

# Upper Nile State Movement Trend Tracking Report 9<sup>th</sup> April – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2017

# Methodology

Movement Trend Tracking (MTT) is one of the components of the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) to provide a better understanding of displacement dynamics. MTT tracks the movement of people who are moving on a semi-permanent to permanent basis. These people are identified as people moving with luggage. IOM DTM enumerators record entries and exits at the gates or key transit points of a site or area in order to provide a snapshot of the overall number of entries and exits to and from an area. Other key information including sex-age breakdown of the household, intentions, length of time planning to stay in an area and other key information are recorded.

In Upper Nile State, DTM conducts MTT in two transit areas, Abrouc and Renk, and four sites: Malakal Protection of Civilian (PoC) site, Dethoma 1 and 2 spontaneous settlements and Khoradar collective center. Datasets are available for each of the sites. Please contact <a href="mailto:southsudanDTM@iom.int">southsudanDTM@iom.int</a> for any queries.

# **Upper Nile State Conflict and Displacement Context**

The most significant incident in Upper Nile occurred following the SPLA advance from Unity into Panyikang County on 12 April. Fighting is believed to have taken place between Wankur and Tonga with significant resistance from SPLA/iO units under the command of Johnson Olony. However, the SPLA were believed to have been building up forces in Unity state for some time for the purpose of carrying out this offensive suggesting they embarked with significant supplies and weaponry making their comparative advantage significant if not overwhelming. By 15 April, the SPLA claimed that they had taken Tonga from the SPLA/iO.

There continues to be the possibility that SPLA units in Pigi will attempt to push west to secure areas along the south bank across from Tonga in order to neutralize attempts by SPLA/iO forces in Fangak to support any counter offensive. If that takes place we would expect to see significant displacement from areas around New Fangak. Regardless, the operation by SPLA in Panyikang is likely to significantly disrupt the movement of displaced groups trying to leave the country from Fangak. Panyikang had operated as the preferred route but will no longer be available following the most recent offensive.

To support the operations in Tonga we may also see further fighting in areas around Owachi as the SPLA seek to neutralize SPLA/iO positions in the area in order to ensure their ability to reinforce newly established positions in Tonga from Malakal.

Johnson Olony's ability to reinforce or counter attack in the vicinity of Panyikang is limited. His forces are unlikely to rival the well supplied SPLA currently involved in the offensive. Furthermore, the shortest route between the bulk of his forces in Fashoda and Tonga passes through areas of SPLA influence. If Olony is to respond it is likely that he will attack SPLA positions in Fashoda County, possibly in the hope that they will be weakened by the concentration of SPLA in Tonga. An escalation of conflict in the Fashoda area could have implications for the considerable number of IDPs that are currently in areas of Kodok and Abruoc.

### **Abrouc**

The MTT in Abrouc recorded slight increase of entries and exits. **590** individuals entering and **562** individuals of exiting were recorded during the reporting period. The majority of people came from Fashoda county, mainly from Lul and Kalagany. Most of those who left Abrouc reported they are heading to the refugee camp in Sudan via Magaines.

Insecurity and hunger are major reasons driving IDPs to Abrouc area and making them head to further north to Sudan. Due to the increasing tension in areas of Fashoda and the incident in Tonga may have contributed to the movement.

# Malakal POC

The MTT observed drastic decrease of movement at Malakal POC. Compare to 22 individuals entries last week, only 8 individuals/5 HHs entries were recorded. 227 individuals/56 HHs were recorded exiting. This is 49% less individuals than last reporting period.

100% of the entries were women and children and all of them reported they are intending to stay at Malakal PoC more than 6 months. The majority of families came from Sudan; 2 families from Khartoum and 2 families from White Nile. One family came from Renk.

92% of the movement exiting POC was women and children. The majority of families are going to While Nile (61%) and Khartoum (15%); a few families are going to Renk (7%). The majority of families (77%) do not plan to go back to Malakal PoC. Majority of them (79%) reported they are intending to stay more than 6 month at the intended point of destination. Families report family reunification, food, insecurity, health and education as the main reasons for leaving the PoC.

