

Background and Methodology

DTM relies on its network of key informants and on secondary sources to provide a weekly assessment of mobility and COVID-19 preparedness at priority locations in South Sudan. The updates are released in the beginning of each week based on information collected Monday–Sunday of the previous week. Table 2 on page 2 represents only points prioritized by the Point of Entry Technical Working Group (PoETWG). A more exhaustive list of entry points can be found [here](#).

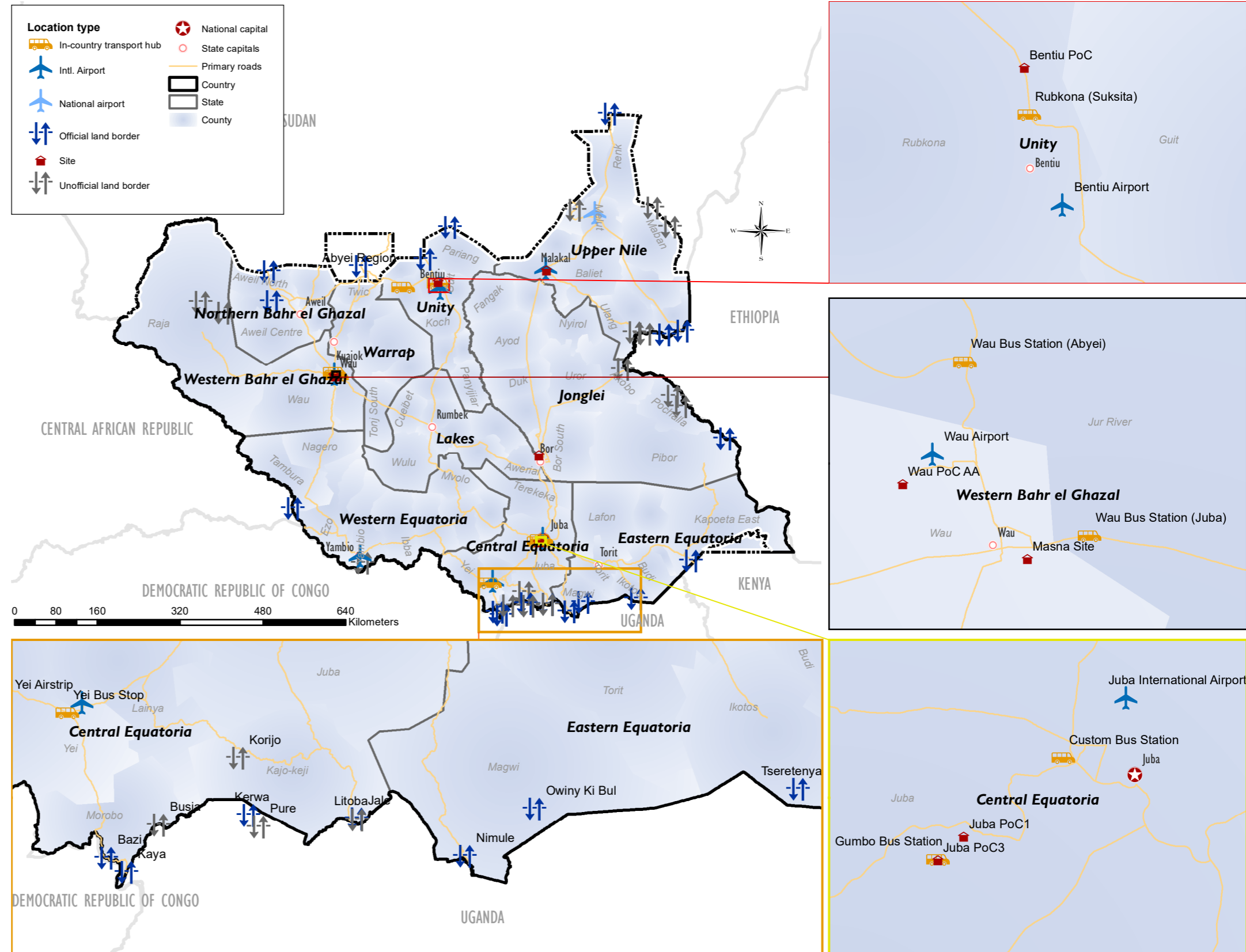
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Overview

As of 19 April 2020, South Sudan has reported [four](#) confirmed cases of which one is not in the country anymore. However, contact tracing in relation to the confirmed cases is ongoing. The South Sudan High Level Task Force (HLTF) on 13 April 2020 suspended all internal passenger flights and other public transportation between Juba and other states (and other inter-state movements) as a measure to curb a potential spread of the disease to other parts of the country. This suspension is set to take a period of no more than 14 days (up to 29 April 2020) as of 15 April 2020.

The HLTF requested the Ministry of Health to increase testing starting in Juba by dividing the city in to five zones and collecting maximum 100 samples a week in each zone.

