IOM and partners recently conducted population counts and registration at displacement sites across Wau town in response to the mass population movement following the upsurge of fighting in Wau on 10 April.

IOM and the World Food Programme registered 13,915 new arrivals at the protection of civilians (PoC) site adjacent to the UN Mission in South Sudan base between 25 – 27 April. The updated population of the PoC site is 39,165 internally displaced persons (IDPs), estimated from the sum of the latest biometric registration result conducted in March 2017 (25,250 IDPs) and the paper-based registration of the new arrivals. PoC in Wau is the most congested PoC in the country. The population has increased by 55%, which has resulted in a shortage of shelters, food, water and other resources.

IOM Displacement Tracking and Monitoring teams also conducted population head counts at the five collective centers – Cathedral, Nazareth, St. Joseph, Lokoloko, and Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS) – in Wau town between 26 April – 4 May, with the close coordination of the leaderships of respective collective centres. There were increase of population by 46%, in average, among five collective centers.

Please note all the population in ECS site relocated to the new site Masna, which is located 7 Km from Wau town on 4 May after the head count has conducted. At least 329 individuals from ECS site have entered PoCAA and 49 individuals entered Cathedral since the relocation.

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