# Renk

The flow in Renk is now stabilized and there was no significant change in population movement from previous reporting period. The MTT recorded 412 individuals entry Renk and 683 exit from Renk, majority of the people (70%) left Renk to go to Khartoum or White Nile in Sudan.

Mainly women and children were entering (75%) and 100% households entering were partial households. The majority of families are coming from Paloch (25%), White Nile (25%) followed by Juba (22%), Khartoum (12%), Malakal (8%) and other locations. 71% of families indicate they plan to stay more than 6 months. The majority of families indicate family reunification as the main reason for coming to Renk followed by managing farmland and employment opportunities.

Mainly women and children were the ones who left Renk (88%) and all the households who left Renk were partial households. Many of exited population intend to go to Jebellen refugee camp in White Nile (35%) followed by Khartoum (15%), Kosti (11%), Paloch (8%), Rebek (7%), and other locations; few families also indicated their intention to go to Malakal.

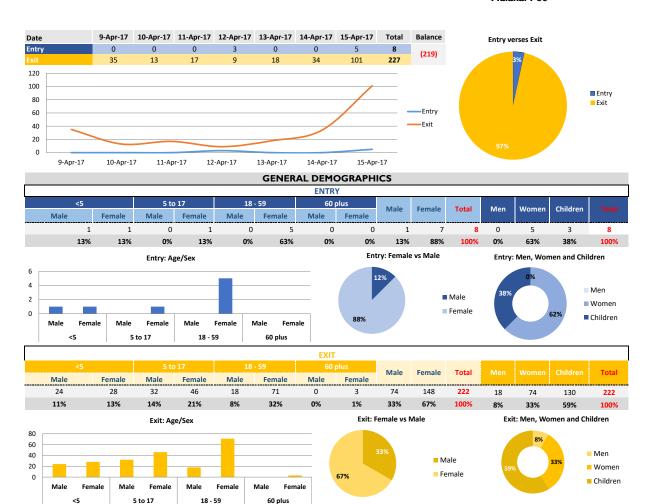
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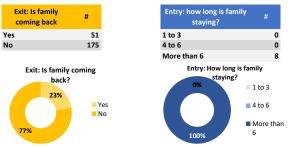
The MTT recorded only 3 households and 10 individual entries to Dethoma 1. No exits were recorded. All the families came from Renk. 83% of families are coming with their whole household versus partial household. One family reported that they are intending to stay from 4 to 6 months, but others responded they are intending to stay more than 6 months. The reasons for entering include food, insecurity, and reunification of family.

# Khoradar

The MTT recorded mass exit of 1711 individuals/340 HHs on 11 April, 2017. Majority of them (68%) of headed to Baliet, specifically to Adong, Gel-Achel, Baliet Town, Rianghom, Nyongkuach, and Anakdiar. Others headed to Malakal (23%) and Panyikang (9%). It is important to note this movement was facilitated by the government of 'Central Upper Nile State'. People were brought to their destinations with trucks.