Selected IDP sites and transportation hubs



Key insights on countries bordering South Sudan

- SUDAN:** Travel through the two major points in Abyei and Renk came to a standstill, including smaller alternative roads that were in use around Abyei Amiet until the beginning of April 2020. Movements through Pariang and Northern Bahr el Ghazal continue uninterrupted. Khartoum has been placed under a [three-week lockdown](#) following an increase in coronavirus cases.
- ETHIOPIA:** Most cross-border movement to and from Ethiopia have come to a halt at known entry points including unofficial crossing points gazetted by Ethiopian forces. Only small-scale incoming flows are observed in Akobo and Boyi / Dima.
- UGANDA:** A Medair assessment in Nimule (26 March – 14 April 2020) found that uncontrolled border crossings via unofficial nearby routes are ongoing despite the official border closure. Population movements are often circular and difficult to stop through the long and porous southern border. While cross-border communities still travel through smaller routes, these movements are often short-term and localized. Ugandan president Museveni [extended lockdown](#) by three more weeks - until 5 May 2020.
- DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO:** DTM recorded cargo movement (food commodities from Uganda) through Gangura a key route between DRC and Yambio in SSD during the reporting period.
- CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC:** The main border points, both official (Source Yubu) and unofficial (Dingimo), have been closed by authorities, with only limited travel continuing along smaller informal routes.
- KENYA:** Movement through Nadapal came to a halt as of 5 April 2020 except for incoming cargo. Kenya continues to enforce a lockdown that has [reportedly](#) proven more deadly than the virus itself.

Please note that coordinates are available upon [request](#).

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 during rep. period	Approx. % overnight travel ²	Approx. % of out of county travel ²	Congregation restrictions	Compliance with restrictions	Fever Screening	Hand-washing stations	Risk communication	Comment
Rubkona	Bentiu PoC	PoC	118,385	None	8,622 / 8,098	45%	71%	Yes	Unknown	No	Yes	Yes	SSPDF forces blocked the PoC site's entrance and exit used by UNMISS and service-providers on Monday 6 April 2020. Movements resumed on Tuesday 7 April 2020. SSPDF open the gates in the morning and evening to allow a limited number of people to go for essential activities
Malakal	Malakal PoC	PoC	27,928	Yes	2,484 / 2,424 ⁴	30%	63%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	National Security forces have restricted access to the PoC site gates as well as the gate used by UNMISS and humanitarian service providers as of Monday 6 April 2020. IDPs
Wau	Wau PoC AA	PoC AA	12,483	None	Unkn.	3%	6%	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	Yes	Wau PoC AA has not witnessed the same movement restrictions as other PoC sites.
Wau	Masna	Collective centre	3,477	None	Unkn.	6%	32%	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	Masna remains populated without movement / congregation restrictions or handwashing. New arrivals from Jur River.
Bor South	Bor PoC	PoC	1,921	Yes	Unkn.	Unknown.	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	No	Yes	Yes	Limit of public gatherings to no more than 10 people respecting the 2m distance rule, no faith congregations, humanitarian partners to limit group activities to no more than 10 people.
Juba	Juba PoC1	PoC	6,880	None	3,051 / 2,933.	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Yes	Yes	Access to the PoC sites was blocked between 6 and 8 April 2020. Normal operations resumed on 9 April 2020. Limit of public gatherings to no more than 10 people respecting the 2m distance rule, no faith congregations, humanitarian partners to limit group activities to no more than 10 people.
Juba	Juba PoC3	PoC	22,779	None	10,799 / 10,046.	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	Yes	Yes	Yes	

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

County	Location	Type	Border to	Mvmnt of cargo as of 19 April	Mvmnt of persons as of 19 April	Into SSD / out of SSD 2019 daily average ³	Into SSD / out of SSD reporting period daily average ³	Fever screening	Hand-washing stations	Risk communication	Isolation / quarantine area	Increased security forces	Comment
Abyei	Abyei (Amiet)	Official land border	SDN	Incoming only	No movement	20/32	3/0.33	No	No	Unknown	No	Yes	Travel has come to a halt, including via nearby smaller routes.
Akobo	Akobo	Unofficial land border	ETH	Incoming only (small scale)	No disruption	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	No	REACH conducts road monitoring in Akobo Town . Persons and cargo are still crossing the border. Cargo is transported by river here, not trucks.
Aweil East	Majokynthiou	Official land border	SDN	Incoming only	No disruption	6/24	Unknown	No	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	
Aweil North	Kiir Adem	Official land border	SDN	Incoming only	No disruption	13/26	32/4	No	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	
Juba	Juba Intl. Airport	Intl. Airport	Inland	Incoming only	Closed with exceptions	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unknown	Suspected cases are transported with the RRT to the John Garang Isolation Unit. Inter-state movement in this airport was closed on 15 April 2020 with exceptions for emergencies and life saving activities with approval from the High Level Task Force.
Kapoeta East	Nadapal	Official land border	KEN	Incoming only	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	Yes	No	Unknown	REACH conducting road monitoring in Kapoeta Town .
Maban	Yabous	Unofficial land border	SDN	No movement	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	No	Small border crossing used as usual.
Maban	Elfoj	Unofficial land border	SDN	No movement	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	No	Small border crossing used as usual..
Magwi	Nimule	Official land border	UGA	Incoming only	De facto via alternative routes	124/156	82/49	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Maiwut	Pagak	Official land border	ETH	Incoming only (small scale)	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	No	
Maiwut	Jekow	Official land border	ETH	Incoming only	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	Unknown	
Morobo	Kaya	Official land border	UGA	Incoming only	No movement	249/198	Unknown	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Holding unit available but no isolation unit.
Pariang	Pantou	Official land border	SDN	Incoming only	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	Unknown	Panakuac road through Karsana and Heglig (all names with frequently used alternative spellings).
Pariang	Jau	Official land border	SDN	Incoming only	No disruption	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	No	Unknown	
Renk	Wunthaw	Official land border	SDN	No movement	No movement	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Rubkona	Rubkona Suksita	In-country transport hub	Inland	Incoming only	No disruption	9/28	1/0	No	No	No	No	No	Arrivals from Sudan and internal movement

