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 into five zones and collecting maximum 100 samples a week in each zone.

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 until the beginning of April 2020. Movements through Parajal 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 lockdowns 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 (Ongimo), have been closed by authorities, with only limited travel continuing along smaller informal routes.

- **KENYA**: Movement through Nadaal 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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Population</th>
<th>Movement restrictions within and/or out of the site</th>
<th>Average daily flow in/out during rep. period</th>
<th>Approx. % of overnight travel</th>
<th>Congregation restrictions</th>
<th>Compliance with restrictions</th>
<th>Fever screening</th>
<th>Hand-washing stations</th>
<th>Risk communication</th>
<th>Comment</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Rubkona</td>
<td>Bentiu PoC</td>
<td>PoC</td>
<td>118,385</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>8,622 / 8,098</td>
<td>45%</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>SSDF 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. SSDF opens the gates in the morning and evening to allow a limited number of people to go for essential activities.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Malakal</td>
<td>Malakal PoC</td>
<td>PoC</td>
<td>27,928</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>2,484 / 2,424</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>National Security forces have restricted access to the PoC site gates as well as the gates used by UNMISS and humanitarian service providers as of Monday 6 April 2020. IDPs.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wau</td>
<td>Wau PoC AA</td>
<td>PoC AA</td>
<td>12,483</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>3,051 / 2,933.</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Wau PoC AA has not witnessed the same movement restrictions as other PoC sites.</td>
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<td>Wau</td>
<td>Maxa Central centre</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>3,477</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>10,799 / 10,046.</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Masna remains populated without movement / congregation restrictions or handwashing. New arrival: from J. River. Level 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.</td>
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<td>Bor South</td>
<td>Bor PoC</td>
<td>PoC</td>
<td>1,921</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Bor PoC remains populated without movement / congregation restrictions or handwashing. Movement restrictions remain in place.</td>
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<td>Juba</td>
<td>Juba PoC1</td>
<td>PoC</td>
<td>6,880</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Juba</td>
<td>Juba PoC3</td>
<td>PoC</td>
<td>22,779</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Juba PoC3 remains populated without movement / congregation restrictions or handwashing. Movement restrictions remain in place.</td>
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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)

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Border</th>
<th>Movement of cargo as of 19 April</th>
<th>Movement of persons as of 19 April</th>
<th>Into SSD / out of SSD 2019 daily average</th>
<th>Into SSD / out of SSD reporting period daily average</th>
<th>Fever screening</th>
<th>Hand-washing stations</th>
<th>Risk communication</th>
<th>Isolation / quarantine area</th>
<th>Increased security forces</th>
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<tr>
<td>Abyei</td>
<td>Abyei (Amiet)</td>
<td>SDN</td>
<td>Official land border</td>
<td>Incoming only</td>
<td>No movement</td>
<td>20/32</td>
<td>3/0.33</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Akobo</td>
<td>Akobo</td>
<td>ETH</td>
<td>Unofficial land border</td>
<td>Incoming only (small scale)</td>
<td>No movement</td>
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<td>Unknown</td>
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<td>No</td>
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<td>Aweil East</td>
<td>Akobo</td>
<td>SDN</td>
<td>Official land border</td>
<td>Incoming only</td>
<td>No movement</td>
<td>6/24</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
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<td>Unknown</td>
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<tr>
<td>Aweil North</td>
<td>Ker Adem</td>
<td>SDN</td>
<td>Official land border</td>
<td>Incoming only</td>
<td>No disruption</td>
<td>13/26</td>
<td>32/4</td>
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<td>Unknown</td>
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<td>Juba</td>
<td>Juba Intl. Airport</td>
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<td>Official land border</td>
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<td>Unknown</td>
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<td>Kapoeta East</td>
<td>Nadapal</td>
<td>KEN</td>
<td>Official land border</td>
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<td>Unknown</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>REACH conducting road monitoring in Abyei (Amiet). Persons and cargo are still crossing the border. Cargo is transported by river here, not trucks.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maban</td>
<td>Yaboos</td>
<td>SDN</td>
<td>Unofficial land border</td>
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<td>Nimule</td>
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<td>De facto via alternative routes</td>
<td>124/156</td>
<td>82/49</td>
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<td>Kaya</td>
<td>UGA</td>
<td>Official land border</td>
<td>Incoming only</td>
<td>No movement</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Holding unit available but no isolation unit. Panakuc road through Karsana and Heglig (all names with frequently used alternative spellings).</td>
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<td>Pantou</td>
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<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>RBSC No disruption in road monitoring road monitoring in Abyei (Amiet).</td>
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<td>Re opening the roads in Abyei (Amiet).</td>
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<td>Renk</td>
<td>Wunthaw</td>
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<td>Official land border</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Renk Wunthaw No disruption in road monitoring road monitoring in Abyei (Amiet).</td>
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<td>Rubiona</td>
<td>Rubkona Sukuta</td>
<td>In-country transport hub</td>
<td>Inland</td>
<td>Incoming only</td>
<td>No disruption</td>
<td>9/28</td>
<td>1/0</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Arrivals from Sudan and internal movement.</td>
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1. Latest population counts or biometric registration data when population counts aren’t available. 2. Based on DTM Displacement Site Flow Monitoring. 3. Averages for days with migration or when and where DTM flow monitoring data was collected. 4. PoC sites 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.
South Sudan COVID-19 Timeline (up to 19 April 2020)

19 March
Preparedness & Response Plan

20 March
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.

25 March
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.

5 April
1st COVID-19 Case in SSD
The South Sudan Government confirmed its first case of COVID-19.

10 April
4th COVID-19 Case
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.

13 April
Long distance learning

13 April
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.

18 April
Suspension of inter-state travel
The Government has suspended passenger flights as well as public and private inter-state transport for up to two weeks effective from midnight Wednesday 15 April 2020 (Communication from the presidency 25, HLTF 13 April 2020).

19 March
South Sudan closes borders
South Sudan closes all airports and seals land borders for passengers. Curfew across country from 8.00PM to 6.00AM. Public institutions working half-time. First suspected case of COVID-19 tested negative.

24 March
Uganda suspends refugee policy

27 March
Quarantine Escape
Over 500 South Sudan nationals described as returnees escape quarantine in Juba. Set up at a secondary school after arriving from Sudan.

25 March
Closing of Wau collective centres
The Diocesan Major Response Team on COVID-19 decides to close several Wau collective centres. As of 12 April 2020, Nazareth, Cathedral, St. Joseph and Lokoloko (3,743 ind. in March 2020 according to DTM population count) are empty apart from a few stranded households.

6 April
Activist calls for complete Airport shut down
A civil society activist has called on the government to completely shut down Juba International Airport.

12 April
Suspension of inter-state travel

13 April
Increased testing in Juba
The HLTF directs the Ministry of Health to divide Juba into five zones and to collect over 100 samples per week per zone to enable a minimum testing capacity of 500 samples a week (Communication from the presidency 28, HLTF 16 April 2020).

16 April
Release of 143 prisoners

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 cases
- 0 deaths

Source: WHO, update as of 19 April 2020

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