# Movement Trend Tracking (MTT) - SNAPSHOT Malakal Poc

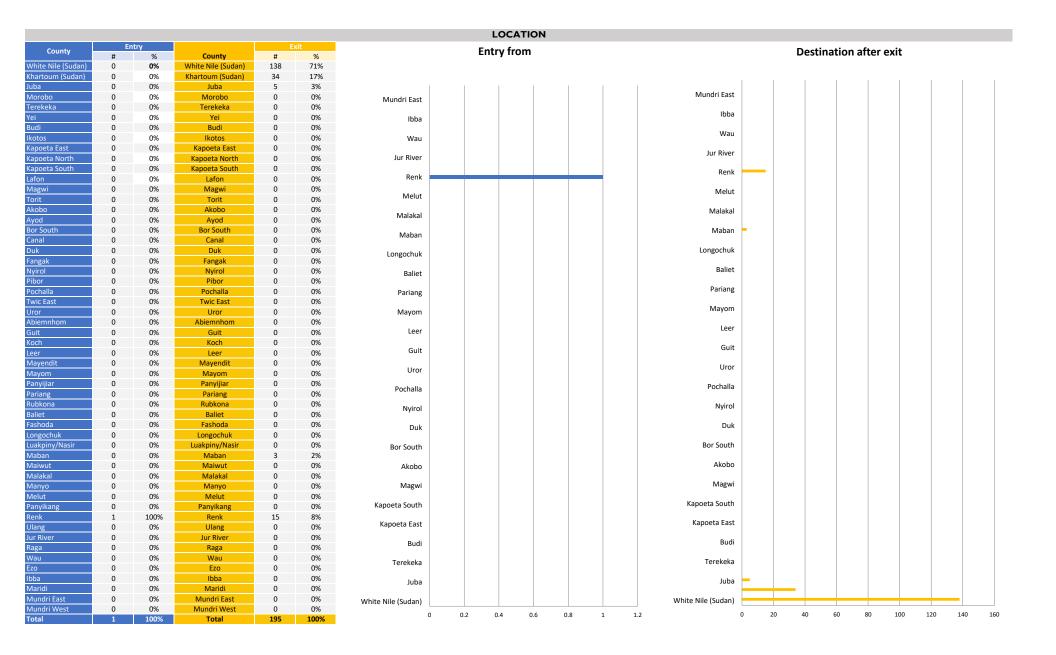




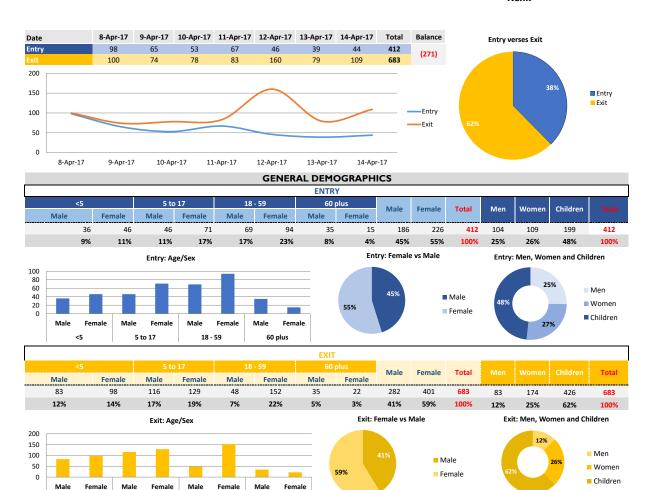
### **REASONS FOR ENTRY AND EXIT**

ENTRY	Insecurity	Uncomfortabl e living conditions	Food	Health	Education	Rejoining family	Employment Opportunities	Managing farm	Other
9-Apr	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-
10-Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11-Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12-Apr	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
13-Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14-Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-





