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ABYEI ADMINISTRATIVE AREA MOBILITY TRACKING ROUND ONE

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IDPs Comparison
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Returnees Housing

48 Locations | **5** Sub–Areas

Baseline Locations

This report presents findings from Round one of the Mobility Tracking exercise, conducted by the International Organization for Migration (IOM's) Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) in Abyei Administrative Area (AAA), through key-informants assessment at location-level between March and April 2023. Mobility Tracking estimates the presence of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and returnees in the sub-area in host communities and displacement sites. IOM DTM mapped a total of 46,696 IDPs, of whom 15 per cent were previously abroad, and 15,143 returnees, that includes 36 per cent returnees from abroad in 48 locations, across five sub-areas in Abyei Administrative Area.

PARTNERSHIP WITH NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

As in the previous rounds of Mobility Tracking conducted in other parts of the country, results from the first round of Mobility Tracking in Abyei Administrative Area were verified and validated in collaboration with the Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC). Operations around the sub-areas were executed in collaboration with RRC representatives at sub-area level.

Overview

46,696 IDPs
TOTAL NUMBER OF IDPS PRESENT AT TIME OF ASSESSMENT

85% 39,842
IDPs DISPLACED ONLY WITHIN ABYEI ADMINISTRATIVE AREA

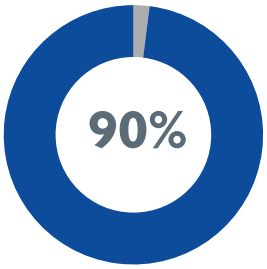
15% 6,854
IDPs PREVIOUSLY DISPLACED ABROAD

15,143 RETURNEES
TOTAL NUMBER OF RETURNEES PRESENT AT TIME OF ASSESSMENT

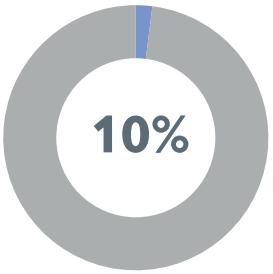
64% 9,651
RETURNEES FROM WITHIN ABYEI ADMINISTRATIVE AREA

36% 5,492
RETURNEES FROM ABROAD

IDPs

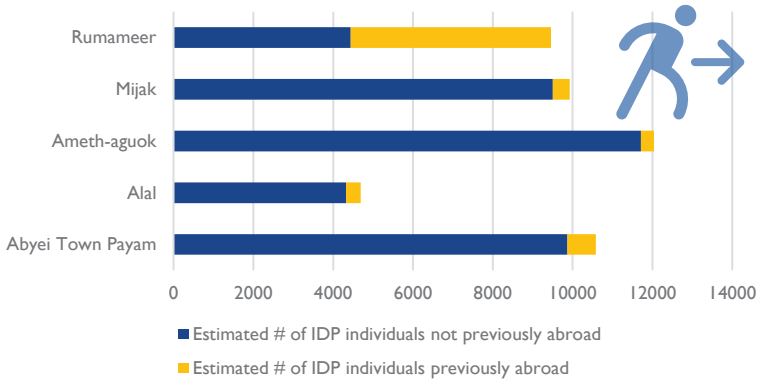


42,141 IDPs
In Host Communities



4,555
In Displacement Sites

Estimated # of IDP individuals



The International Organization for Migration's Displacement Tracking Matrix identified a total of **46,696 IDPs**, of whom 15 per cent were previously residing abroad. A significant 90 per cent of these IDPs found shelter within the host communities of Abyei Administrative Area.

Four sub-areas: Ameth-aguok (12,039 IDPs), Abyei Town (10,580), Mijak (9,930), and Rumameer (9,459) collectively hosted 90 per cent of the entire IDP population.

Ameth-Aguok: recorded the highest number of internally displaced persons (12,039 individuals) in Abyei Administrative Area, representing 26 per cent of the total IDP population in the area. Of the IDPs recorded in Ameth-Aguok, 97 per cent were previously displaced abroad, while 3 per cent arrived from displacement within Abyei Administrative Area

