

## OVERVIEW

Sudan hosts an estimated 10,763,116 internally displaced persons (IDPs) as of 18 August 2024, including those displaced both before and after the outbreak of conflict between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and Rapid Support Forces (RSF) on 15 April 2023.<sup>1</sup>

Prior to the onset of conflict on 15 April 2023, Sudan already hosted an estimated 3,820,772 IDPs.<sup>2</sup> Most were displaced across the Darfur states, with many being displaced due to conflict beginning in 2003 and 2004. Of these IDPs displaced prior to 15 April 2023, an estimated 27 per cent (1,045,439 IDPs) experienced secondary or tertiary displacement due to armed clashes after 15 April 2023, while approximately 2,775,333 IDPs reportedly remained in their initial areas of displacement.

An estimated 7,987,783 individuals were displaced internally since 15 April 2023.<sup>3</sup> While displacement before 15 April 2023 was primarily concentrated within Darfur and Kordofan states, displacement after 15 April 2023 was more widespread. IDPs originated from 17 different states and were displaced to all 18 states, across over 8,842 locations in 183 of the 189 localities in Sudan. Khartoum represents the top state of origin for IDPs: an estimated 34 per cent of all IDPs in Sudan reportedly originated from Khartoum, followed by South Darfur (19%), and North Darfur (14%) states.

In addition to internal displacement, an estimated 2,316,538 individuals reportedly crossed borders into neighbouring countries since 15 April 2023.

This report analyses displacement pathways and key demographic information for the total population of IDPs across Sudan, as well as data on mixed cross-border movements into neighbouring countries. Annex 1 includes a full breakdown of IDPs per state, including top shelter categories per state.

## KEY FIGURES



# 10,763,116 IDPs\*

2.77M prior to April 2023

7.98M post April 2023



**2,171,500**  
Internally Displaced  
Households



**8,842**  
Locations Across  
Sudan



**2,316,538\*\***  
Individuals Crossed  
Borders Since 15  
April 2023

**34%** Originated from  
Khartoum  
**52%** Children Under  
18-Years-Old

## Internal Displacement in Sudan Since 15 April 2023

*This timeline only represents a few displacement events in Sudan since the onset of conflict on 15 April 2023. All reports available on the [DTM-IOM website](#).*

