Assessment of Hard-to-Reach Areas in South Sudan

#### **Overview**

The continuation of conflict since December 2013 has created a complex humanitarian crisis in the country, restricting humanitarian access and hindering the flow of information required by aid partners to deliver humanitarian assistance to populations in need. To address information gaps facing the humanitarian response in South Sudan, REACH employs its Area of Knowledge (AoK) methodology to collect relevant information in hard-to-reach areas to inform humanitarian planning and interventions outside formal settlement sites.

Using the AoK methodology, REACH remotely monitors needs and access to services in the Greater

Upper Nile, Greater Equatoria and Greater Bahr el Ghazal regions. AoK data is collected monthly and through multi-sector interviews with the following typology of Key Informants (KIs):

- KIs who are newly arrived internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have left a hard-to-reach settlement in the last month
- KIs who have had contact with someone living or have been in a hard-to-reach settlement in the last month (traders, migrants, family members, etc.)
- KIs who are remaining in hard-to-reach settlements, contacted through phone

Selected KIs are purposively sampled and have knowledge from within the last month about a specific settlement in South Sudan, with data collected at the settlement level. About half of settlements assessed have more than one KI reporting on the settlement. In these cases, data presented at the settlement level is the modal (most frequent) response for KIs reporting on that settlement. If there is an even number of 'yes/no' responses, data is aggregated as 'no consensus'.

All percentages presented in this factsheet, unless otherwise specified, represent the proportion of settlements assessed with that specific response.

The findings presented in this factsheet are indicative of the broad protection trends in assessed settlements in June 2018, and are not statistically generalisable.

#### **Assessment Coverage**

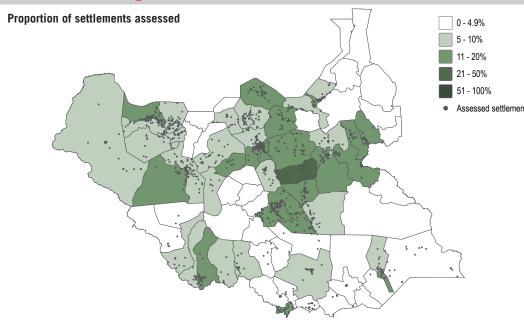
1,855 Key Informants interviewed

1,235 Settlements assessed

**58** Counties assessed

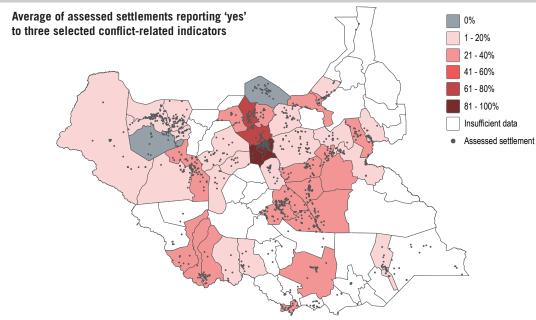
44 Counties with 5% or more coverage<sup>1</sup>

#### **Assessment coverage**



<sup>1</sup> Data is only represented for counties in which at least 5% of settlements have been assessed. The most recent OCHA Common Operational Dataset (COD) released in February 2016 has been used as the reference for settlement names and locations.

# **Conflict composite indicator**



This simple conflict composite aims to measure both perceptions of certain risks associated with conflict as well as the occurrence and impact of reported conflict. The composite was created by averaging the 'yes' responses of settlements reporting on the following indicators, with all indicators considered to have the same weight:

- Killing or forced recruitment cited as a main protection concern
- Incident of conflict resulting in civilian death
- Incident of shelter damage due to conflict



