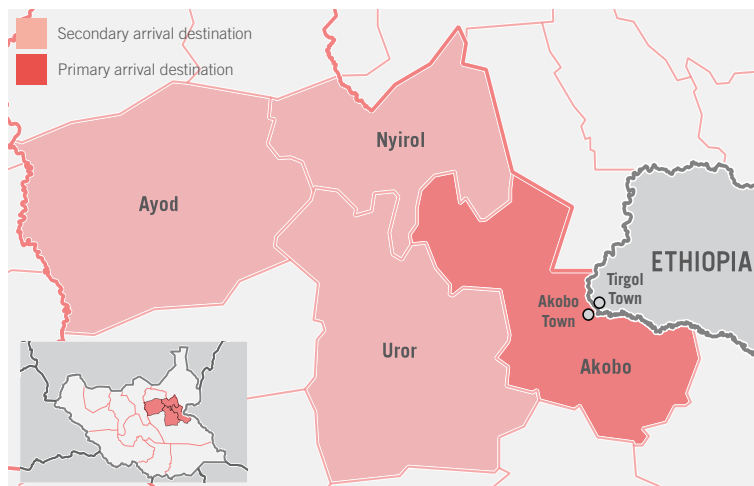## CONTEXT

Akobo Town is located in the eastern side of Akobo County, Jonglei State, close to 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 Ethiopian refugee camps. Since May 2015, REACH and ACTED staff in two locations - Tirgol Port and Market Port - record arrivals and departures of South Sudanese on a daily basis. In order to provide an indication of wider trends, data is collected on the volume of movement and the motivation and intentions of those traveling.

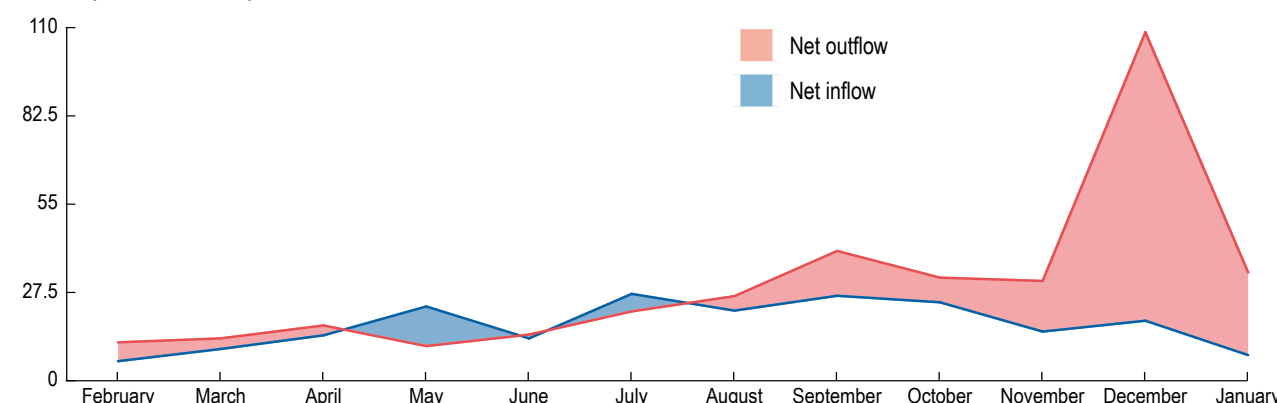Unless specifed, the following findings are based on primary data collected between the 16th and 31st of January 2017.

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Secondary arrival destination
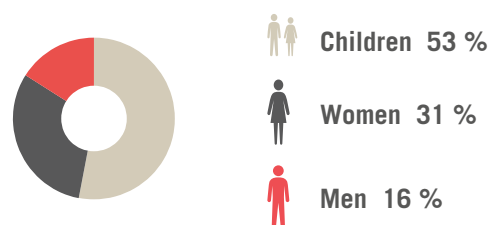Primary arrival destination

GENERAL MOVEMENT TRENDS[1]

Average daily movement trends of people permanently leaving (red) and people permanently returning (blue); February 2016 to January 2017

Net outflow
Net inflow

DEPARTURES

Demographic[2]

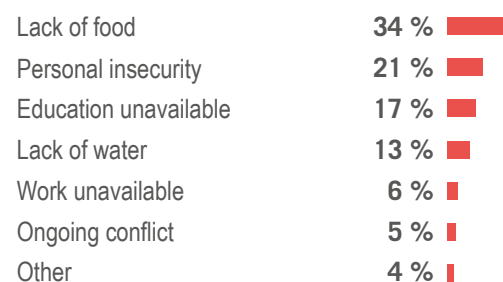**75%** of the total outbound boat passengers expressed the intention to permanently leave South Sudan.

