



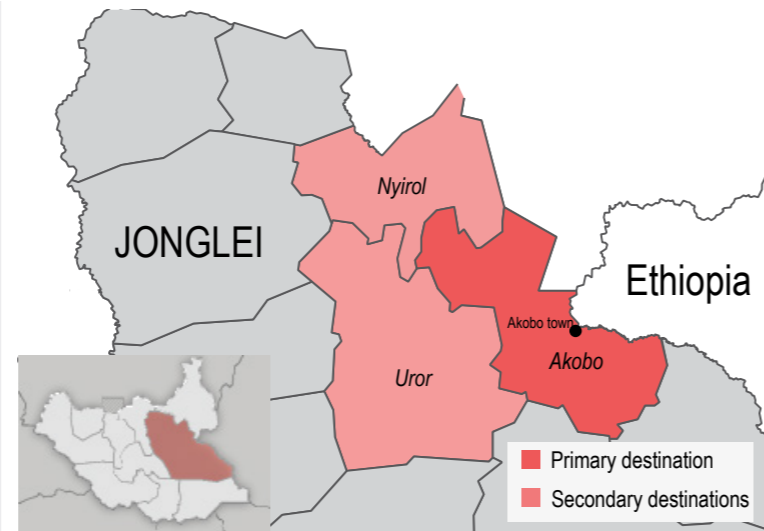
CONTEXT

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. In two locations, Tirog Port and Market Port, REACH has recorded arrivals and departures of South Sudanese on a daily basis since May 2015. 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. 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, rather indicative of movement trends for the assessed population¹.

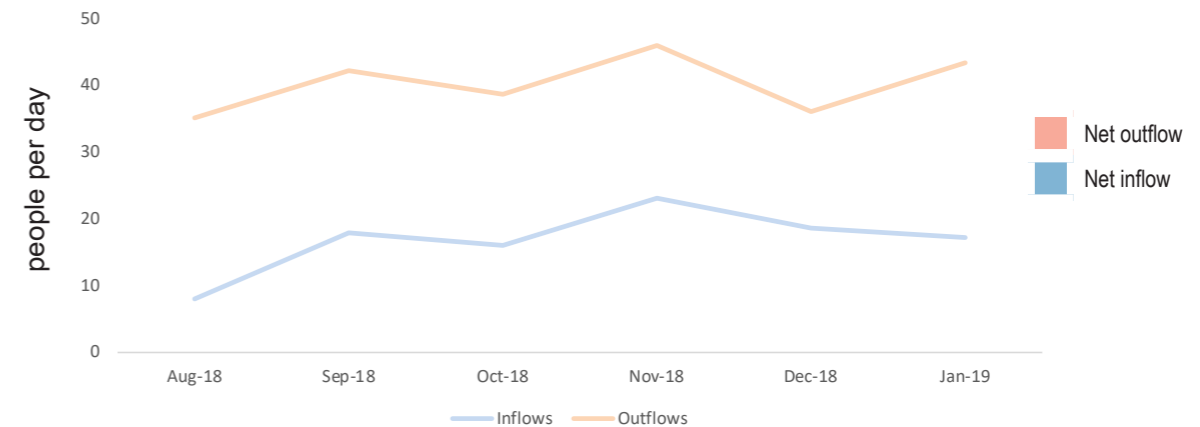
The following findings are based on primary data collected between 2 and 31 January 2018. REACH teams interviewed arrivals and departures at the household (HH) level. In November, REACH interviewed 149 HHs who were arriving in and 267 HHs who were departing from Akobo town. These HHs interviewed were selected amongst those arriving to or leaving from Akobo town by boat or car.

Greater Akobo Arrival Destinations



GENERAL MOVEMENT TRENDS

Average daily number of individuals inbound to (blue) and outbound from (red) South Sudan with the intention to stay in their final destination for four months or more recorded in Akobo Town from August 2018 to January 2019:



DEPARTURES

Demographic

94% of households leaving South Sudan intended to stay in Ethiopia for more than four months.



Desired destination locations²

Top reported intended destinations in Ethiopia by households leaving South Sudan intending to stay for more than four months:



Push factors

Most commonly reported primary reason for leaving South Sudan²:



Reasons for leaving South Sudan

Reasons for leaving South Sudan, October 2018 to January 2019:

	October 2018	November 2018	December 2018	January 2019
Lack of education	24 %	19 %	29 %	21 %
Lack of food	18 %	22 %	28 %	41 %
Insecurity	12 %	20 %	18 %	16 %
Lack of healthcare	10 %	13 %	13 %	16 %

Pull factors²

Most commonly reported primary reason for travelling to Ethiopia:

Presence of food distributions	41 %
Presence of education services	22 %
Presence of health services	16 %
Security	15 %
Family	14 %
Presence of NFI distributions	1 %

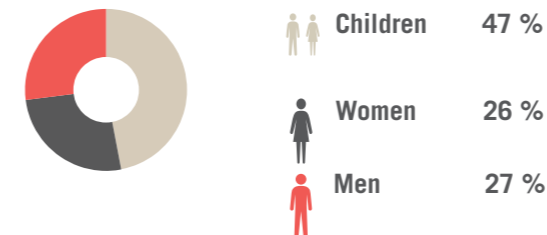
Note:

- These are indicative trends; REACH does not record all arrivals and departures.
- This includes individuals in transit from other areas of South Sudan to Ethiopia
- Of assessed households who reported their next location.

ARRIVALS

Demographic

86% of households inbound from Ethiopia intended to stay four months or longer in their final destination in South Sudan.



Desired final destination

Reported intended destinations in South Sudan by households returning from Ethiopia intending to stay for more than four months³



Push factors

Most commonly reported primary reason for leaving Ethiopia:

Far from family	58 %
Lack of jobs	20 %
Tensions with host community	12 %
Insecurity	8 %
Lack of health services	2 %
Lack of food	2 %

Reasons for leaving Ethiopia

Reasons for leaving Ethiopia, October 2018 to January 2019:

	October 2018	November 2018	December 2018	January 2019
Family members left/rejoining family	52 %	55 %	60 %	58 %
Lack of jobs	16 %	21 %	12 %	20 %
Tensions with the host community	17 %	8 %	18 %	12 %
Lack of healthcare	1 %	9 %	0 %	2 %

Pull factors

Most commonly reported primary reason for traveling to South Sudan:

Rejoining family	60 %
Presence of jobs	20 %
Security	13 %
Presence of health services	2 %
Presence of education services	1 %
Presence of food distributions	1 %
Access to water	1 %
Presence of NFI distribution	1 %