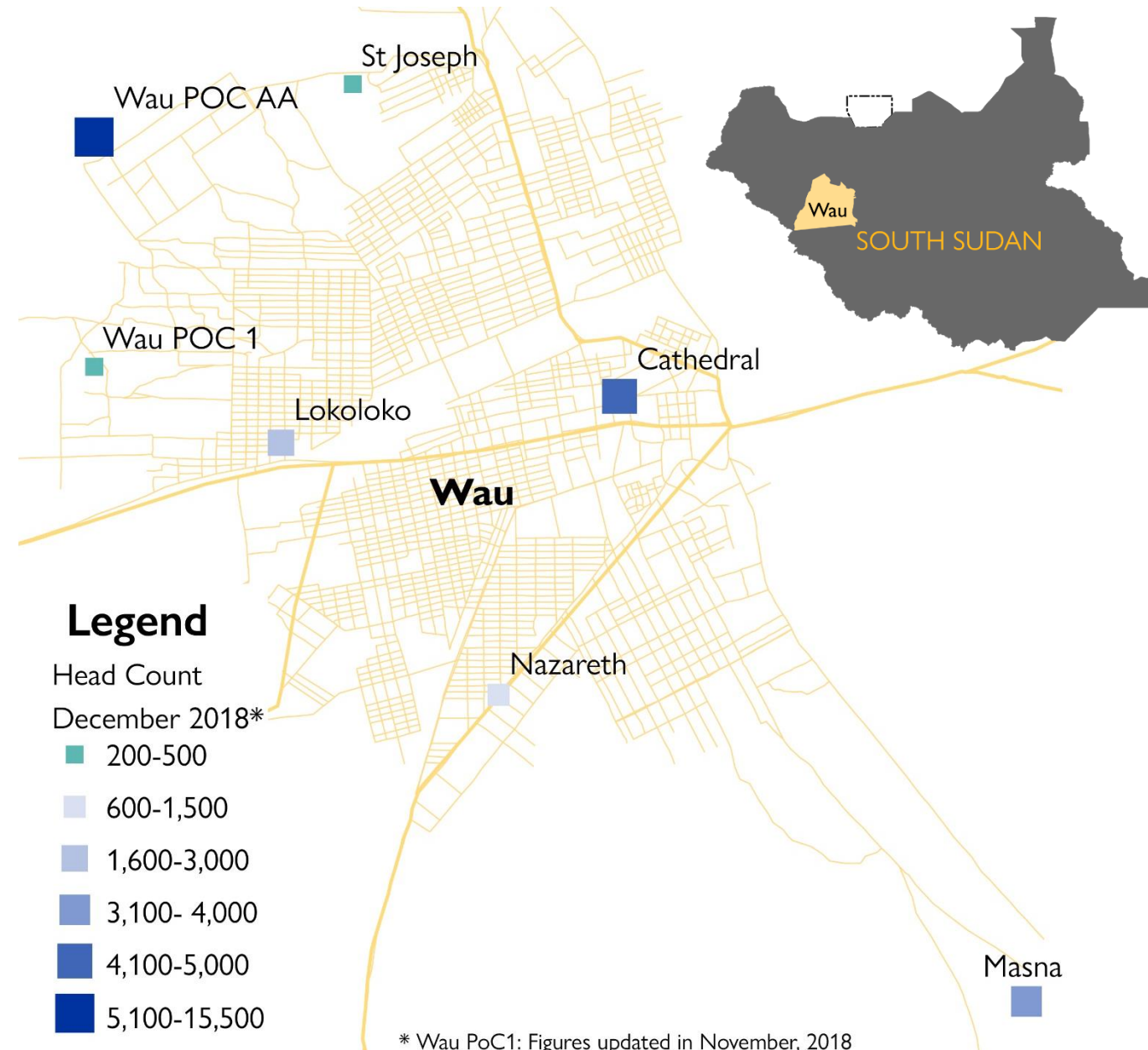
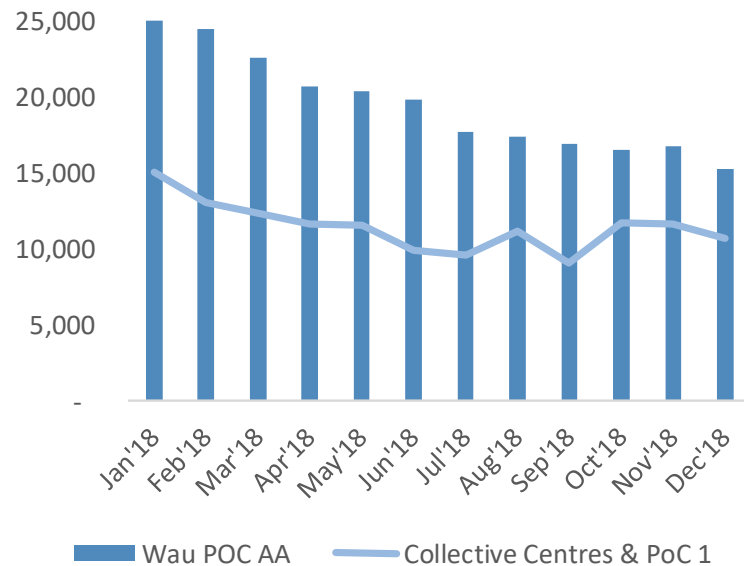


