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# FAO's livelihood assistance and response for returns

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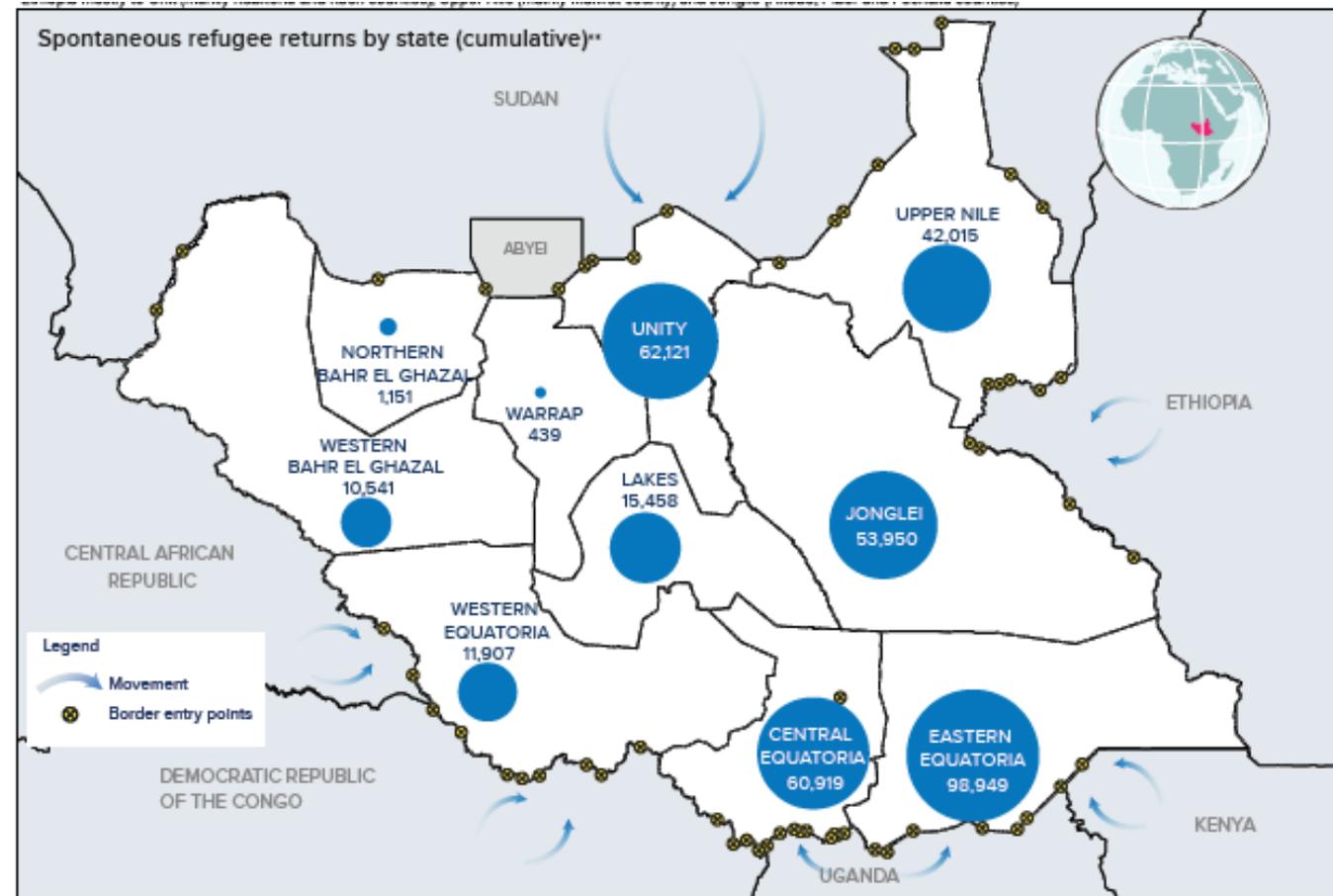
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# Operational Context

- *According to UNHCR 375 392 South Sudanese refugees are estimated to have returned to South Sudan since November 2017*
- *236 764 returned after the signing of the revitalized peace agreement in October 2018*
- *The number of returnees is expected to increase in 2021-2023*



