

## **CONTEXT AND METHODOLOGY**

Yambio town is located in Yambio County, Upper Nile State, near South Sudan's border with the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Yambio town was the centre of significant armed clashes and widespread displacement in 2016, and hosts a significant population of internally displaced persons (IDPs) many of whom have started to return to their homes as of late 2017.

This factsheet provides results from the REACH road monitoring exercise in Yambio town, Yambio County. REACH monitors four car parks in Yambio 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 5 and 29 January 2018, during which 372 departing HHs (1519 individuals) and 121 arriving HHs (556 individuals) were recorded, along with 18 HHs (139 individuals) that were transiting through Yambio town.<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> Enumerators interviewed respondents who were arriving in and departing from any of Yambio's four (Tambura, Nzara, Maridi, and the DRC) bus parks. Respondents were selected based on pre-survey questions on motives of travel to ensure that only displaced people or returnees were interviewed.<sup>1</sup> Not all entry points to Yambio were covered systematically, and some arrivals and departures reportedly took place outside of data collection hours (9:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m). Moreover, departures are over-represented due to many arrivals getting off buses early due to the matatu system.<sup>3</sup> As such, the data presented in this factsheet is not representative, rather

## **DEPARTURES FROM YAMBIO TOWN**

**72%** of the total departing HHs intended to leave Yambio town for 6 months or less.

### **Demographic**<sup>4</sup>



Children 49 % Women 27 %

Men 24 %

Departing households

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

# Area of origin of departing households

## 86% of the total departing HHs are originally from Western Equatoria

State. County of origin of departing HHs:

Yambio County	36 %
Nzara County	20 %
Tambura County	7 %
Ezo County	5 %
Ibba County	2 %
Mvolo County	2 %
Other	28 %



#### **Push factors**

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

Distance from family	30 %
Lack of health services	16 %
Lack of livelihoods	15 %
Lack of food	8 %
Lack of business opportunities	3 %
Other	15 %

### **Intended destination**

Intended country of destination of departing HHs:

97% of the total departing HHs intend to remain within Western Equatoria State.

Primary intended areas of destination in Western Equatoria State for departing HHs:

Nzara County	58 %
Maridi County	13 %
Tambura County	9 %
Ibba County	7 %
Yambio County	6 %
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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	48 %
One month to six months	24 %
Over six months	11 % 🗖
Do not intend to return	17 %

# ARRIVALS TO YAMBIO TOWN Demographic<sup>4</sup>



 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{25\%} \\ \textbf{ of the total arriving HHs expressed the intention to remain in} \\ \textbf{Yambio town permanently.} \end{array}$ 

### Arriving households

- 4 average number of individuals per HH.
- 6% of arriving HHs are made up of one individual travelling alone.

Proportion of HHs reporting a member with the following vulnerabilities:<sup>5</sup>

Breastfeeding women	20 %
No vulnerable people	19 %
Pregnant woman	12 %
Elderly	10 % 📕
Unaccompanied Minor	6 %
Child separated from family	6 %

## Intended duration of stay in Yambio town

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

Less than a month	50 %
One month to six months	13 %
More than six months	12 %
Do not intend to leave	25 %

## **Pull factors**

Primary pull factors reported by arriving HHs for choosing to come to Yambio town:  $^{\rm 6}$ 

To join family	26 %
Presence of job opportunities	25 %
Presence of health services	10 % 📕
Presence of business opportunities	6 %



### **Previous location**

Country of most recent long term location for arriving HHs:



South Sudan 92 %

DRC 7 %

Sudan 1 %

### Previous location

Areas of most recent long term location of HHs arriving in Yambio town:

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<b>19</b> %	
9 %	
8 %	
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## **Family composition**

Reported composition of families arriving in Yambio town:



Partial family 96 %

Whole family 4 %

Notes:

1. Most arriving HHs coming from the DRC are returnees while those arriving and departing Yambio 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 Yambio town, while depating 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.