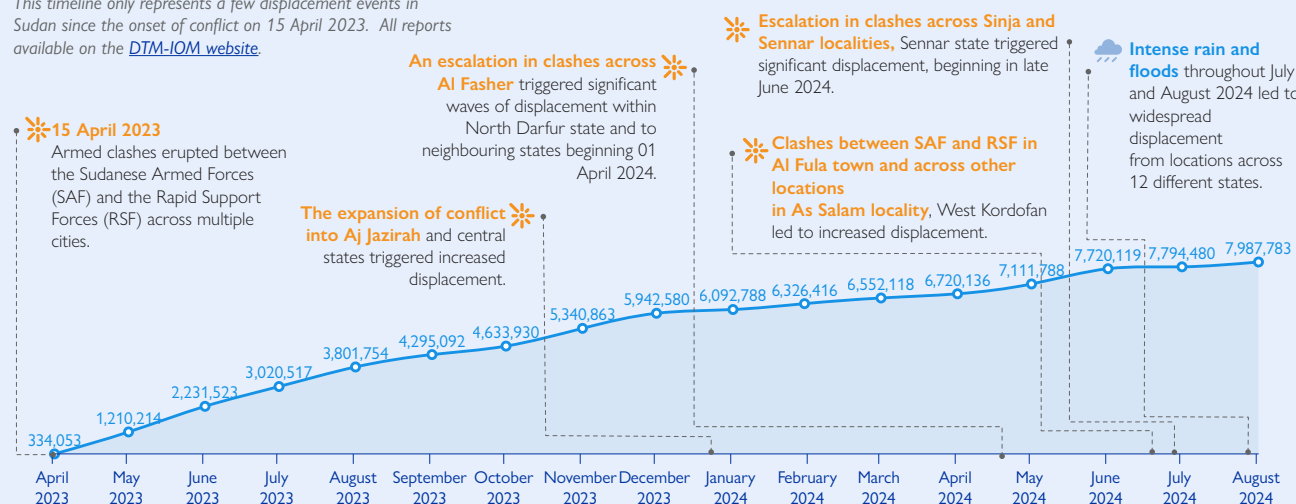


Figure 1: Timeline of Internal Displacement in Sudan since 15 April 2023

1. DTM Sudan defines an internally displaced person as any person who has been forced or obliged to flee from their habitual residence due to an event dating from 2003 onwards.  
 2. As of 15 March 2023, Sudan hosted an estimated 3,820,772 IDPs. For more information, see [DTM Sudan Mobility Tracking Round 6](#).  
 3. The figure for the estimated number of IDPs displaced post 15 April 2023 (7,987,783 IDPs) includes the approximately 1,045,439 IDPs who were initially displaced prior to 15 April 2023 and experienced secondary or tertiary displacement since 15 April 2023. The figure reported for IDPs displaced prior to 15 April 2023 (2,775,333 IDPs) does not include those who displaced again since 15 April 2023 in order to avoid double counting  
 \* Internal displacement data is valid as of 18 August 2024. \*\* Mixed cross-border movement data is valid as of 14 August 2024.