Wau Town features two PoC sites and five collective centres in which IOM-DTM conducts monthly headcounts to monitor changing population dynamics and displacement trends. These include: Wau PoC 1 and Wau PoC AA sites, as well as Cathedral, Nazareth, St. Joseph, Lokoloko and Masna collective centres.

Throughout 2018, a steady decline in the Wau PoC AA site population could be observed, whilst collective centres experienced some fluctuations including periods of increased inflows. This report summarizes the 2018 mobility dynamics in the assessed sites (Fig. 1).

Fig. 1: Monthly trend in Wau PoC AA compared to other sites

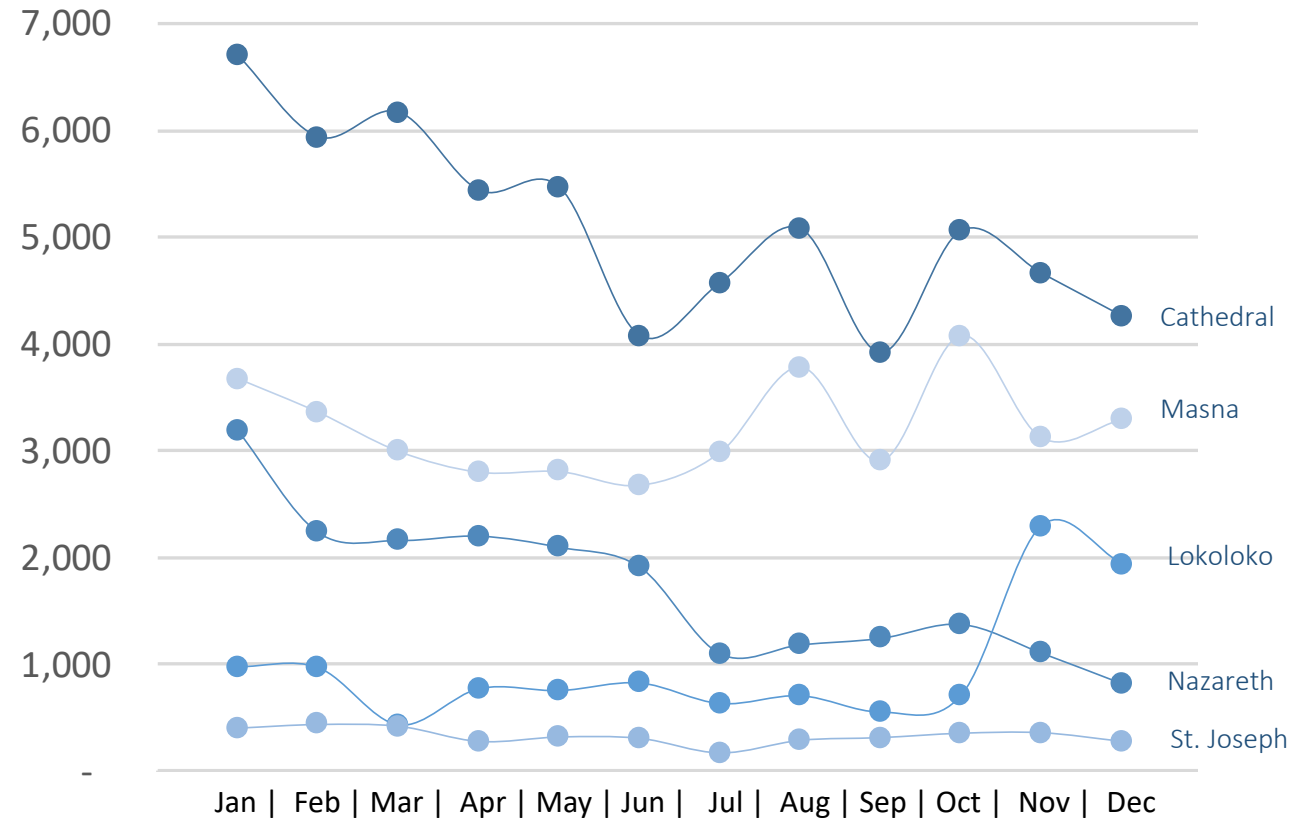


In collective centres, rather than experiencing a steady in- or outflow, different sites observed increases and decreases in population throughout the year. Some of the events which shaped such dynamics include:

Lokoloko saw an influx in late October when IDPs from Toby Primary school decided to move to Lokoloko because of lack of access to services. There was also an influx coming from Ngoku, Togotivim, Mboro and Ngodakala in early November because of increasing instability and conflict in the areas.

