



Akobo Port Monitoring

Akobo County, Jonglei State, South Sudan

South Sudan Displacement Crisis

August 2016

CONTEXT

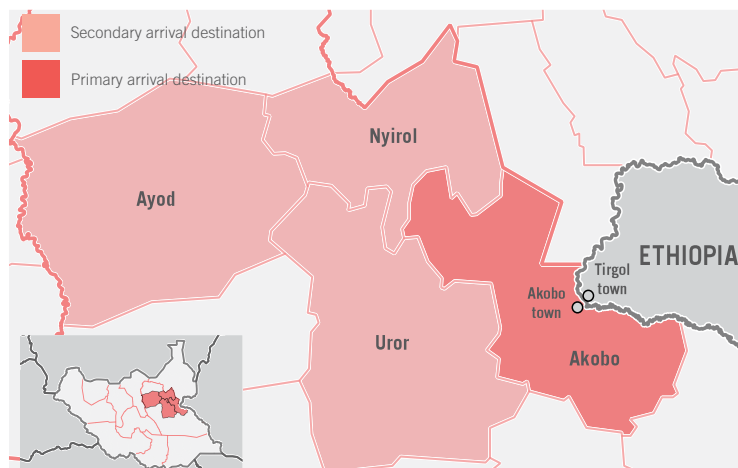
Akobo town is located in the eastern side of Akobo County, Jonglei State, close to land and river border crossings with Ethiopia. Akobo is a key point of trade and transit between South Sudan and Ethiopia.

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 - Tigror 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 specified, the following findings are based on primary data collected between the 1st and 30th of August 2016.

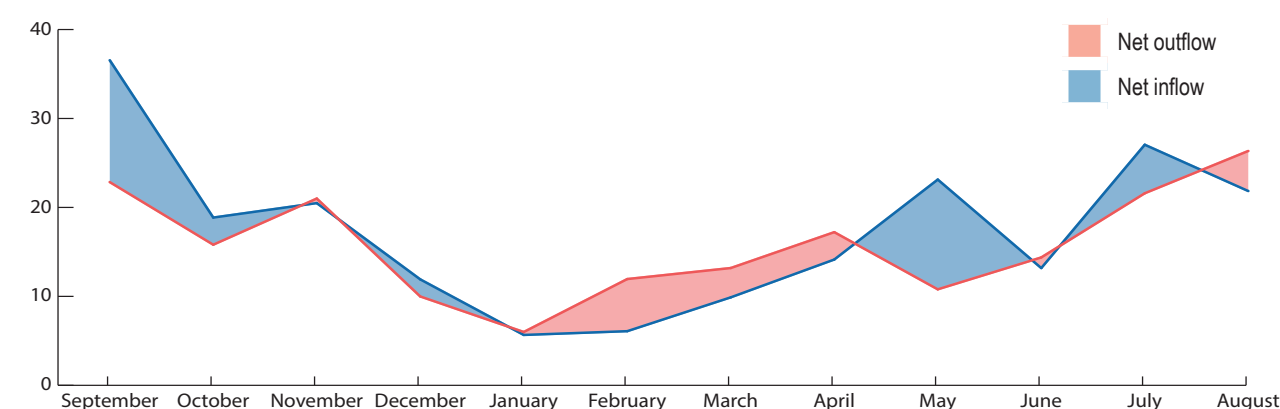
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GENERAL MOVEMENT TRENDS

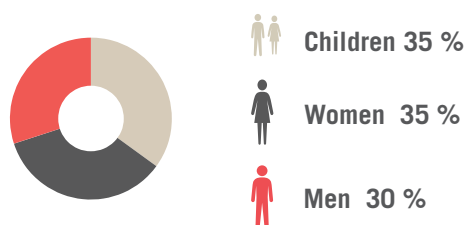
Average daily movement trends of people permanently leaving (red) and people permanently returning (blue); September 2015 to August 2016



DEPARTURES

Demographic¹

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



Desired destination locations

Reported destinations in Ethiopia by people leaving South Sudan permanently:

Refugee camps	97 %
Gambella town	2 %
Tigror town	1 %

Reasons for leaving

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

Education unavailable	38 %
Lack of food	24 %
Lack of shelter	14 %
Personal insecurity	13 %
Lack of water	4 %
Frictions with host community	4 %
Ongoing conflict	2 %
Family is there	1 %

Changes in reasons for leaving

Most prevalent reasons for leaving

	Sep to Nov 2015	Dec 2015 to Feb 2016	Mar to May 2016	June to Aug 2016
Education unavailable	52 %	43 %	53 %	47 %
Lack of food	47 %	22 %	14 %	18 %
Personal insecurity	0 %	29 %	15 %	12 %
Lack of shelter	0 %	0 %	2 %	10 %

Movement into camps

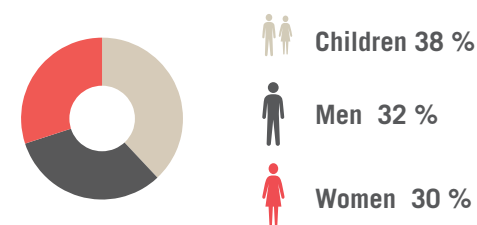
Of the 97% intending to go to camps, people reported the following destinations:

Kule camp	39 %
Jewi camp	33 %
Fugnido camp	19 %
Pinyudo camp	9 %
Gambella camp	1 %

ARRIVALS

Demographic¹

69% of the total inbound boat passengers expressed the intention to permanently return to South Sudan



Desired return locations

Reported destinations by permanent returnees from Ethiopia to South Sudan:

Akobo county	79 %
Uror county	9 %
Ayod county	4 %
Nyirol county	4 %
Other	4 %

Reasons for returning

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

Signing of peace agreement	25 %
Lack of food ²	25 %
Personal insecurity ²	15 %
Frictions with host community ²	13 %
Returning to home/family	10 %
Lack of ration card ²	8 %
Other	4 %

Changes in reasons for returning

Most prevalent reasons for returning

	Sep to Nov 2015	Dec 2015 to Feb 2016	Mar to May 2016	June to Aug 2016
Signing of peace agreement	24 %	65 %	52 %	37 %
Lack of food ²	41 %	10 %	6 %	16 %
Personal insecurity ²	1 %	10 %	17 %	21 %
Lack of shelter ²	27 %	4 %	4 %	3 %

Methodological notes

Data has been collected regularly at both Tigror Port and Market Port since May 2015. Data is collected from 9 - 4 on weekdays, thus evening, weekend and holidays movements are unaccounted for. 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.

Note:

1. Men, women and children figures presented are percentiles of those permanently leaving/returning.

2. In location of displacement



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