Wau Town features one protection of civilians (PoC) site and five collective centres in which IOM DTM conducts monthly headcounts to monitor changing population dynamics and displacement trends. In July 2019, the monthly count was conducted in Cathedral, Nazareth, St. Joseph, Lokoloko and Masna collective centres where a total of 13,687 individuals were identified. As part of a biometric verification process, a fixing exercise replaced the headcount at Wau PoC AA according to which 12,959 individuals currently live at the site bringing the population of all six locations to 26,646, an 18 per cent drop since June. Wau PoC site saw a significant drop in its population (4,476 individuals – a 26% decrease).*

*Given the difference in methodologies, the decrease may be partially due to the more exact nature of the fixing exercise and thus not describe the actual drop in beneficiary numbers in the period June to July 2019.