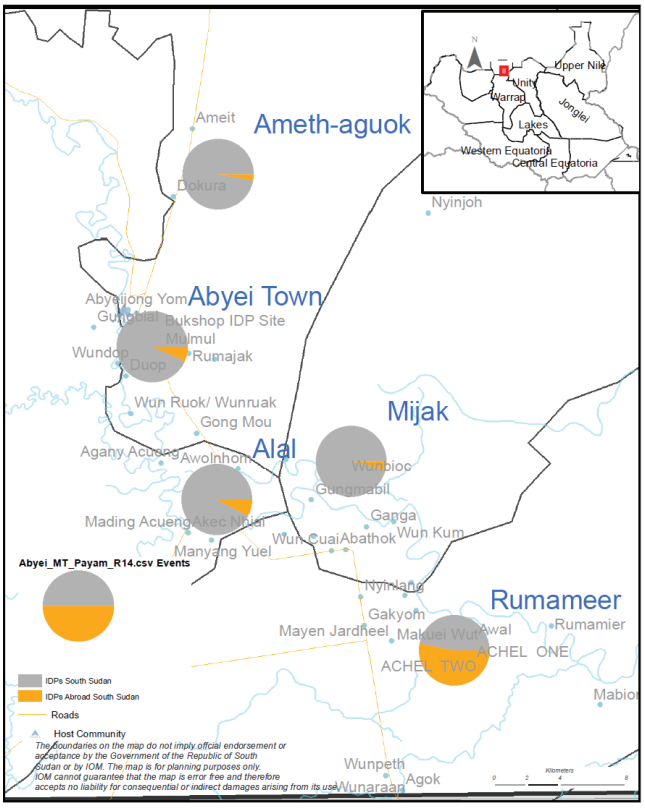
Abyei Town: hosts the second highest number of internally displaced perrsons (10,580 individuals) of which, majority (9,869 individuals) were previously displaced from within Abyei Administrative Area.

Alal: DTM mapped 4,688 IDPs in Alal, 92 per cent of whom were displaced within Abyei Administrative Area, while 8 per cent were previously displaced from abroad.

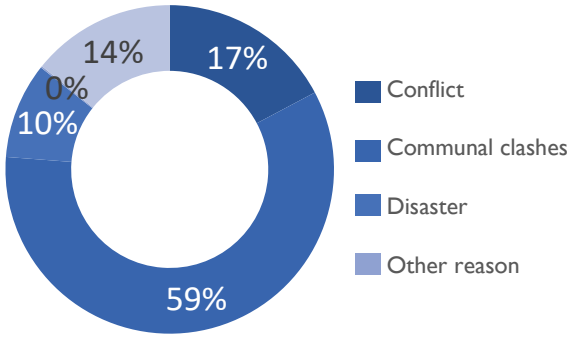
Mijak: a total of 9,930 IDPs were recorded in Mijak. Almost all of the IDP population in Mijak arrived as a result of displacements in 2022 and early 2023.

Rumameer: hostes 9,459 IDPs, recording the list number of IDP population in Abyei Administrative Area.

Comparison of between IDPs in Abyei Administrative Area and those displaced from abroad.

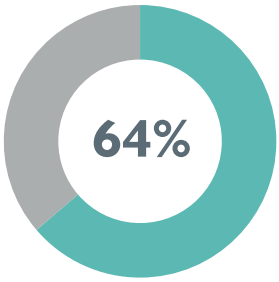


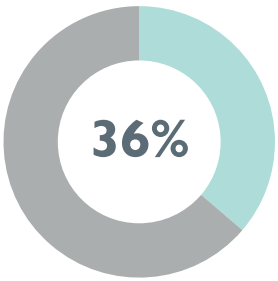
Reasons of displacement (total IDPs)



Of the displaced persons, 59 per cent of the population were displaced due to insecurity caused by communal clashes, 17 per cent mentioned conflict as the main reasons of displacement at their respective places of habitual residence, 9 per cent of the IDPs were displaced because of natural disasters and 14 per cent were due to unknown reasons.

RETURNEES

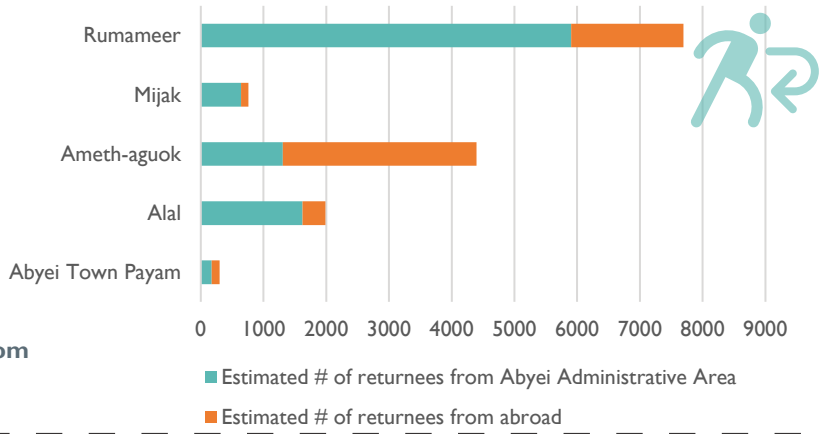




9,651 Returnees from Abyei Administrative Area

5,492 Returnees from abroad

Estimated # of returnee individuals



The International Organization for Migration's Displacement Tracking Matrix identified a total of **15,143 returnees**, of whom majority (64%) within Abyei Administrative Area, while 36 per cent returned from displacements abroad. Regarding shelter status, 50 per cent of returnees live in shelters which are severely damaged, 25 per cent in partially damaged, and 25 per cent leave in shelters with no damage.

