Wau Town features one PoC site and five collective centres in which IOM DTM conducts monthly headcounts to monitor changing population dynamics and displacement trends. In May 2019, the monthly count was conducted in Wau PoC AA site, as well as Cathedral, Nazareth, St. Joseph, Lokoloko and Masna collective centres where a total of 36,925 individuals were accounted for. Throughout 2018 until February 2019, DTM observed a steady decline of Wau PoC AA site’s population. However, between March and May, the population increased by 34 per cent (by 4,906 individuals). This can be attributed to the continued displacement caused by clashes between pastoralists and farmers in Kuajerana and Rocordong, Jur River that broke out in early March 2019. Similarly, Jur River arrivals have caused Masna and Nazareth collective sites’ population to more than double (increase of 126% and 120%) since March while Cathedral’s population increased by 56 per cent. Overall, the population of covered Wau displacement sites increased by 53 per cent representing 12,813 individuals, since March 2019.

Population by zone and block, Wau PoC AA (May 2019): 18,474 individuals (52% Female)
Wau collective centres’ population figures in May 2019 documented a net increment of 6,518 individuals since April 2019.

- Cathedral: 6,317 individuals, ↑ 2,174 increase May’19
- Masna: 8,576 individuals, ↑ 3,613 increase May’19
- Lokoloko: 1,262 individuals, ↓ 21 decrease May’19
- Nazareth: 1,410 individuals, ↑ 754 increase May’19
- St. Joseph: 228 individuals, ↓ 2 decrease May’19

### Monthly trend in Wau collective centres, May 2018 – May 2019

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