1. Latest population counts or biometric registration data when population counts aren't available. 2. Based on DTM Displacement Site Flow Monitoring [Nov-Dec](#) 2019. 3. Averages for days with migration or when and where DTM flow monitoring data was collected. 4. IDPs are still entering and exiting Malakal PoC site albeit at a reduced rate.



For an excel version including more transport hubs and points of entry, please [click here](#).

High Level Task Force

The Government of South Sudan establishes the High Level Task Force on COVID-19 led by The First Vice President Dr. Riak Machar.

Closure of edu. facilities

South Sudan Vice President for Service Cluster Hussein Abdelbagi Akol has decided to close all the schools, teachers training institutes and the universities across the country.

Uganda suspends refugee policy

Uganda's open-door policy for refugees and asylum seekers is suspended for 30 days. Refugees who are already in the country will continue to receive support.



1st COVID-19 Case in SSD

The South Sudan Government confirmed its first case of COVID-19.



4th COVID-19 Case



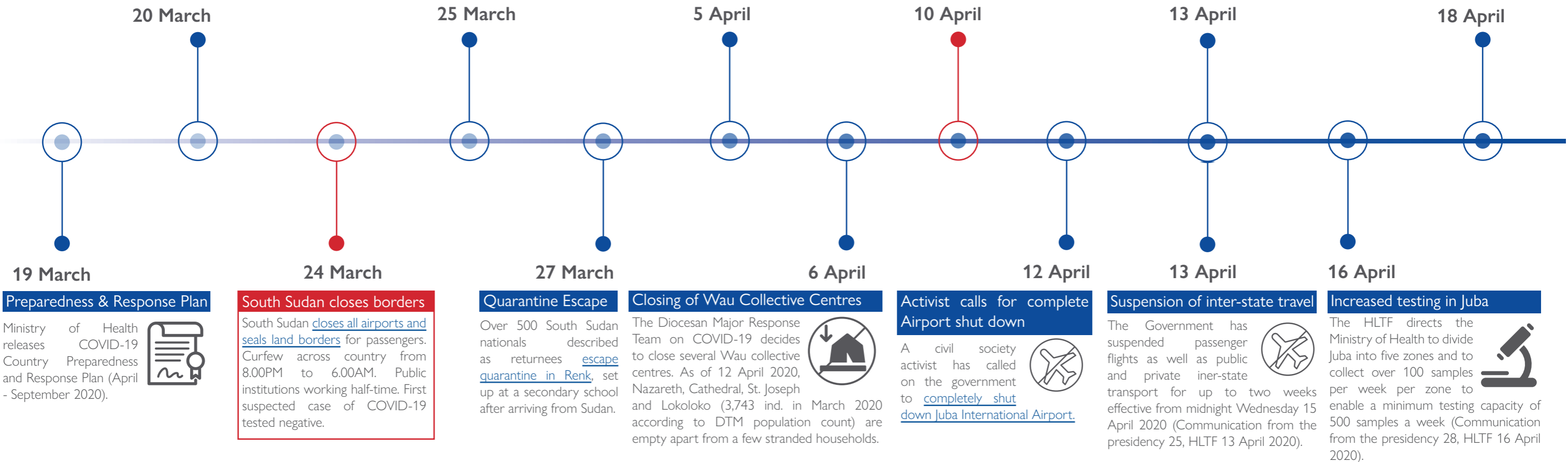
Long distance learning

Education ministry to launch distance learning for students. Lessons for core subjects for primary and secondary school students will be delivered over radio stations and national television.



Release of 143 prisoners

Authorities in South Sudan has released 143 prisoners in an effort to combat the spread of the new coronavirus disease in crowded jails.



COVID-19 Cases and Deaths



Worldwide:

- 2,241,778 confirmed cases
- 152,551 deaths



Number of cases/deaths in neighboring countries:

- Sudan: 66/10
- Central African Republic: 12/0
- Democratic Republic of the Congo: 327/25
- Uganda: 55/0
- Ethiopia: 105/3
- Kenya: 262/12



South Sudan

- 4 confirmed case
- 0 deaths

Source: WHO, update as of 19 April 2020