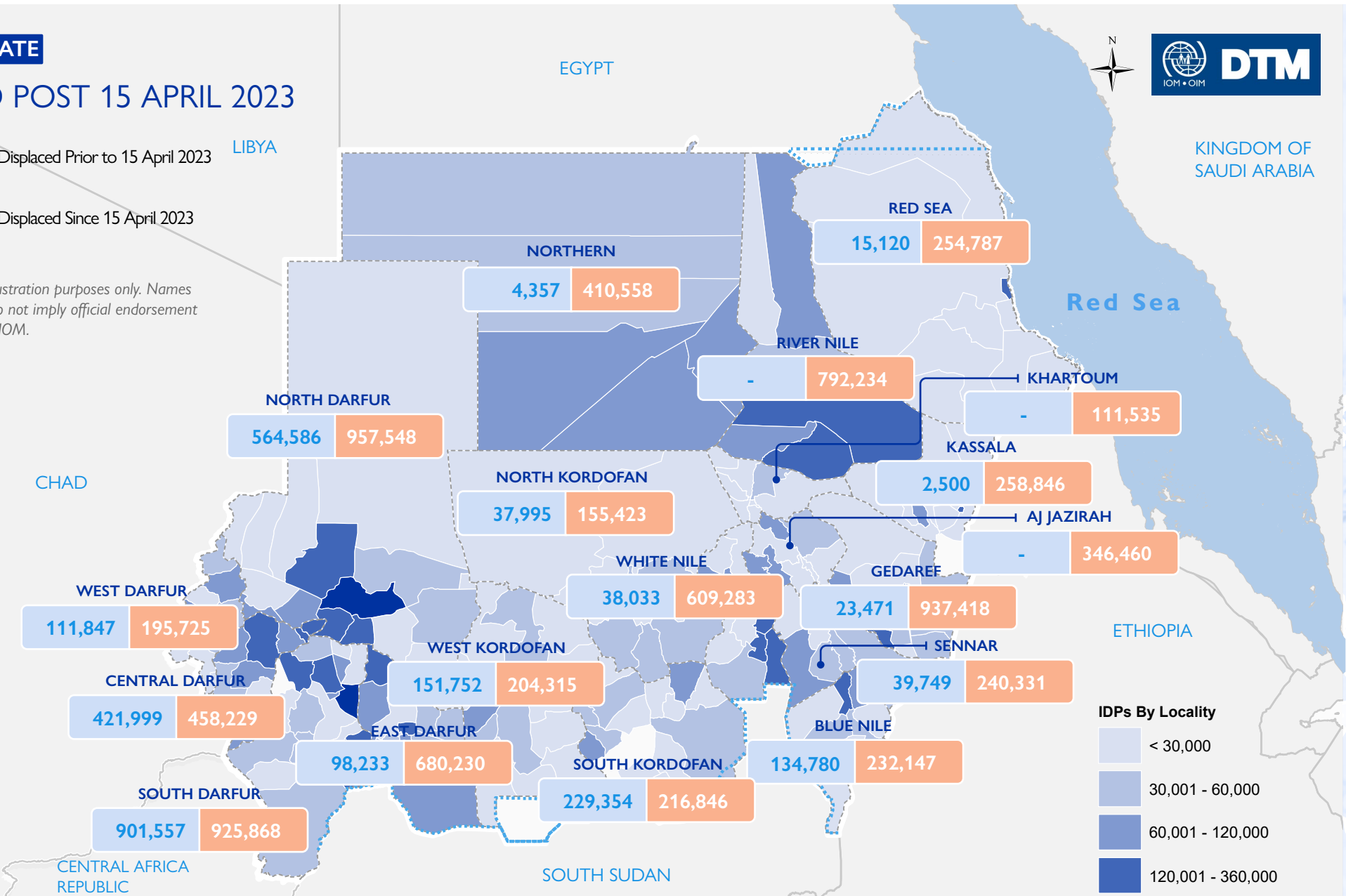
## IDPs PER STATE

### PRE AND POST 15 APRIL 2023

**2,775,333** Displaced Prior to 15 April 2023

**7,987,783** Displaced Since 15 April 2023

*This map is for illustration purposes only. Names and boundaries do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by IOM.*



Map 1: Timeline of internal Displacement in Sudan since 15 April 2023

The estimated figures for IDPs displaced post 15 April 2023 (7,987,783 IDPs) includes the estimated 1,045,439 individuals who were initially displaced before April 2023 and experienced secondary or tertiary displacement since 15 April 2023. The estimated figures for IDPs displaced prior 15 April 2023 (2,775,333 IDPs) represents the estimated 3,820,772 IDPs recorded in Sudan in March 2023, minus the estimated 1,045,439 IDPs who were displaced again after 15 April 2023, in order to avoid double counting.

## DISPLACEMENT PATHWAYS

The top states of origin were Khartoum (34%, 3,689,381 IDPs), South Darfur (19%), and North Darfur (14%). IDPs were reportedly displaced to 8,842 different locations in 183 localities across all 18 states. The highest proportion of IDPs were hosted in South Darfur (17%), North Darfur (14%), and Gedaref (9%) states.

Over a third (34%) of all IDPs originated from Khartoum. IDPs from Khartoum were displaced across all 18 states, including River Nile (20%), Gedaref (14%), and White Nile (14%). Notably, 96 per cent of IDPs in River Nile were reportedly displaced from Khartoum.