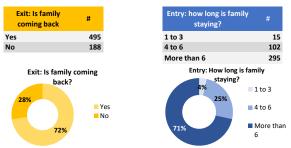
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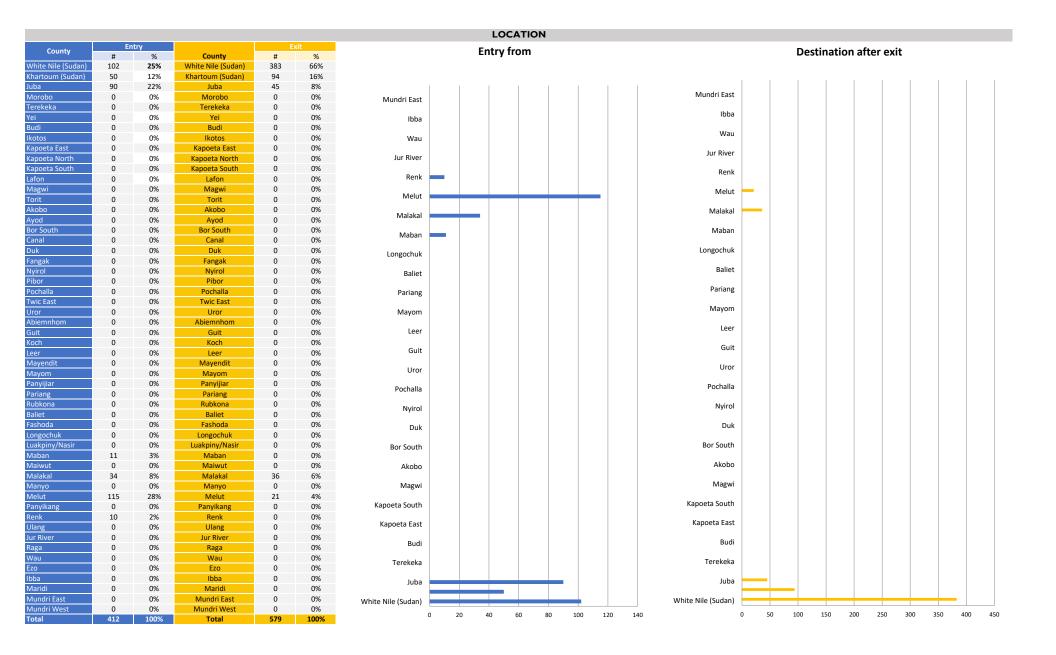
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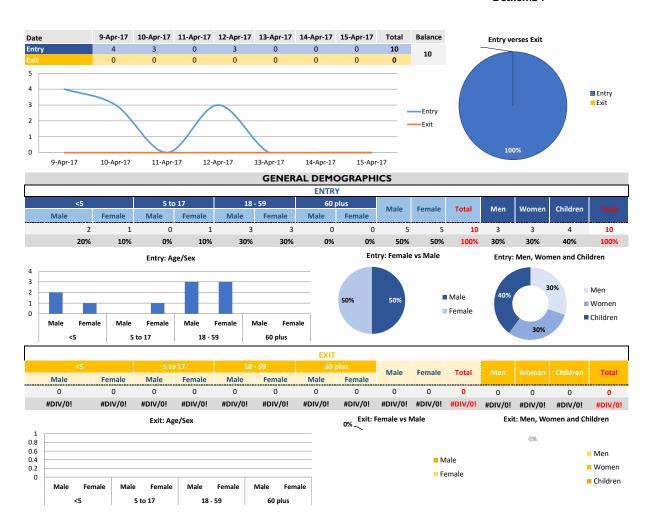
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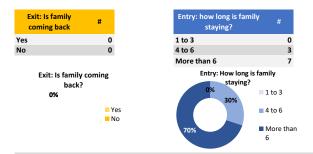
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8-Apr	11	5	-	4	-	36	5	30	7
9-Apr	4	-	-	-	-	29	3	29	-
10-Apr	-	-	-	-	-	17	4	32	-
11-Apr	-	-	-	-	-	31	9	19	8
12-Apr	-	-	-	3	-	14	5	22	2
13-Apr	3	-	-	-	-	17	6	13	-
14-Apr	-	-	-	-	-	26	-	18	-

EXIT	Insecurity	Uncomfortabl e living conditions	Food	Health	Education	Rejoining family	Employment Opportunities	Managing farm	Other
8-Apr	15	7	33	-	-	34	-	11	-
9-Apr	13	-	14	4	-	26	4	13	-
10-Apr	10	-	13	5	-	23	8	19	-
11-Apr	9	-	27	3	-	23	5	16	-
12-Apr	35	-	53	-	7	25	21	13	6
13-Apr	11	-	22	3	-	11	6	21	5
14-Apr	16	5	26	5	-	31	12	14	-