Source: UNHCR



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- *supports returnees, relocated and displaced population's to rebuild their livelihoods, reintegrate and strengthen resilience*
- *FAO's approach is to use the response to immediate needs as a starting point for the implementation of longer-term activities that contribute to strengthening the returnees, relocated and displaced population's resilience*
- *Multi-stakeholder, multi cluster and integrated support need to be provided (livelihoods, food, health, education)*



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- *The core to ensure lasting return is to build resilience of agriculture-dependent households*
- *Returnees moving back must be provided with appropriate support to restart agricultural activities, while ensuring adequate access to services and protection*
- *Strengthening resilience by linking emergency interventions to lasting recovery will facilitate immediate efforts to address food insecurity, reduce negative coping strategies, while promoting adaptive and transformative agriculture-based livelihoods will build resilience and ensure sustainability of return in the long term*





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- *The first critical intervention is provision of productive inputs. This is a priority to ensure engagement in food production, which will have the greatest impact on food security*
- *Emergency livelihood response programme targets the food insecure and most vulnerable groups including **returnees, relocated, or displaced populations**, who often have no or very limited resources*
- *ELRP targets 150 000 HHs in 2021 with the total funding requirement of USD 4 million*



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- *FAO/ELRP provides various types of support including:*
  - *Productive livelihood inputs (crop&veg seeds, agri tools, fish inputs)*
  - *Livestock health interventions to livestock-dependent HHs*
  - *Capacity building in agriculture production, animal husbandry, post-harvest etc.*
  - *Cash + productive inputs (seeds, tools, fishing) or capacity trainings*
  - *Conditional cash transfers (e.g. for restocking, nutrition voucher, cash for work)*
  - *Capacity building through dedicated agriculture vocational training centres for returnees*



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*FAO increases the access to productive resources (agriculture land, water, livestock, forest) for returning, IDPs, refugees and demobilized youth by:*

- engaging with local leadership and stakeholder foras*
- community-level consultations and negotiations*
- facilitation of their participation in developing NRM and agriculture development plans*
- increasing awareness on land tenure rights among the communities and returnees themselves*





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*FAO promotes adaptive and transformative agriculture based livelihoods for returnees.*

*This is done **by ensuring greater access to improved and diversified production inputs and technologies** among returnees that **will increase their food production, decrease pre and post harvest losses and improve food safty.***

- *promote agriculture as a more attractive/profitable livelihood option*
- *support local production and access to improved inputs for returnees including improved seeds varieties, animal breeds, seed multiplication, improved fodder crops*
- *ensure access to appropriate and sustainable production and postharvest tools and equipment*
- *build capacities in resilient practices for crop, livestock, fisheries and agroforestry production, CCA, NSA practices, soil and water conservation practices, conservation agriculture, water harvesting and small irrigation*
- *support accelerated use of technologies and strengthen the adoption of labour-saving technologies*
- *promote agricultural diversification and increase production of nutrient-dense crops and livestock*
- *Promote nutrition education and practical activities on household food utilization*





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- *supporting opportunities for income, jobs and livelihood diversification in food value chains including alternative livelihoods and on- and off-farm income-generating activities*
  - *Building capacities in agro-processing, preservation, value addition, packaging and marketing of agricultural, livestock, fisheries and agroforestry products*
  - *Building capacities to engage in producer cooperatives and enterprise groups (honey production, timber production, poultry and goat rearing, livestock production)*
  - *Building capacities to become food value chain actors, provision of necessary inputs and technologies (handling, storage, conservation and processing equipment)*
  - *Establishing, training and provision of equipment for agro-dealers, CBAHWs, community village facilitators and veterinary pharmacies groups*
  - *Building capacities to become local artisans and blacksmiths for the fabrication of tools and equipment (agri hand tools, ox ploughs, beehives, post-harvest drying and storage structures, livestock shelters, fishsmoking ovens, fuel-efficient stoves)*
  - *Strengthening their linkages with market l (trainings, promoting farmer groups and cooperatives, linking with WFP P4P & School Feeding Programmes)*
  - *Improve access to village savings and loans associations and other relevant credit facilities*
  - *Capacity building in soft skills (literacy, numeracy, income generation, business)*





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