

## SUDAN

Following the Government of Sudan's and most armed groups' unilateral ceasefires, tensions and subsequent displacement are thought to have significantly decreased in the first half of 2017. Intercommunal clashes have also been less common. Access to some areas has therefore improved, following the introduction of new directives for humanitarian action in December 2016. Their implementation, however, remains inconsistent across states and needs for basic services remain high and have prevented the return of IDPs to their place of habitual residence.

Up to 18,000 new displacements have been reported by international agencies, although this is thought to be a very conservative estimate.