



Akobo Port Monitoring

Akobo County, Jonglei State, South Sudan

South Sudan Displacement Crisis

December 2016

CONTEXT

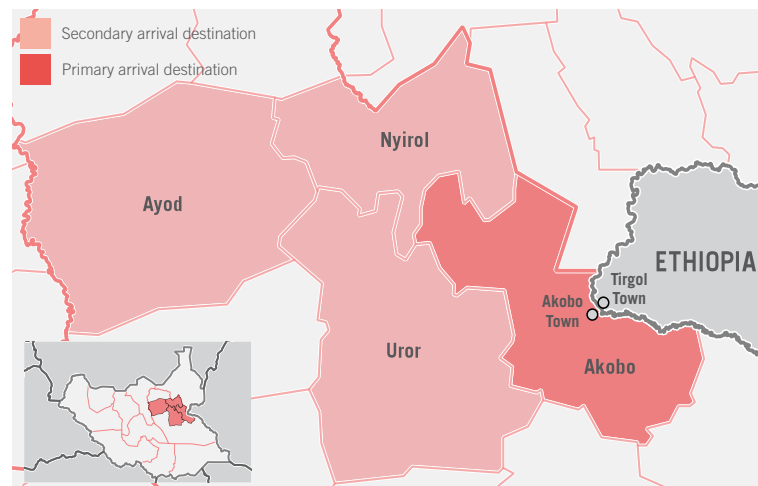
Akobo town is located in the eastern side of Akobo County, Jonglei State, close to land and river border crossings with Ethiopia. Akobo is a key point of trade and transit between South Sudan and Ethiopia.

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 - 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 specified, the following findings are based on primary data collected between the 1st and 20th of December 2016.

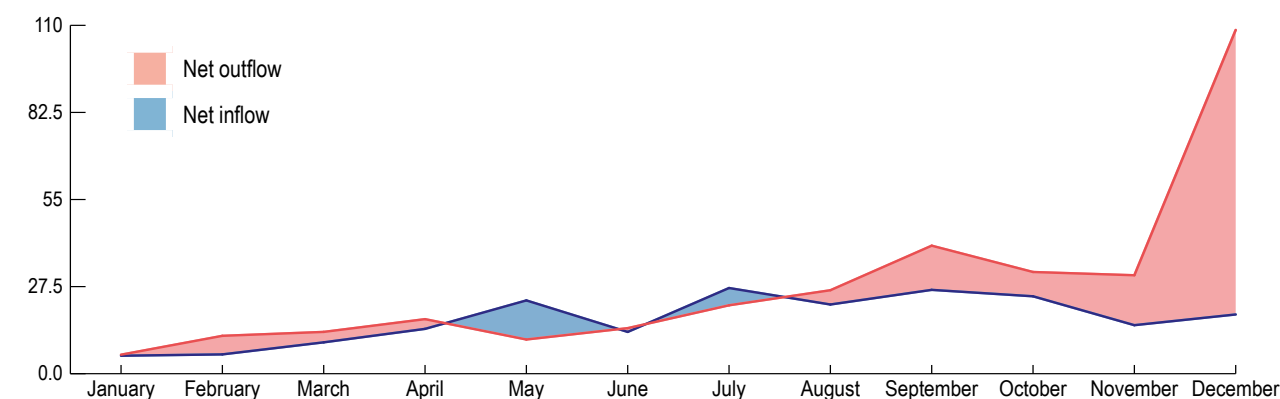
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GENERAL MOVEMENT TRENDS

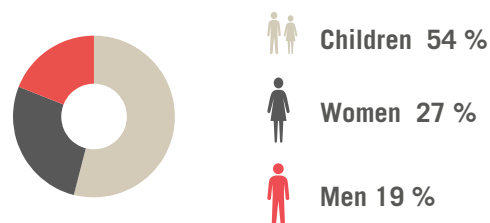
Average daily movement trends of people permanently leaving (red) and people permanently returning (blue); January to December 2016



DEPARTURES

Demographic¹

81% of the total outbound boat passengers expressed the intention to permanently leave South Sudan.



