The displacement context in Sudan is complex, as protracted displacement is mixed with new displacement as well as pendular movements of some of the displaced populations between the camps/settlements and places of origin.

Many Sudanese refugees are also returning from Chad, seeking to re-establish their lives in the country.

In addition, seasonal migration is part of the tradition of many of the communities, further complicating the analysis of the displacement and migration patterns.

The Sudanese Government recognizes the need to develop refined strategies to support durable solutions for the displaced, based on the profile of the displaced and displacement-affected communities, as well as on an analysis of their preferred solutions.

The project aims to integrate urban and village components into the Durable Solutions profiling exercise to obtain an evidence-based understanding to inform area-based and context-specific durable solutions planning and programming in Darfur. The returnees mapping component aims to develop and standardize a tracking tool, produce static maps and develop a tool for sustainable mapping of the returnees.

**iMMAP in Sudan**

**Project duration:** Since June 2017

**Donor:** UNDP and World Bank

**Current project:** Urban Profiling and Returnees Mapping in Sudan

**Project budget:** USD 287,331.58

**Partners iMMAP currently supports:** UN-Habitat, JIPS

**Sectors Supported**

- Durable Solutions Working Group
- Early Recovery Cluster
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**2017-2018:**

**Coordination of the profiling exercise and returnees mapping exercise:**

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**Urban profiling:**

- Coordinate the profiling exercise and develop a preliminary Urban Assessment Report of El-Fasher town, including a basic spatial, socioeconomic, and demographic profiling
- Conduct participatory mapping exercises with local authorities and target population groups
- Provide capacity building for the technical coordination platform (State Ministry of Physical Planning and Public Utilities) to promote planning strategies towards permanent housing standards

**Returnees Mapping:**

In order to improve the mapping of returnees, iMMAP experts developed:
- Returnees dataset: development of a consolidated dataset including all data to map returnees
- Returnees tracking matrix: the tracking matrix collects identified gaps in information for mapping returnees
- Six returnees static maps (Darfur region and sub-states)
- GIS tool: PowerBI online tool for mapping locations of the returnees and the basic humanitarian services available

**CURRENT PHASE:**

The project continued during 2018-2019, and iMMAP contributes in facilitating its implementation through:

**Coordination and facilitation of collaboration:**

- Maintaining effective information management systems, as well as data collection and analysis
- Liaising with all stakeholders to provide updates on data processes, and promote the use of data and analysis

**Support community consultation processes:**

- Supporting the Displacement and Solutions Strategic Advisor design and implementation of community consultations

**Data analysis and reporting:**

- Developing a strategy for dissemination of the final report amongst key stakeholders

**Technical guidance and strategic planning:**

- Ensuring that lessons learned from pilots feeds into future profiling exercises and that relevant best practices internally and externally utilized, both nationally and globally
- Ensuring the profiling findings feed into the Durable Solutions Plan of Action for El Fasher
- Supporting the national authorities in exploring the relevance and added benefit of undertaking profiling to support durable solutions planning and strategy