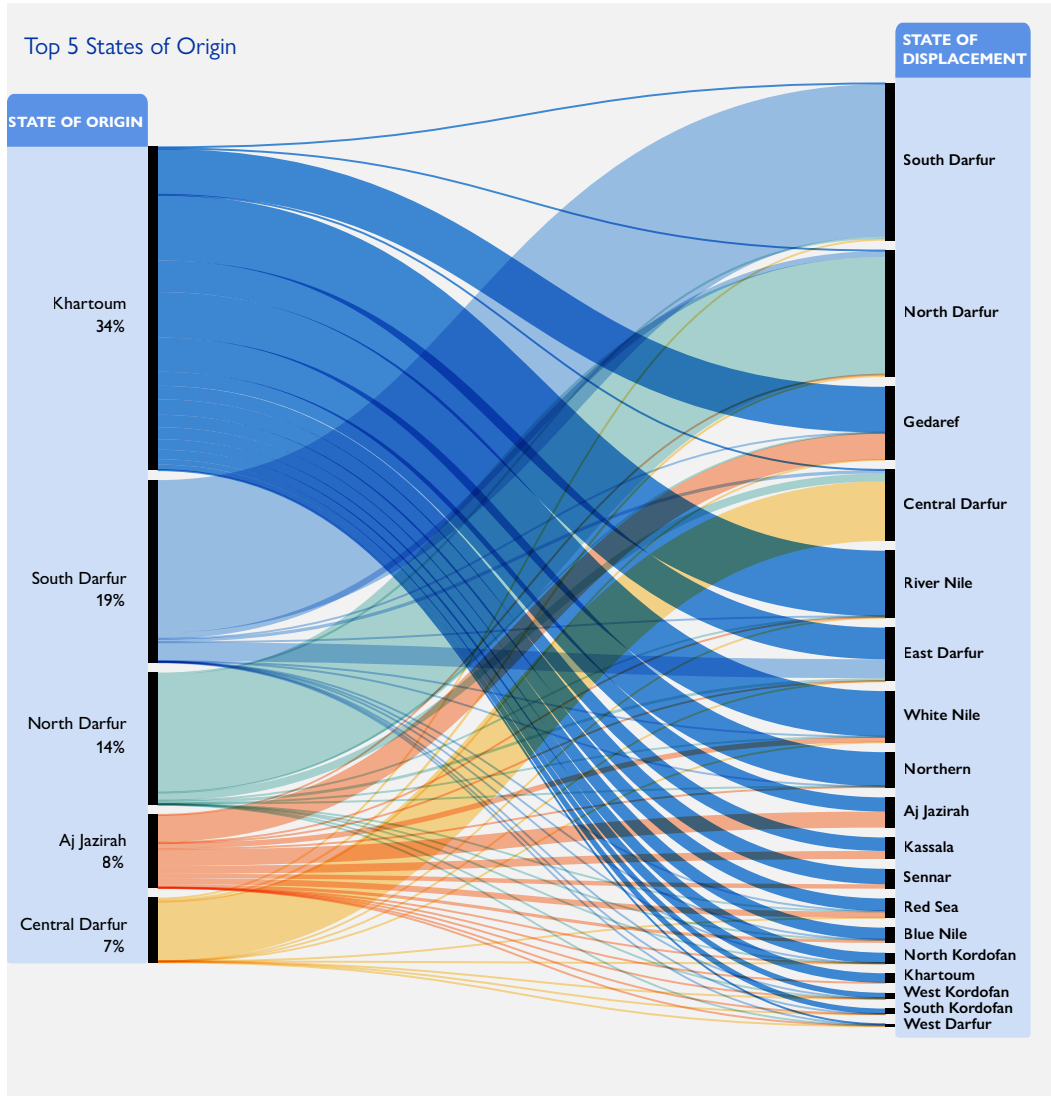


Figure 2: Displacement Pathways in Sudan from Top 5 States of Origin

State of Displacement	Mobility Update (05) 06 August 2024	Mobility Update (06) 20 August 2024	Localities	Locations	Current HHs	IDPs %
Aj Jazirah	355,074	346,460	8	1,706	69,182	3%
Blue Nile	344,207	366,927	7	216	75,752	3%
Central Darfur	876,098	880,228	9	118	184,442	9%
East Darfur	777,763	778,463	9	48	153,080	7%
Gedaref	891,964	960,889	12	378	196,118	9%
Kassala	258,531	261,346	10	260	52,321	2%
Khartoum	115,779	111,535	7	366	22,236	1%
North Darfur	1,517,734	1,522,134	17	339	322,964	15%
North Kordofan	193,708	193,418	8	606	37,087	2%
Northern	400,231	414,915	7	443	83,666	4%
Red Sea	268,837	269,907	10	273	54,570	3%
River Nile	773,286	792,234	7	988	158,376	7%
Sennar	359,444	280,080	7	420	54,946	3%
South Darfur	1,827,015	1,827,425	20	152	369,887	17%
South Kordofan	445,315	446,200	14	502	84,160	4%
West Darfur	295,562	307,572	8	130	61,940	3%
West Kordofan	355,671	356,067	14	673	64,906	3%
White Nile	653,796	647,316	9	1,224	125,867	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,710,015</b>	<b>10,763,116</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>8,842</b>	<b>2,171,500</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 1: Estimated IDPs Per State

## Displacement Pathways (Continued)

In contrast, IDPs from Darfur and Kordofan states were primarily displaced within these same states, across the western region of Sudan. Approximately 83 per cent of IDPs from South Darfur were displaced to other locations within South Darfur and nearly 16 per cent were displaced to other states in the Darfur region. Less than 1 per cent were reportedly displaced to other states.

South Darfur remains the largest host state for IDPs displaced both before and after 15 April 2023, with an estimated 1,827,425 IDPs as of 15 August 2024. Of these, approximately 51 per cent were displaced since 15 April 2023.