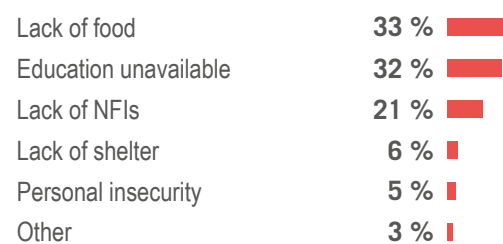
Desired destination locations

Reported destinations in Ethiopia by people leaving South Sudan permanently:



Reasons for leaving

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



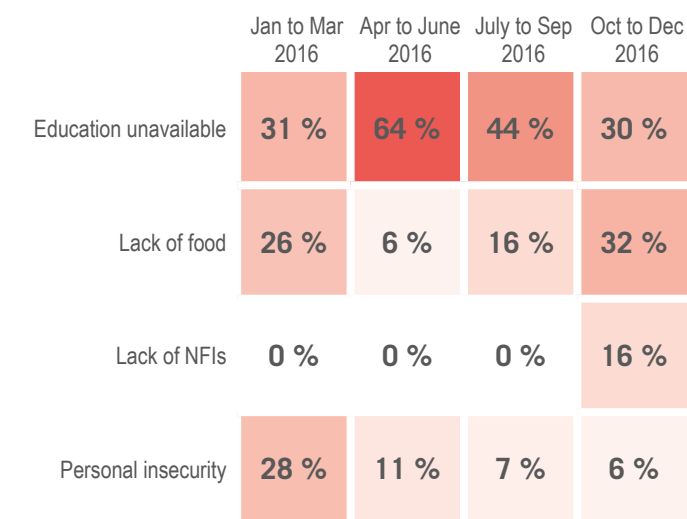
Note:

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

2. In location of displacement

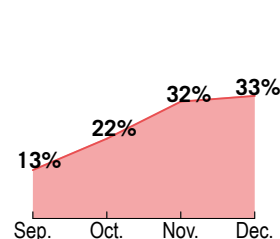
Changes in reasons for leaving

Most prevalent reasons for leaving:



Sharp increase in departures

Lack of food has been steadily increasing as a reason for leaving through the end of 2016:

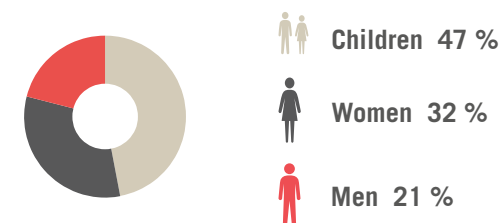


Empty markets and delays in a planned general food distribution (GFD) in Akobo in December have reportedly sparked the large outflow to Ethiopia, as people left seeking food from markets in towns or through GFD in refugee camps. Finalization of refugee registration by UNHCR in Ethiopia also spurred a large outflow of Akobo residents who were awaiting transport to the refugee camps.

ARRIVALS

Demographic¹

58% of the total inbound boat passengers expressed the intention to permanently return to South Sudan.



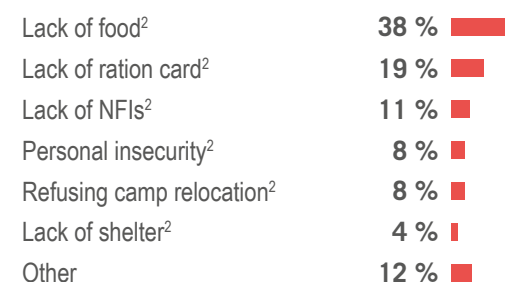
Desired return locations

Reported destinations by permanent returnees from Ethiopia to South Sudan:



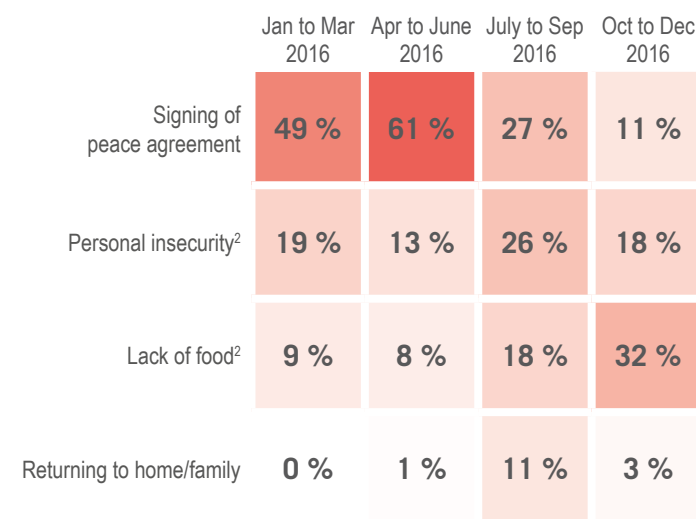
Reasons for returning

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



Changes in reasons for returning

Most prevalent reasons for returning:



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.