



Akobo Port Monitoring

Akobo County, Jonglei State, South Sudan

South Sudan Displacement Crisis

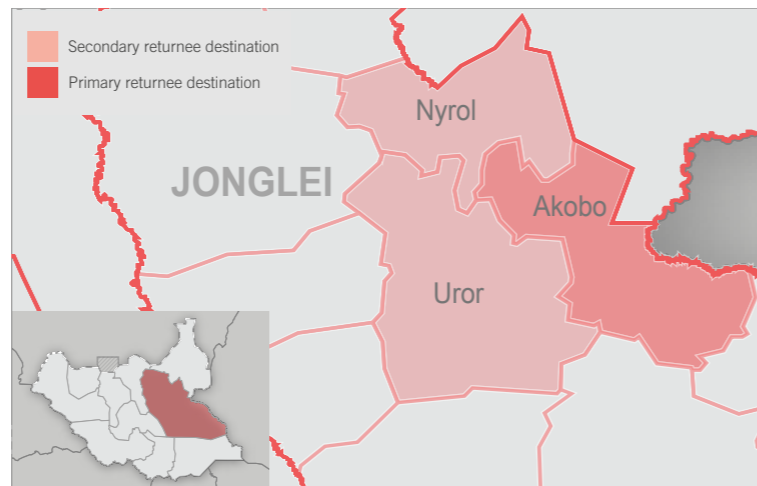
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CONTEXT

Akobo Town is located in the eastern side of Akobo County, Jonglei State, close to the land and river border crossings with Ethiopia. Akobo is a key point of trade and transit between South Sudan and Ethiopia.

Since the beginning of the crisis, this route has been used by South Sudanese citizens heading to or coming back from refugee camps in Ethiopia. In two locations, Tirgol Port and Market Port, REACH staff record arrivals and departures of South Sudanese on a daily basis, since May 2015. In order to provide an indication of wider trends, data is collected on the volume of movement, and the motivations and intentions of those traveling.

The following findings are based on primary data collected between 1 and 30 Jun 2017. During June, REACH interviewed 201 key informants (KIs) who were arriving in and 203 KIs who were departing from Akobo Town.



DEPARTURES

Demographic¹

74% of the total outbound boat passengers expressed the intention to permanently leave South Sudan.



Children 49%
Women 29%
Men 22%

Desired destination locations

Reported intended destinations in Ethiopia by people leaving South Sudan permanently:

Refugee camps **76 %**
Tirgol Town **9 %**
Mattar Town **6 %**
Gambella Town **5 %**
Other **2 %**

Reasons for leaving

Reported reasons for leaving by people permanently leaving South Sudan for Ethiopia:

Ongoing conflict **17 %**
Lack of education **16 %**
Personal insecurity **15 %**
Lack of food **15 %**
Lack of shelter **7 %**
Lack of NFIs **7 %**
Lack of health services **6 %**
Other **17 %**

Changes in reasons for leaving

Most prevalent reasons for leaving; March to June 2017:

	March 2017	April 2017	May 2017	June 2017
Ongoing Conflict	8 %	28 %	28 %	17 %
Lack of food	28 %	27 %	24 %	15 %
Lack of education	35 %	14 %	19 %	16 %
Personal insecurity	7 %	9 %	7 %	15 %

Movement into camps

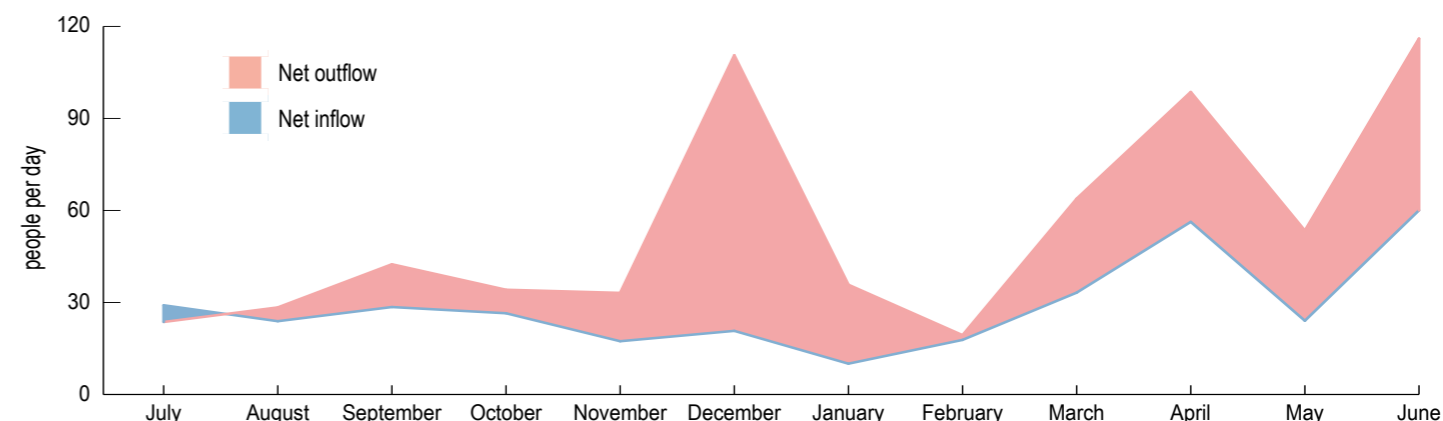
Of the 76% intending to go to refugee camps, people reported the following destinations:

Jewi Camp **25 %**
Kule Camp **22 %**
Fugnido Camp **21 %**
Nguenyyiel Camp **18 %**
Other camps **14 %**

Note:
1. Men, women and children figures presented are percentiles of those permanently leaving/returning.
2. In location of displacement in Ethiopia.

GENERAL MOVEMENT TRENDS

Average monthly movement trends of people permanently leaving (red) and people permanently returning (blue) per day from July 2016 to June 2017.



ARRIVALS

Demographic¹

68% of the total inbound boat passengers expressed the intention to permanently return to South Sudan.



Children 39%
Men 31%
Women 30%

Desired return locations

Reported destinations by permanent returnees from Ethiopia to South Sudan:

Akobo County **97 %**
Nyiröl County **2 %**
Uror County **1 %**

Changes in reasons for returning

Most prevalent reasons for returning; March to June 2017:

	March 2017	April 2017	May 2017	June 2017
Returning to home/family ²	5 %	16 %	25 %	33 %
Lack of ration card ²	31 %	22 %	13 %	15 %
Lack of work ²	0 %	0 %	19 %	21 %
Personal insecurity ²	10 %	10 %	8 %	6 %

Reasons for returning

Reported reasons for returning by permanent returnees from Ethiopia to South Sudan:

Returning home/family **33 %**
Lack of work² **21 %**
Lack of ration card² **15 %**
Lack of NFIs² **7 %**
Personal insecurity² **6 %**
Lack of food² **5 %**
Lack of educational services² **3 %**
Other **11 %**

Methodological notes

Data has been collected regularly at both Tirgol Port and Market Port since May 2015. Between October and December 2016, port monitors were collecting information from 9am until 7pm, including on weekends, but due to insecurity and other issues, data is not always collected on a consistent daily basis. Between January and March 2017, data was only collected during weekdays but in April, daily data collection was resumed between 9am and 4pm, including weekends. Thus, evenings and holiday movements are unaccounted for.

To correct for this lack of consistency, data presented across time within this factsheet has been normalized by the number of collection days each month. This allows for comparison of data across different months.

Please note that the data presented here is indicative, not representative.