## LOCATION TYPES

Of the total IDP population, approximately 60 per cent were recorded in urban locations across Sudan, while 40 per cent were reportedly in rural locations. However, the proportion of IDPs in rural versus urban locations varies across each state. For example, an estimated 72 per cent of IDPs in Northern were displaced in rural locations, compared to approximately 28 per cent in urban locations.

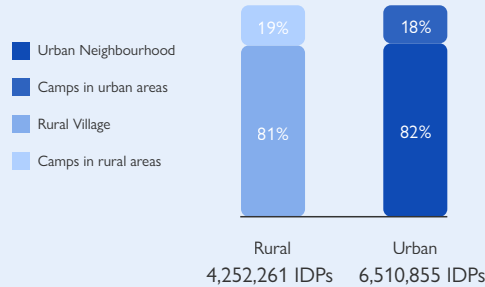


Figure 3: Rural and Urban Locations of IDPs

## SHELTER TYPES FOR IDP HOUSEHOLDS

Approximately 51 per cent of IDP households sought shelter with host families and communities. Others reportedly stayed in camps (19%), informal settlements or open areas (15%), schools or other public buildings (9%), and private rented accommodation (5%).<sup>4</sup>

different states. The majority of IDP households in Khartoum, Aj Jazirah, and Northern reportedly stayed with host families (86%). In contrast, IDP households in South Darfur reportedly stay in camps (47%), with host families (24%), and in open area gathering sites (20%).

The distribution of shelter types varied widely across

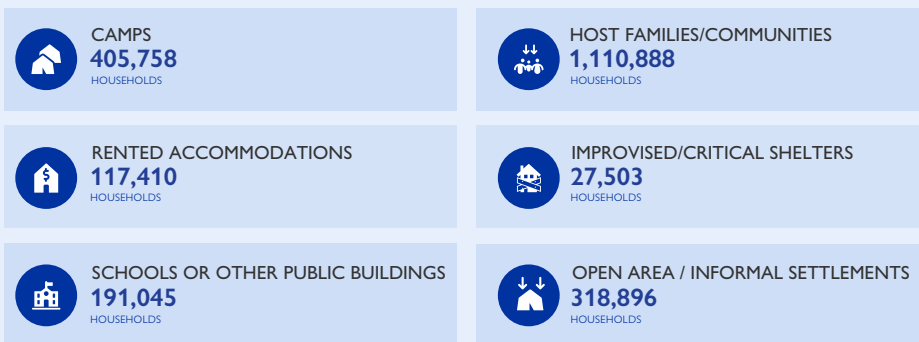


Figure 4: Reported Shelter Typologies Among IDP Households

4. For operational definitions of shelter typologies, see [DTM Sudan Methodological Note](#).

5. Totals may not equal 100 per cent due to rounding.

## DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILES

Approximately 54 per cent of IDPs were female, while an estimated 46 per cent were male.<sup>5</sup> Over half of IDPs (52%) were children under the age of 18-years-old, while approximately a quarter (26%) were children under five-years-old. Approximately 28 per cent of IDPs were female children under 18-years-old, who reportedly face unique protection risks. Of total IDPs in each state, the states with the highest proportion of displaced children under the age of 18-years-old were Central Darfur and Blue Nile (both 57%).

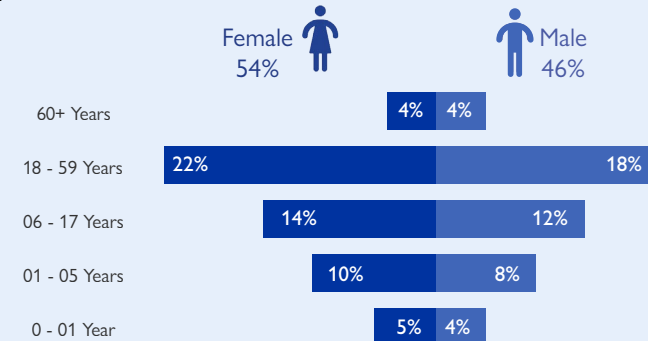


Figure 5: Reported Sex and Age Distribution of IDPs

## SUDANESE AND NON-SUDANESE NATIONALS

Of the total population of IDPs in Sudan, DTM estimated that 120,540 IDPs (approximately 1%) were non-Sudanese nationals. White Nile state hosted the highest proportion of foreign national IDPs, reflecting its role as a transit state for South Sudanese nationals. Specifically, approximately 14 percent of IDPs in White Nile state were non-Sudanese nationals.