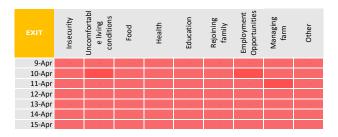


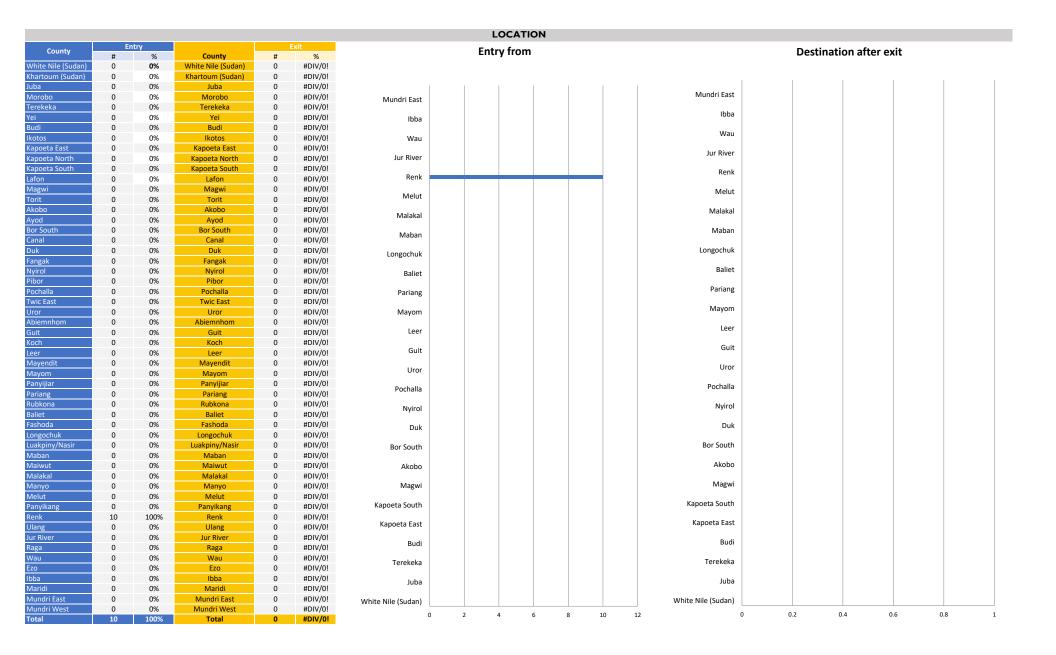
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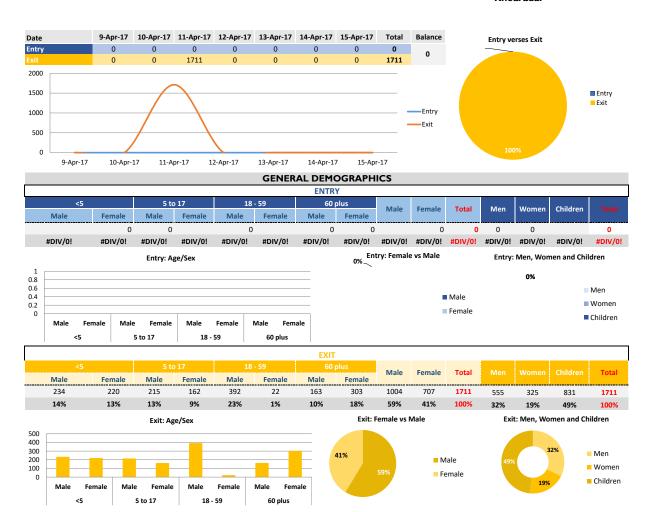


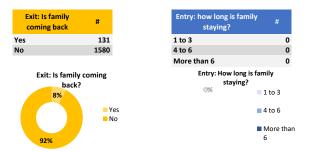






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**REASONS FOR ENTRY AND EXIT** 

EXIT	Insecurity	Uncomfortabl e living conditions	Food	Health	Education	Rejoining family	Employment Opportunities	Managing farm	Other
9-Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-Apr	-	225	-	-	-	-	218	-	-
11-Apr	-	-	348	-	-	-	-	645	-
12-Apr	-	-	119	-	-	-	-	156	-
13-Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14-Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

