The Bentiu Protection of Civilian (PoC) site was established in December 2013. As of March 2020, 131,271 individuals are biometrically registered as active beneficiaries in the site representing a decrease by 1,133 individuals since January 2020 due to deactivations of registrations following three consecutive no-shows at food distributions. Recognizing that there have been significant population changes since the last overall biometric registration/verification, IOM DTM conducts regular population counts to monitor population dynamics and displacement trends showing that actual number of persons currently living at Bentiu PoC site remains lower than the registered total.

As per the March 2020 population count, the population stands at 118,385 individuals (16,324 households) in 12,054 inhabited shelters (on average 10 individuals per shelter). According to indicative Displacement Site Flow Monitoring findings, the number of new arrivals per month has been decreasing since December 2019. Accessing food distributions in other counties of Unity State and failed attempts to return home figured among the top reasons for temporary journeys away from the site in March 2020.

**Monthly population trends at Bentiu PoC site, March 2019 – March 2020***

*In April, May, June, August, November 2019 and February 2020, IOM was unable to conduct population counts.
The most populous sector is Sector 5 hosting over a quarter of the overall population (26%), followed for Sector 3 (25%) and Sector 4 (21%).

The blocks with the largest populations were Block 7 of Sector 1 (3,234 individuals) as well as Block 12, Sector 4 (2,748) and Block 9, Sector 3 (2,694).

The population count showed an increase of young male population groups between December 2019 and March 2020 (18-59-year-old males: 24,006 to 25,328 individuals). An increase was also reported for males aged 6 to 17 (19,391 to 21,045 individuals).

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