Proportion of Non-Sudanese IDPs Per State

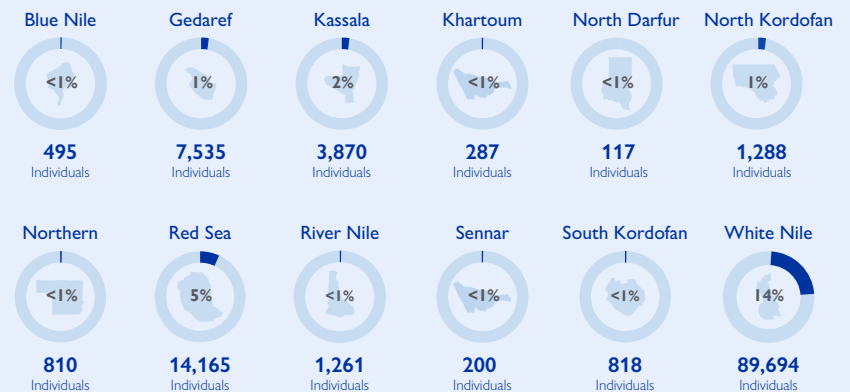


Figure 6: Estimated Non-Sudanese IDPs Per State

## MIXED CROSS-BORDER MOVEMENT SINCE 15 APRIL 2023

Since the outbreak of the conflict on 15 April 2023, an estimated 2,316,538 individuals crossed borders into neighbouring countries.<sup>6</sup> The majority reportedly crossed into Chad (35%), South Sudan (34%), and Egypt (22%).<sup>7</sup> Of these individuals, an estimated 62 per cent were Sudanese nationals, while 38 per cent were foreign nationals or returnees. However, the proportion of Sudanese versus non-Sudanese nationals varied by country. An estimated 97 per cent of individuals who crossed into Egypt were reportedly Sudanese nationals. By contrast, an estimated 77 per cent of individuals who crossed into South Sudan were non-Sudanese nationals, primarily South Sudanese nationals.

Field teams also reported increased cross border movement following continued clashes in [Al Fasher locality](#), with some households displaced across the border to Chad via At Tina border crossing. There were also reports of increased movement from Blue Nile and White Nile states towards South Sudan following the [escalation of clashes](#) across Sennar state.<sup>8</sup>

