The flow monitoring component of DTM tracks movement flows of groups and individuals through key points of origin, transit locations and points of destination. The purpose of flow monitoring is to provide regularly updated information on the patterns and trends of population flows and profiles and intentions of IDPs on the move through specific locations. Trained enumerators collect data on two types of movements: i) internal flows within South Sudan and ii) cross-border flows to and from neighboring countries, mainly Sudan and Uganda. Depending on the location, the data is being collected by IOM or in partnership with trained local NGOs. The data collected through Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) allow partners to better understand population movements and inform humanitarian assistance.

Persons exiting PoC sites should not be seen as returnees as these population movements are often cyclical as opposed to permanent. Malakal PoC site has witnessed disproportionally large inflows as opposed to exits over the last weeks (F.1&2). While half all entering individuals arrived from within Upper Nile State, 17 per cent came from Khartoum, Sudan and eight per cent from Juba.
Malakal PoC Site
Intended periods of stay and reasons for movement

F4. Entries: intended period of stay (in site)
Malakal PoC site 1 Jan - 4 Feb 2018

81.9% More than 6 months
14.1% 4-6 months
3.6% 1-3 months

F5. Exits: intended period of stay (away from site) Malakal PoC site 1 Jan - 4 Feb 2018

51.7% More than 6 months
20.0% 4-6 months
28.3% 1-3 months

Intended periods of stay: only half of all individuals exiting the site intended leaving for more than six months (F.5). The other half reported intending to return to the site in 4-6 months (20%) or 1-3 months (28%). The overwhelming majority of entering IDPs planned on staying for more than 6 months (F.4).

F6. Reasons for entries (948 ind.) Malakal PoC site

To join the rest of the family 52.2%
Shortage of food 37.0%
Uncomfortable living condition 2.7%
Other 5.9%

F7. Reasons for exits (60 ind.) Malakal PoC site

To join the rest of the family 48.3%
To seek healthcare facilities 16.7%
To seek better services 16.7%
Other 18.3%

Reasons for movement: about half of all individuals entering and exiting the PoC did so to join their families (F.6&7). Other reasons that drove people to move into the site were food shortages (37%) or uncomfortable living conditions (3%). Those that left the PoC also cited the need for health care (17%) or other services (17%).