

Cross-Border Population Movement Factsheet Akobo Port and Road Monitoring

Akobo County, Jonglei State, South Sudan

CONTEXT AND METHODOLOGY

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 in 2013, this route has been used by South Sudanese heading to or coming back from refugee camps in Ethiopia. Since May 2015, REACH has been recording arrivals and departures of South Sudanese households (HHs) in four locations, Gadrang Road, Koatkoangthor Road, Tundol Port and Market Port, on a daily basis.

In order to provide an indication of wider trends, data is collected on the volume of movement, as well as the motivations and intentions of those travelling. REACH teams interviewed arrivals and departures at the household (HH) level. For movements larger than three households, a short alternative survey is used to assess HH and individual numbers by speaking to the Transport Focal Point (TFP), such as the driver or transport authority.¹ Due to insecurity and other issues, data is not always collected on a daily basis. To correct for this inconsistency, data presented for general movement trends across months represents an average based on the number of days of data collection each month. The data presented here is not representative, nor does it capture all movements in and out of Akobo. Rather, it is indicative of movement trends for the assessed population.²

The following findings are based on primary data collected between the 1st and 30th of April 2020.

GENERAL MOVEMENT TRENDS

Data provided below has been taken from REACH Port and Road Monitoring (PRM) data collection, as well as data provided using the TFP survey which captures larger movements between Akobo and Ethiopia.

Type of movement³

Total monthly number of HH

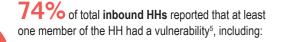
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	HHs	Individuals	HHs %
Inbound to South Sudan from Ethiopia	146	967	60%
Outbound to Ethiopia from South Sudan	70	362	29%
Internal movement within South Sudan	27	156	11%

Security concerns during travel

HHs and individuals recor	ded in A	April 2020:		Inhound transport		Outbound transport ⁴
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During the data collection period, in addition to interviewing 125 HHs coming by foot or in small vehicles and boats, REACH also used the TFP tool to estimate the number of HH travelling on larger boats. In April, one inbound boat was recorded carrying an estimated 57 individuals, and one larger outbound boat was recorded carrying an estimated 25 individuals.

Vulnerabilities



- **49%** Breastfeeding • 28% Pregnant woman
- 76% of total outbound HHs reported that at least one member of the HH had a vulnerability⁵, including: 51% Breastfeeding
 - Pregnant woman

1. The TFP tool asks the driver (or another focal point) of the transportation to give details of the number of individuals and number of households travelling. This methodology is used if the number of nouseholds travelling exceeds 3 or 4 households and therefore cannot all be interviewed. For more details, please access the Port and Road Monitoring Terms of Reference here. 2. While internal movement within South Sudan was also recorded in Akobo over the data collection period, this factsheet covers crossborder movement between South Sudan and Ethiopia, and vice versa, only.

2 HHs and 4 individuals were inbound from Kenya and Uganda, respectively, but were not included in the analysis.
4. Outbound transport focal points were asked what security concerns they anticipated on their onward journey based on historical trips.

Respondents may select multiple vulnerabilities
Partial HHs are those where not all members of the self-identified family unit were reportedly travelling. Please note, family units in South Sudan often extend beyond the nuclear family.
'Fleeing COVID-19' is a new indicator which has been recently added to the PRM survey.



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Refugee camps Inbound destinations		
Outbound destinations		longlei

MAIN DESTINATIONS OF INBOUND HHs

23% of inbound HHs reported intending to stay in their final destination in South Sudan **Demographics** Proportion of recorded travellers by demographic group Children 4 Women 2 Men 38 86% of inbound HHs were partial HHs. Previous location in Ethiopia Primary reported locations from which inbound HHs we Jewi Camp 30% 27% Kule Camp 24% Nguenyyiel Camp

Intended destination in South Su

Primary reported intended destinations for inbound HHs:				
Akobo County	86%			
Nyirol County	8%	•		
Uror County	6%	•		

Push factors

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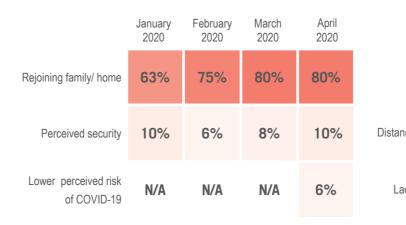
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Primary reported push factors for inbound HHs to leave

Fleeing COVID-197	50%	
Distance from family/ home	30%	
Lack of educational services	15%	

Reasons for coming to South Sud

Primary reported pull factors for inbound HHs, January 2020 to April 2020:



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more than six months	29%	of outbound HHs report their final destination ou				
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	Presence	of family/home		41%		
	Presence	of food distributions		39%		
•	Presence	of health services		14%	•	
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country:

Primary reported push factors for outbound HHs, January 2020 to April 2020:

	January 2020	February 2020	March 2020	April 2020
Lack of food	42%	49%	48%	39%
nce from family/home	18%	14%	14%	39%
ack of health services	13%	9%	7%	14%