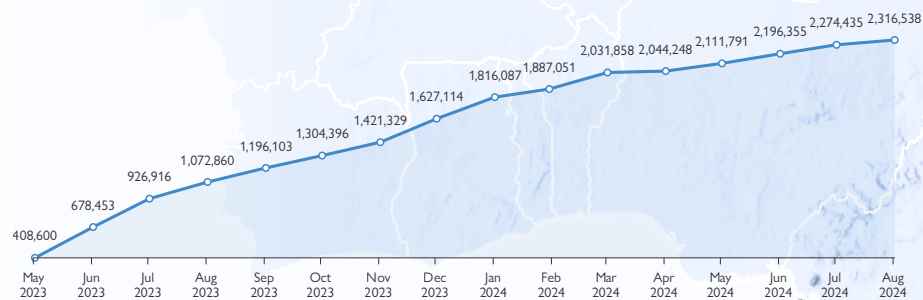
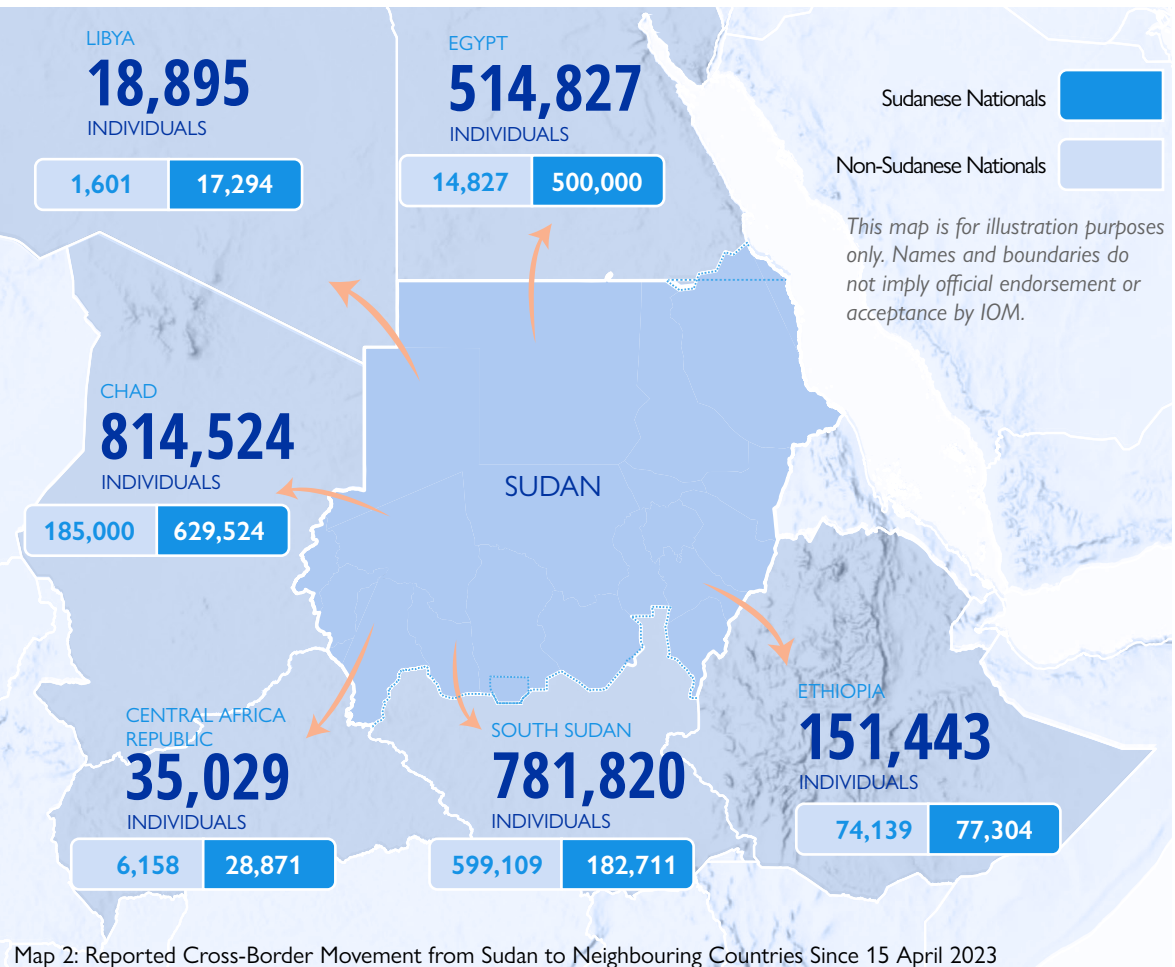


Figure 7: Mixed Cross-Border Movements from Sudan to Neighbouring Countries Since 15 April 2023



Map 2: Reported Cross-Border Movement from Sudan to Neighbouring Countries Since 15 April 2023

6. Data on cross-border movement is collected from various sources: Central African Republic (IOM, UNHCR, National Commission for Refugees); Chad (IOM, UNHCR); Egypt (Egypt Ministry of Foreign Affairs); Ethiopia (IOM); Libya (IOM); South Sudan (IOM, UNHCR).  
 7. Data on cross-border movement valid as of 14 August 2024, with the exception of Chad and Egypt. The estimated figure for non-Sudanese nationals who crossed into Chad was valid as of 02 August 2024, while estimated figures on cross-border movement from Sudan to Egypt was valid as of 20 March 2024.  
 8. For further information on cross-border movement, see: [DTM Chad: Flash Update](#); [DTM Libya: Profile of Sudanese Migrants in Libya](#); [Population Movement from Sudan to the East and Horn of Africa Dashboard](#); [Ethiopia- Sudan Movements Update](#); and [Population Movement from Sudan to South Sudan Dashboard](#).