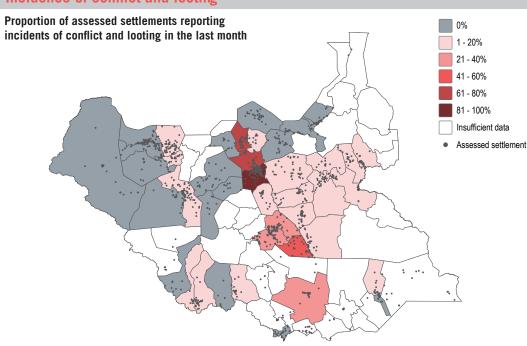


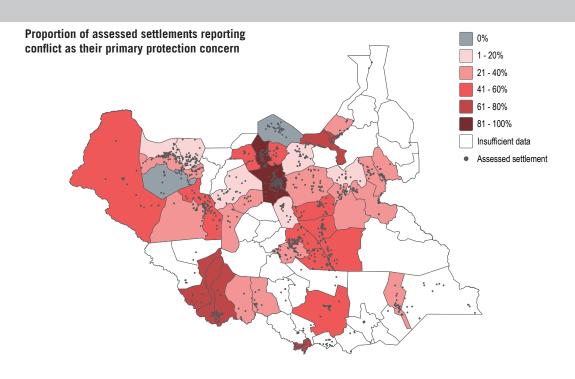


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# Incidence of conflict and looting





#### **Main Protection Concerns**

Primary reported protection concern for women (18 years and above) in assessed settlements

No answer	22%
Sexual violence	20%
Domestic violence	17%
None	13%
Looting	8%

Primary reported protection concern for men (18 years and above) in assessed settlements

No answer	20%
Killing (other group)	18%
None	15%
Looting	12%
Killing (same group)	10%

Primary reported protection concern for girls (below 18 years) in assessed settlements

Early marriage	25%
No answer	22%
None	14%
Sexual violence	13%
Abduction	8%

Primary reported protection concern for boys (below 18 years) in assessed settlements

No answer	25%
None	17%
Forced recruitment	9%
Looting	8%
Harassment for info	<b>6</b> %

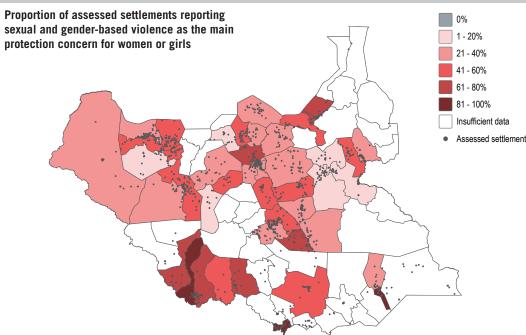
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Harassment refers to armed actors harassing civilians to disclose information



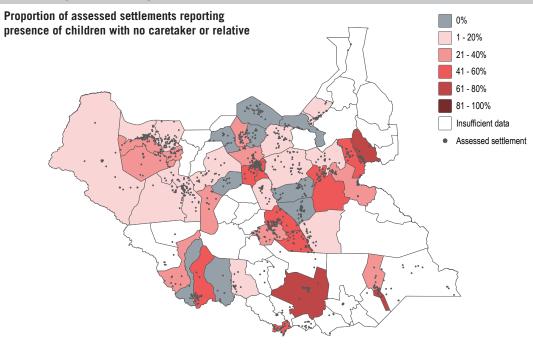
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# Sexual and gender-based violence



## **Unaccompanied or separated children**



## **Landmines and unexploded ordnance**

Top five assessed counties reporting presence of landmines or unexploded ordnance

Mayendit	61%
Leer	51%
Rubkona	32%
Koch	21%
Juba	19%

Top five assessed counties reporting landmines contaminating roads

Mayendit	45%
Leer	27%
Rubkona	16%
Koch	13%
Kapoeta South	9%

# **Community relations**

Top five assessed counties reporting IDPs present and poor or very poor relationships with the local community