An initial decrease in population size was observed in both Cathedral and Masna sites following the signing of the revitalized peace agreement in September. However, the downward trend was reversed in October, when the population size returned to similar levels as in August 2018. Some decrease has been observed since in Cathedral site, whereas Masna continues to experience additional inflows. Some of the discrepancies may have also been influenced by the timing of the data collection exercise, with fluctuations in population dynamics commonly observed around the days close to / during distributions.

Fig. 2: Monthly trend in Wau collective centres, Jan – Dec 2018

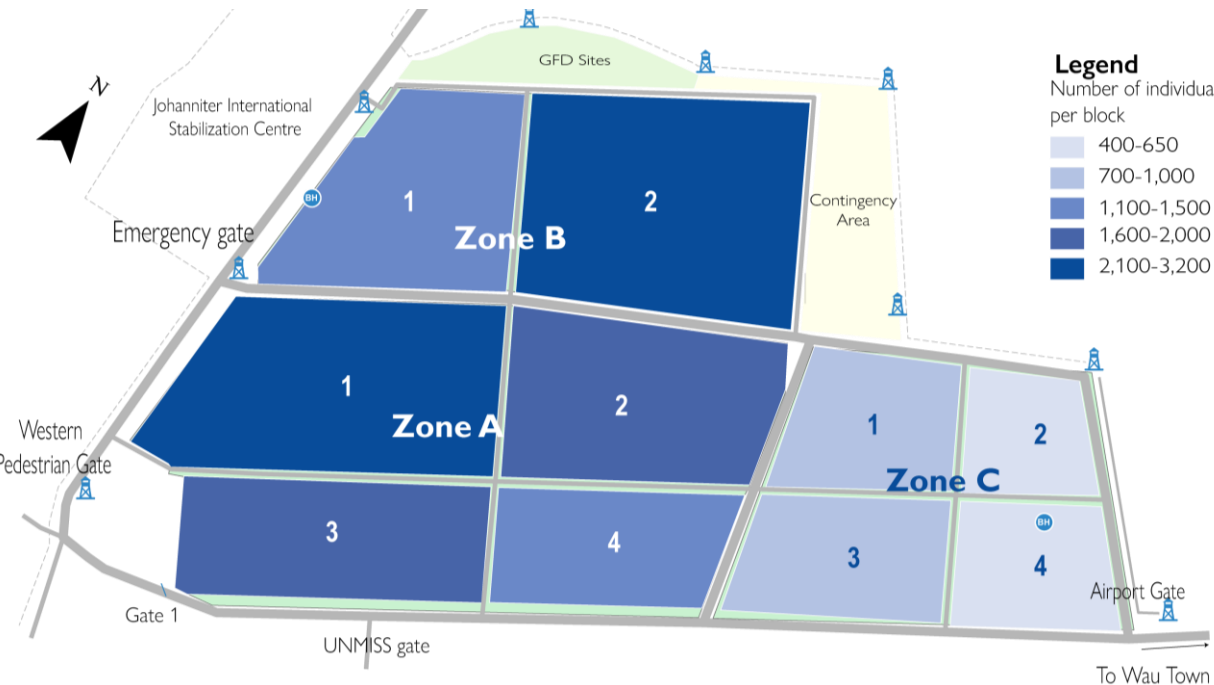


Discrepancies between headcount data and biometric registration figures

It is important to keep in mind that headcount figures usually do deviate from biometric registration figures due to changes in the population over time which do not immediately get reflected in biometric registration records. However, there are also situations where the registered population is broader than the resident site population from the beginning. In the Cathedral site, where registration took place in October 2018, those residing in the site as well as individuals living in the host community and accessing services at the site were registered. As such, the biometric registration figure and planning figure for service providers during, for example, food distribution is 18,485, compared to 4,620 identified as residing there in the latest monthly headcount.

