

Kapoeta Town Road Monitoring

Kapoeta South County, Eastern Equatoria State, South Sudan

CONTEXT AND METHODOLOGY

Kapoeta town is located in Kapoeta South County, Eastern Equatoria State, near South Sudan's border with the Kenya. Since the beginning of the crisis in South Sudan in December 2013, Kapoeta town has been the gateway through which most internally displaced persons (IDPs) have passed on their way to refugee camps in Kenya.

This factsheet provides results from the REACH road monitoring exercise in Kapoeta town, Kapoeta South County. REACH monitors two car parks in Kapoeta town to record the arrivals and departures of South Sudanese returnee and IDP households (HHs) on a daily basis. Daily data is synthesized into a monthly factsheet to provide an overview of wider movement trends, including push/pull factors and intentions.

The following findings are based on primary data collected between 1 and 31 January 2018, during which 156 departing HHs (729 individuals) and 278 arriving HHs (1403 individuals) were recorded, along with 5 HHs (25 individuals) that were transiting through Kapoeta town.¹ ² Enumerators interviewed respondents who were arriving in and departing from both of Kapoeta's two (Torit and Lokichogio) bus parks. Respondents were selected based on pre-survey questions on motives of travel to ensure that only displaced people or returnees were interviewed. Not all entry points to Renk town were covered systematically, and some arrivals and departures reportedly took place outside of data collection hours (7:00 a.m - 7:00 p.m). Moreover, departures are overrepresented due to many arrivals getting off buses early due to the matatu system.³ As such, the data presented in this factsheet is not representative, rather indicative of movement trends for the assessed population.

DEPARTURES FROM KAPOETA TOWN

Demographic⁴



83% of the total departing HHs intended to leave Kapoeta town for 6 months or less.

Departing households

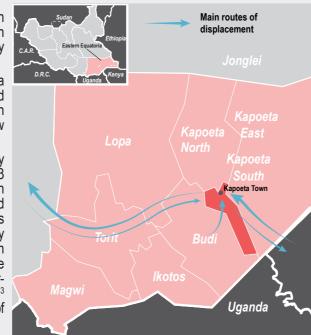
- 5 average number of individuals per HH.
- 17% of departing HHs are made up of one individual travelling alone.

Area of origin of departing households

96% of the total departing HHs are originally from South Sudan.

State of origin of departing HHs:

Eastern Equatoria	36 %
Jonglei	17 %
Central Equatoria	14 %
Unity	8 %
Upper Nile	7 %
Lakes	6 %
Other	12 %



Push factors

Primary push factors reported by departing HHs for leaving Kapoeta town:

Lack of education	24 %
Lack of security	22 %
Lack of food	16 %
Uncomfortable conditions	16 %
Far from the family	9 %
Other	10 %

Intended destination

Intended country of destination of departing HHs:

98% of the total departing HHs intend to leave the country for Kenya.

Primary intended areas of destination in Kenya for departing HHs:

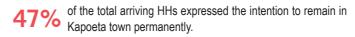
Kakuma Refugee Camp	84 %
Nairobi	7 %
Busia	2 %
Nakuru	1 %
Turkana	1 %
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Intended duration of stay at destination

Reported length of time that departing HHs intend to stay in the location that they are departing for:

Less than a month	17 %
One month to six months	16 %
Over six months	50 %
Do not intend to return	17 %

ARRIVALS TO KAPOETA TOWN Demographic⁴





Arriving households

- 5 average number of individuals traveling in each HH.
- 21% of arriving HHs are made up of one individual travelling alone.

Proportion of HHs reporting a member with the following vulnerabilities:

No vulnerable people	70 %
Malnourished	7 %
Pregnant woman	6 %
Single Parent	5 %
Elderly	5 %
Child separated from family	4 %

Intended duration of stay in Kapoeta town

Reported length of time that arriving HHs intend to stay in Kapoeta town among those not planning to stay permanently:

Less than a month	11 %
One month to six months	12 %
More than six months	30 %
Do not intend to leave	47 %

Pull factors

Primary pull factors reported by arriving HHs for choosing to come to Kapoeta town:⁶

Security	34 %
Presence of health services	20 %
To join family	18 %
Presence of job opportunites	5 %
Plant crops or cultivate land	5 %



Previous location

Country of most recent long term location for arriving HHs:



Kenya 96 %

South Sudan 2 %

Uganda 2 %

Previous location

Areas of most recent long term location of HHs arriving in Kapoeta:

84 %	
5 %	
2 %	
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Family composition

Reported composition of families arriving in Kapoeta Town:



Partial family 75 %

Whole family 25 %

Notes:

1. Most arriving HHs coming from the Kenya are returnees while those departing Kapoeta town are IDPs.

2. Due to the negligible number of transits recorded, a detailed analysis of the dynamics of transiting households was not included in this factsheet. Transit data can be obtained from REACH on request.

3. Common throughout East Africa, the matatu system involves buses that follow a set route in which passenger get on and get off at pre-determined stops. This means that many arriving passengers often get off at their stops before reaching Kapoeta town, while departing vehicles are nearly always full.

4. These are indicative trends; REACH does not record all arrivals and departures.

5. Respondents could choose more than one answer.

6. Reported presence of services or opportunities is indicative of respondents' perception and does not necessarily reflect availability.

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