Over the reporting period, a total of 7,738 movements were observed at four (4) Flow Monitoring Points (FMPs) at the Ugandan border with South Sudan; this represents an increase of 46% in terms of average daily movements as compared to the previous month. At the beginning of February, five FMPs along the Uganda/South Sudan border were moved to South Sudan. Only one FMP (Elegu) remains in Uganda.

Similar to April 2020, this month saw a majority of incoming flows (64%) against outgoing flows (36%). The majority of movements were reported within a day to a week (60%). Frequently by truck or bus (75%), by foot (10%), by motorbike (10%), by bike (4%), and by taxi or car (1%). There has been a drop of migrants since March 2020 due to mobility restrictions set by the government as a measure to control the spread of COVID-19. The movements tracked in May 2020 represent a decrease of 77% as compared to the same period in 2019.
HIGHLIGHTS

- Of the 7,738 observations, 87 per cent were registered by the FMPs Elegu and Kerwa;
- 17 per cent of observations were reported, bidirectionally, between the districts of Aringa in Uganda and Kajo-Keji (Central Province) in South Sudan;
- A little over 2 per cent of the incoming population reported refugee settlements as their intended destination;
- 47 per cent of the population tracked at FMPs self-declared as Ugandan while 23% were South Sudanese, and 20% were Kenyan;
- 3 per cent of incoming movements were to collect aid;
- Less than 1 per cent of incoming movements was for health care;
- 50 per cent of outgoing movement was for economic reasons.

MEANS OF TRANSPORT

Food insecurity was the main driver with a total of 44% observations.

VULNERABILITY PROFILE

- Children under 5: 1%
- Pregnant and/or lactating women: 1%
- People with disabilities: <1%
- Elderly: <1%

VULNERABILITY AND FLOW DIRECTION

Vulnerabilities were tracked in 2 per cent of incoming observations and 1 per cent of outgoing observations.
The Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) is implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Uganda at the border with South Sudan, in close collaboration with IOM South Sudan and with funding from the South Sudan response. DTM flow monitoring is a component of DTM used to derive quantitative estimates of the flow of individuals, track and monitor cross-border movement and population mobility to better inform on nature, volume, direction and drivers of migration, including the risk of trafficking and smuggling of migrants. The exercise counts the number of people passing through FMPs in both directions, informing on migration trends and patterns, migrants’ place of origin, intended destination, reasons for moving and their socio-demographic characteristics. Data is collected on tablets/phones through interviews with people on the move, Key Informants (KI) and direct observation. Information is triangulated with other official or unofficial sources, when available.

This report includes ALL FMPs present along the Uganda/South Sudan border, almost all of which are operated by DTM South Sudan. This is in contrast to previous reports which only included FMPs operated within Uganda borders. For this reason, the movements in February onward are not directly comparable to movements tracked in January, or earlier.

LIMITATIONS

The FMPs are strategically placed to capture the most characteristic migration flows, and to complement the information captured through official PoEs established by the government authorities. Hence not all migration flows between two countries are covered by the existing FMPs, namely Kerwa, Elegu, Jale (Litoba), and Kaya. The findings presented in this report are limited to the representation of flows in the location specified above, in view of defining a profile of the migration flows. Data collection is carried out seven days a week during the day from 8:00 to 17:00.

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