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DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX (DTM)

### DISCLAIMER

Due to on-going insecurity, DTM collects data through a dual combination of in-person and remote interviews with key informants across its network. Figures should be understood as preliminary estimates and are subject to change pending future verification exercises. Percentages across the report may not equal 100 per cent due to rounding.

### METHODOLOGY

DTM Sudan is a suite of methodological tools which aims to track and monitor displacement. DTM collects primary data, with a focus on providing best estimates for the humanitarian community. For further information, see [DTM Methodological Note](#). All reports and datasets are available on the DTM-IOM website, along with an [interactive dashboard](#). Note that figures in the dashboard may be updated 48-72 hours following the publication of reports and datasets.

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## ANNEX 1: OPERATIONAL MATRIX

The following table outlines reported IDPs per state, including those displaced before and after 15 April 2023. For each state, the estimated number of IDPs displaced post 15 April 2023 for each state includes the IDPs initially displaced prior to 15 April 2023 who were displaced again after 15 April 2023. The estimated number of IDPs displaced prior to 15 April 2023 does not include those who were displaced again since 15 April 2023 in order to avoid double counting.

State Of Displacement	Total IDPs	IDP Households	Displaced Prior to 15 April 2023	Displaced Post 15 April 2023	Top Three Shelter Types Among IDPs Per State					
					Top Shelter Category	%	2nd Most Common Shelter Category	%	3rd Most Common Shelter Category	%
Aj Jazirah	346,460	69,182	-	346,460	Host Community	86%	Schools/ public buildings	13%	Informal Settlement/ open area	1%
Blue Nile	366,927	75,752	134,780	232,147	Host Community	55%	Informal Settlement/ open area	17%	Rented Accommodation	12%
Central Darfur	880,228	184,442	421,999	458,229	Informal Settlement/ open area	38%	Camp	34%	Host Community	18%
East Darfur	778,463	153,080	98,233	680,230	Host Community	69%	Schools/ public buildings	13%	Camp	10%
Gedaref	960,889	196,118	23,471	937,418	Host Community	82%	Rented Accommodation	9%	Schools/ public buildings	8%
Kassala	261,346	52,321	2,500	258,846	Host Community	68%	Rented Accommodation	19%	Schools/ public buildings	12%
Khartoum	111,535	22,236	-	111,535	Host Community	86%	Rented Accommodation	11%	Improvised/Critical Shelters	2%
North Darfur	1,522,134	322,964	564,586	957,548	Camp	44%	Host Community	29%	Informal Settlement/ open area	18%
North Kordofan	193,418	37,087	37,995	155,423	Host Community	82%	Informal Settlement/ open area	10%	Schools/ public buildings	4%
Northern	414,915	83,666	4,357	410,558	Host Community	86%	Rented Accommodation	7%	Schools/ public buildings	5%
Red Sea	269,907	54,570	15,120	254,787	Host Community	45%	Rented Accommodation	38%	Schools/ public buildings	12%
River Nile	792,234	154,730	-	792,234	Host Community	73%	Rented Accommodation	20%	Schools/ public buildings	7%
Sennar	280,080	54,946	39,749	240,331	Host Community	88%	Informal Settlement/ open area	7%	Schools/ public buildings	3%
South Darfur	1,827,425	369,887	901,557	925,868	Camp	47%	Host Community	24%	Informal Settlement/ open area	20%
South Kordofan	446,200	84,160	229,354	216,846	Host Community	53%	Informal Settlement/ open area	36%	Schools/ public buildings	9%
West Darfur	307,572	61,940	111,847	195,725	Host Community	45%	Schools/ public buildings	21%	Camp	16%
West Kordofan	356,067	64,906	151,752	204,315	Host Community	62%	Informal Settlement/ open area	28%	Schools/ public buildings	8%
White Nile	647,316	125,867	38,033	609,283	Host Community	57%	Informal Settlement/ open area	19%	Schools/ public buildings	17%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,763,116</b>	<b>2,171,500</b>								