

## **Workshops: The Challenges of Returns and Provision of Basic Services**

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### **Internally Displaced Persons (IDP's)**

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#### **IDP's and Refugees**

- IDP's are the responsibility of their own government and have no protection by international agencies.
- Refugees under UNHCR mandate, which provides protection and assistance.

#### **Returnees**

- Accompanied by:
  - Northern Sudan: humanitarian agency accompany
  - Southern Sudan: Southern Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (SSRRC) – GOSS institution and UN agencies and NGO's
  - International Organizations – UNHCR
  - States and churches
- Spontaneous – 80-90%
- Organized - INGO's provide help (transportation, way stations, etc.)

#### **Statistics**

- IDP's - 4 million
- Refugees - 400,000 in bordering countries
- Returnees - 250-500,000
- Returnees who have been assisted – 110,000

#### **The Political Context**

- Fragility of the CPA
- Serious issue for the return process (undermined)
- People are self-determined to return
- 2006 Document – assigned responsibility to government
- Implementing Agencies – UNHCR shouldering the burden

#### **Process - Return Mapping**

- Determine the interest of the IDP to return
- Determine the capability of the county and state to absorb returnees

#### **Challenges of re-integration**

- Lack of readiness
- Emotional neediness
- Security – although it has improved in last 16-18 months
- Services are not expanding at the same rate that the population is increasing – water, food, shelter, etc.