Children 53 %
Women 31 %
Men 16 %

Desired destination locations

Reported destinations in Ethiopia by people leaving South Sudan permanently:

Refugee camps	65 %
Mattar Town	15 %
Gambella Town	10 %
Tirgol Town	10 %

Reasons for leaving

Reasons for leaving by people permanently leaving South Sudan for Ethiopia:

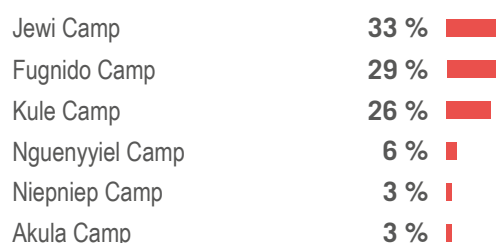|	
Lack of food	34 %
Personal insecurity	21 %
Education unavailable	17 %
Lack of water	13 %
Work unavailable	6 %
Ongoing conflict	5 %
Other	4 %

Changes in reasons for leaving

Most prevalent reasons for leaving:

	Feb to April 2016	May to July 2016	Aug to Oct 2016	Nov 2016 to Jan 2017
Education unavailable	39 %	63 %	44 %	27 %
Lack of food	24 %	6 %	18 %	33 %
Lack of NFIs	0 %	0 %	1 %	16 %
Ongoing conflict	4 %	2 %	19 %	5 %

Movement into camps

Of the 65% intending to go to camps, people reported the following destinations:

Jewi Camp	33 %
Fugnido Camp	29 %
Kule Camp	26 %
Nguenyyiel Camp	6 %
Niepniep Camp	3 %
Akula Camp	3 %

Note:
1. Reported reasons for the large outflow in December 2016 were a delayed distribution that heightened food insecurity and finalisation of refugee registration by UNHCR in Ethiopia.
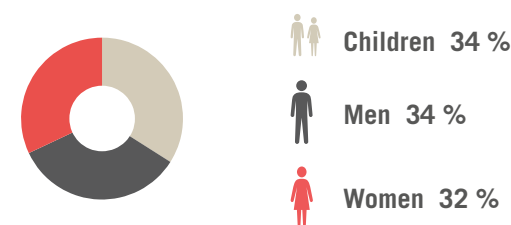2. Men, women and children figures presented are percentiles of those permanently leaving/returning.
3. In location of displacement.

ARRIVALS

Demographic[2]

38% of the total inbound boat passengers expressed the intention to permanently return to South Sudan.
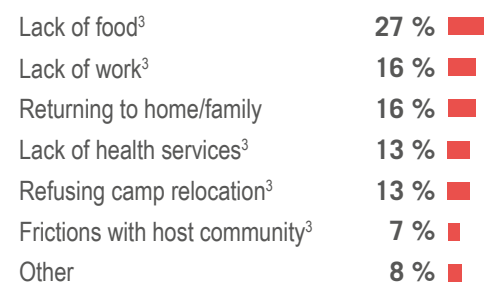

Children 34 %
Men 34 %
Women 32 %

Desired return locations

Reported destinations by permanent returnees from Ethiopia to South Sudan:

Akobo County	76 %
Nyirol County	14 %
Ayod County	7 %
Uror County	3 %

Reasons for returning

Reasons for returning by permanent returnees from Ethiopia to South Sudan:

Lack of food[3]	27 %
Lack of work[3]	16 %
Returning to home/family	16 %
Lack of health services[3]	13 %
Refusing camp relocation[3]	13 %
Frictions with host community[3]	7 %
Other	8 %

Changes in reasons for returning

Most prevalent reasons for returning:

	Feb to April 2016	May to July 2016	Aug to Oct 2016	Nov 2016 to Jan 2017
Signing of peace agreement	49 %	51 %	20 %	5 %
Lack of food[3]	4 %	8 %	24 %	28 %
Personal insecurity[3]	19 %	23 %	24 %	14 %
Lack of shelter[3]	6 %	2 %	2 %	3 %

Methodological notes

Data has been collected regularly at both Tirgol Port and Market Port since May 2015. Data was collected from 9 - 4 on weekdays, thus evening, weekend and holidays movements were unaccounted for. Starting October 27th 2016, port monitors are collecting information from 9 - 7, including on weekends. Due to insecurity and other issues, data is not always collected on a consistent daily basis.

To correct for this lack of consistency, data presented across time within this fact sheet have 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.

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