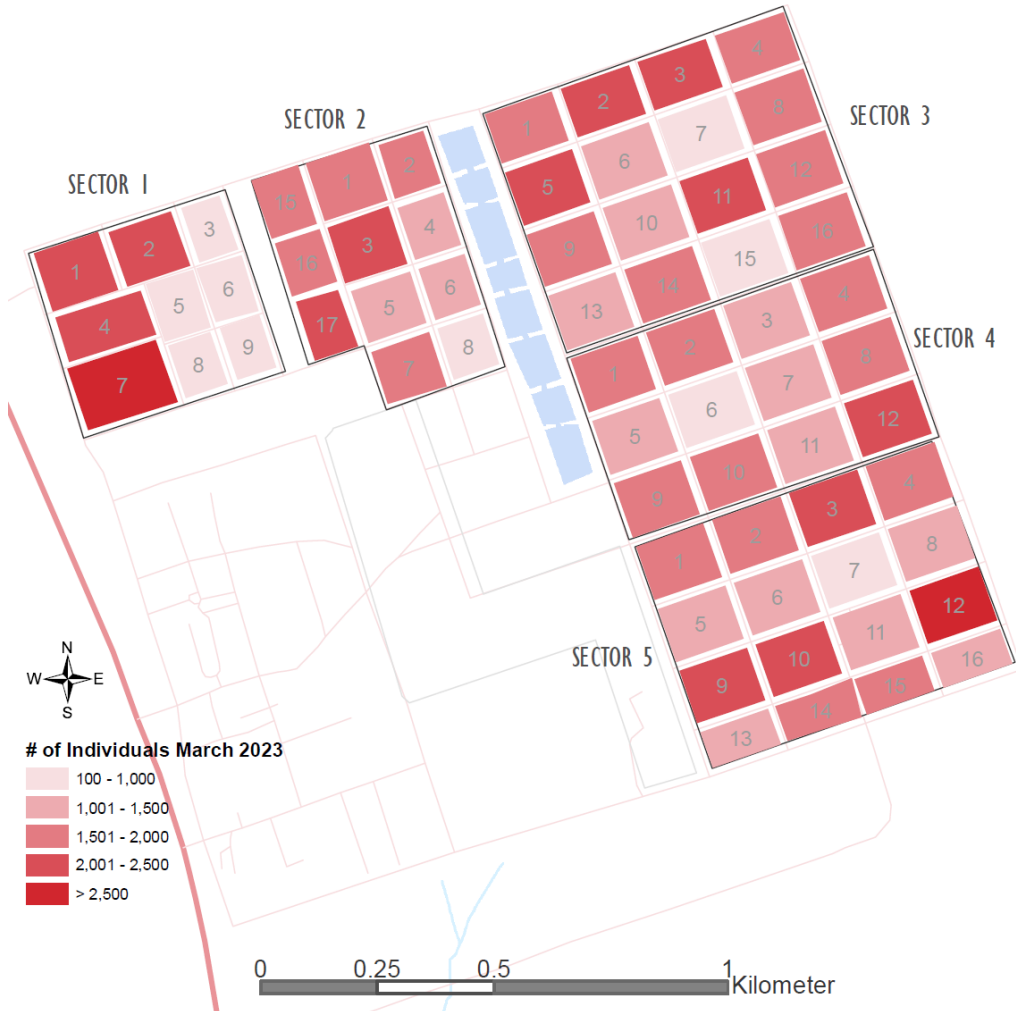
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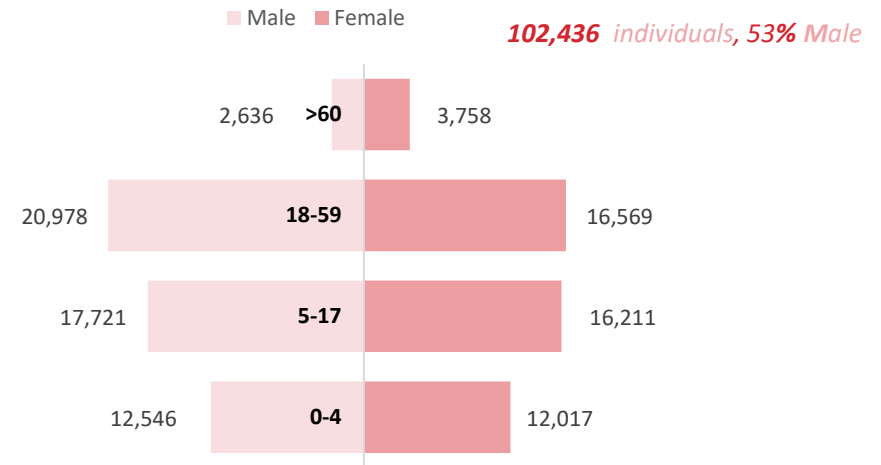
SECTOR 5 26,479	SECTOR 3 26,314	SECTOR 4 18,551	SECTOR 2 17,308	SECTOR 1 13,784
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The most populous sectors were Sectors 5 hosting 26 per cent of the overall population, followed by sector 3 (26%), sector 4 (18%), sector 2 (17%), and Sector 1 (13%).

The blocks with the largest populations were recorded across the following sectors: **Sector 1** Block 7 (2,923 individuals), **Sector 5** Block 12 (2,505 individuals), **Sector 3** Block 2 (2,347 individuals), **Sector 1** Block 4 (2,336 individuals) and **Sector 5** Block 9 (2,210 individuals).

Bentiu IDP Camp, Population by age and sex (March 2023)



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