Three sub-areas: Rumameer (7,695 individuals), Ameth-Aguok (4,398 individuals), and Alal (1,988 individuals) collectively hosted 93 per cent of the entire returnee population.

Rumameer: hosts the highest number of returnees (51%) among the five sub-areas of Abyei.

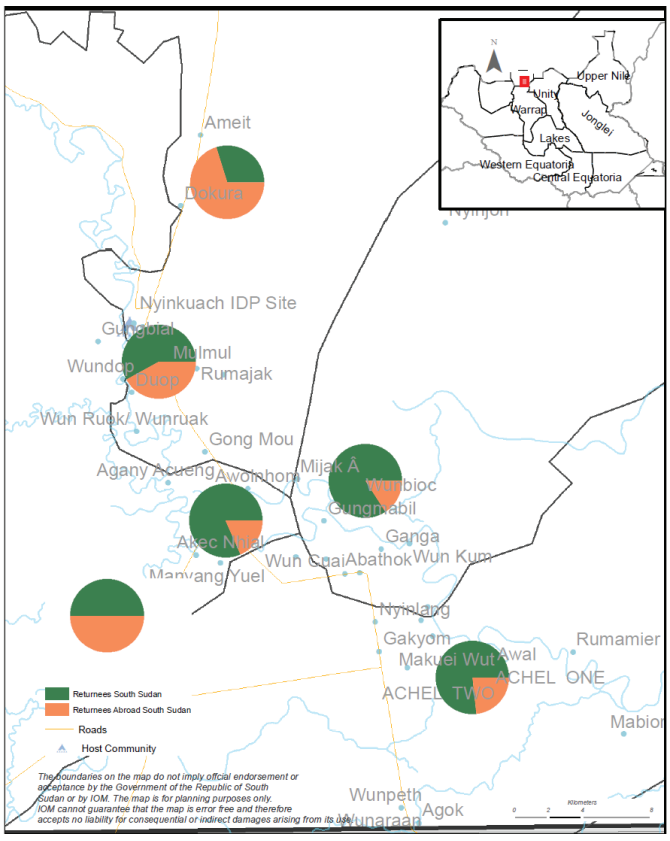
Ameth-Aguok: The sub-area received a total of 4,398 returnees at the time of assessment, hosting the second highest number of IDPs in the area. Of the recorded returnees, 70 per cent were previously displaced within Abyei Administrative Area while 30 per cent were from abroad. Most of the returnees started arriving in 2022 and early 2023.

Alal: a total of 1,988 returnees were recorded in this sub-area. 81 per cent of the returnee population were previously displaced within Abyei Administrative Area while 19 per cent arrived from abroad.

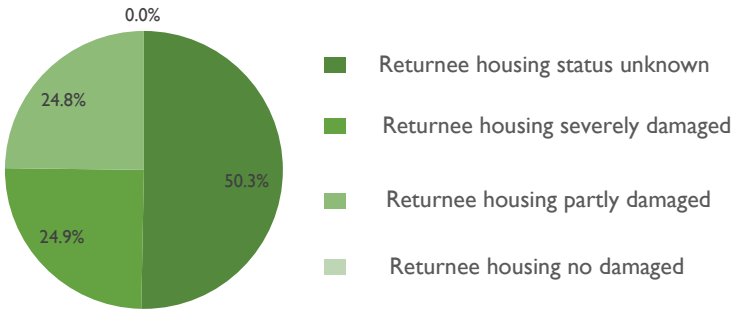
Mijak: recorded 762 returnees accounting for five per cent of the total returnee population.

Abyei Town: hosts the least number of returnees (2%) at the time of assessment.