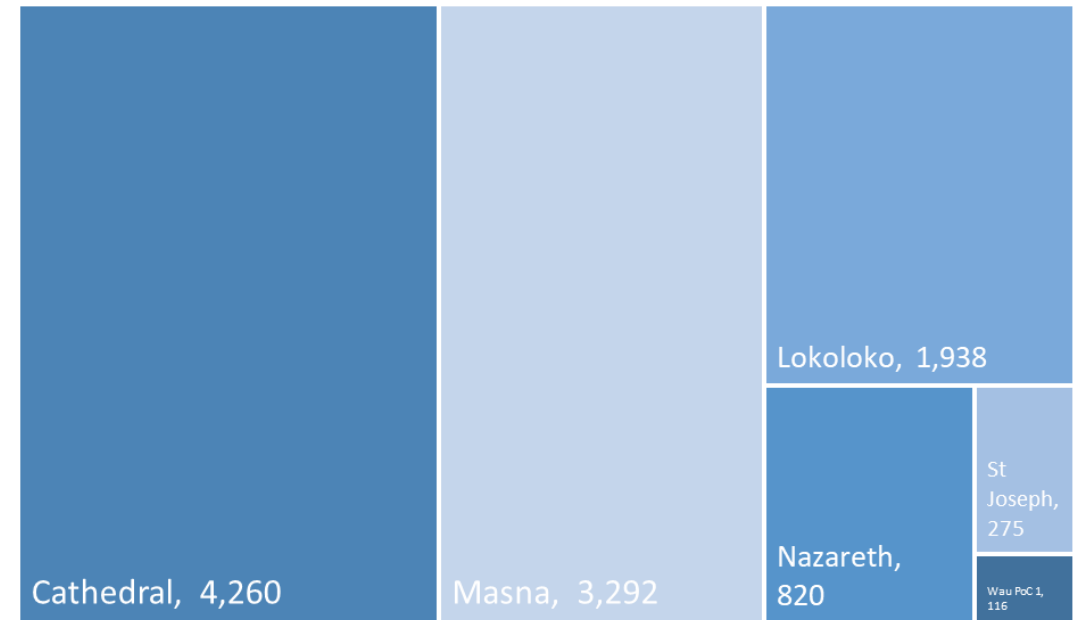
Wau PoC AA saw a reduction of its population from 16,744 individuals in November down to **15,272 individuals** in December (↓ **1,472 less**). Figure 1 illustrates the distribution of the population per zone and block (B). There was a notable increase in Zone A/ Block 1 (↑ 91 ind.), whereas the largest reductions were visible in Zone B, Block 2 (↓ 611 ind.), Zone A, Block 3 (↓ 404 ind.), Zone A Block 2 (↓ 254 ind.), Zone C Block 3 (↓ 223 ind.).

Fig. 3: Population by Zone and block, Wau PoC AA (Dec 2018)



Wau PoC 1 was not covered by the December headcount, however the latest biometric registration figure following deactivation of beneficiaries who did not show up in three consecutive food distribution cycles stands at **111 individuals**, compare to 116 recorded November 2018.

Fig. 4: Population in Collective Centres and Wau PoC 1 (Dec '18)



Wau collective centres population figures in December 2018 documented a net decrease of 955 individuals. Per location, population figures and dynamics were:

- **Cathedral** **4,620 individuals** ↓ **400 decrease** from Nov'18
- **Masna** **3,292 individuals** ↑ **171 increase** from Nov'18
- **Lokoloko** **1,938 individuals** ↓ **357 decrease** from Nov'18
- **Nazareth** **820 individuals** ↓ **286 decrease** from Nov'18
- **St. Joseph** **275 individuals** ↓ **83 decrease** from Nov'18

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