Comparison between returnees from within Abyei Administrative Area and abroad

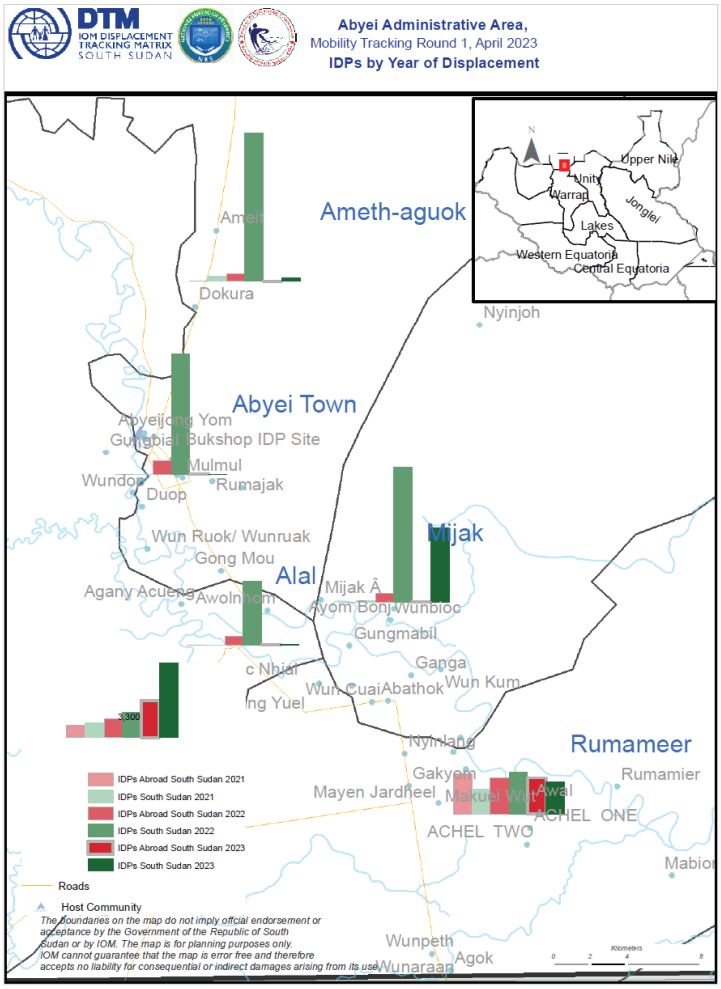


Returnee housing and shelter status

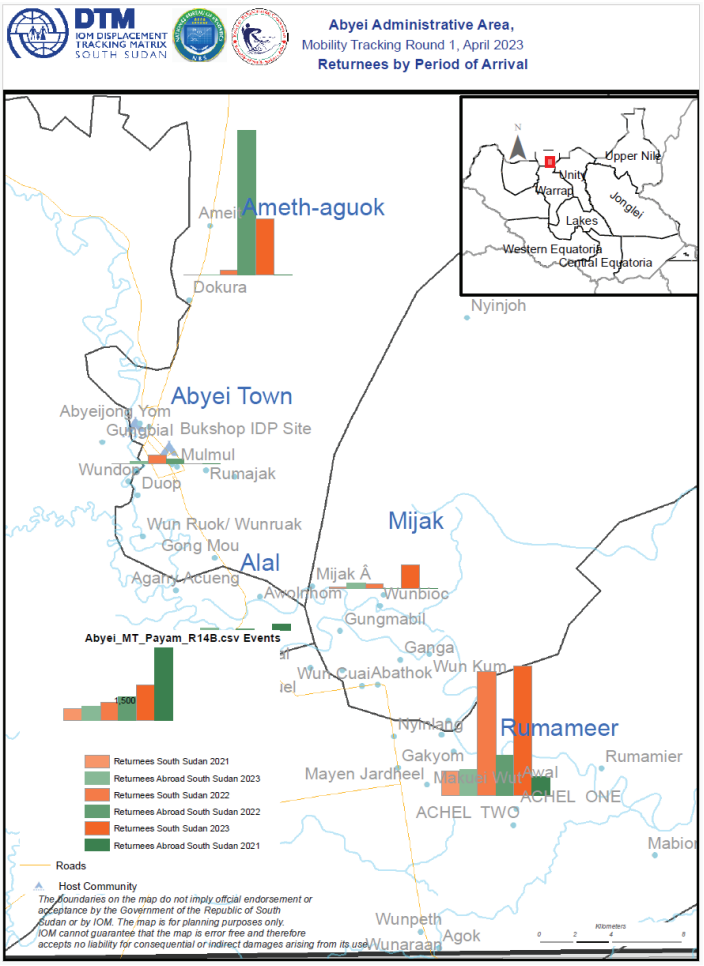


The assessment findings indicate that half (50.3%) of the returnee housing status remains unknown. On the other hand, 24.9 per cent of the returnee population cited that their shelter is severely damaged and unsafe for use, and 24.8 per cent reported their shelter is partly damaged.

IDPs by year of arrival (2021 – 2023)



Returnees by period of arrival (2021 – 2023)



METHODOLOGY

Mobility Tracking supports humanitarian response plan by providing a unified and comprehensive system to collect and disseminate data on the numbers, mobility history and needs of IDPs and returnees on a nation-wide scale. Data collection takes place at a granular level and is repeated at regular intercals to ensure accurate and up-to-date information.

This round of Mobility Tracking in Abyei focused on baseline locations assessments. The baseline location assessment provides information on the presence of targeted populations at location level and capture information at group-level on population categories (IDPs, returnees and relocated) and attributes such as time of arrival of the target population in the assessed location, return from abroad or Abyei Administrative Area, displacement previously abroad or not, reasons for displacement and former home areas for IDPs (both captured on majority-basis for a given payam), presence of and dates of displacement / return, and shelter conditions.

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