Ulang	30%
Malakal	17%
Fashoda	13%
Panyikang	11%
Luakpiny/Nasir	11%

Top five assessed counties reporting disputes about land ownership

Kapoeta South	55%
Yirol East	43%
Aweil Centre	38%
Panyijiar	36%
Uror	32%



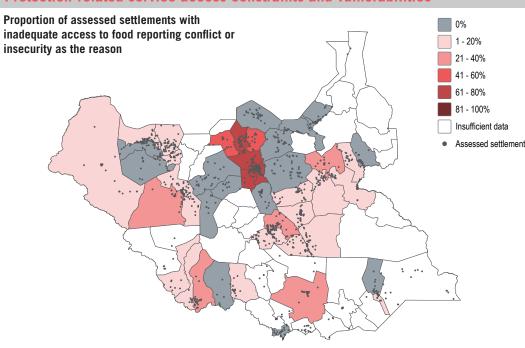


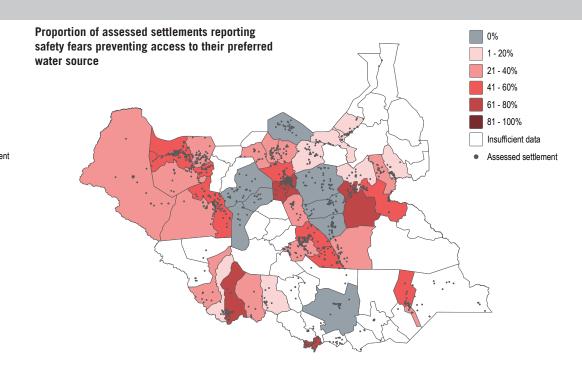


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#### Protection-related service access constraints and vulnerabilities





# **Insecurity: health services**

Top five assessed counties reporting area being insecure as main reason health facilities are not accessible in or from settlements

Mayendit	59%
Leer	55%
Malakal	33%
Koch	29%
Rubkona	20%

## **Insecurity: education services**

Top five assessed counties reporting area being insecure as main reason education services are not accessible in or from settlements

Mayendit	20%
Nzara	18%
Leer	18%
Ezo	13%
Akobo	11%

## **Insecurity: boys attendance**

Top five assessed counties reporting protectionrelated concerns as main reason for boys not attending school

Morobo	18%
Twic East	14%
Fashoda	13%
Luakpiny/Nasir	11%
Ulang	10%

## **Insecurity: girls attendance**

Top five assessed counties reporting protectionrelated concerns as main reason for girls not attending school

Morobo	23%
Aweil South	5%
Rubkona	4%
Yambio	4%
Twic East	3%



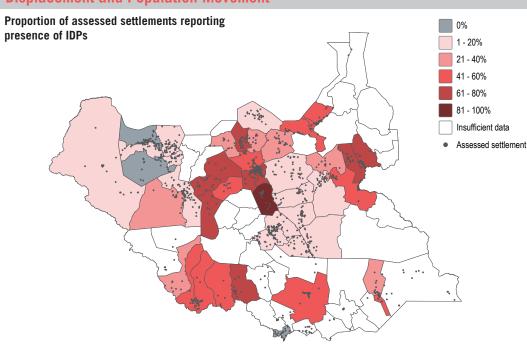


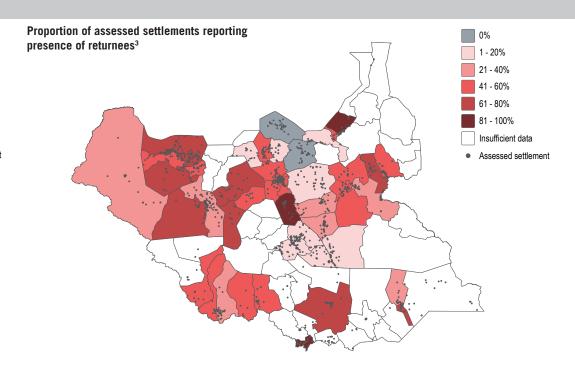


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# **Displacement and Population Movement**





# Primary reported reason newly arrived IDPs left their previous location

46%
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11%
10%
7%

# **Pull factors: IDPs**

Primary reported reason newly arrived IDPs came to their current location

Security	42%	
Food distribution	19%	
Healthcare services	12%	<b>→</b>
Family	10%	
Education services	8%	

# **Previous locations: IDPs**

Top five states reported by newly arrived IDPs as previous location

Unity	30%
Jonglei	23%
Upper Nile	21%
Western Equatoria	12%
Lakes	<b>6%</b>

# **Intentions: IDPs**

Amount of time that newly arrived IDPs intend to stay

More than 6 months	40%
Don't know	21%
3-6 months	15%
1-3 months	13%
2 weeks - 1 month	8%

<sup>3</sup> Returnees defined as local community members that were displaced to another area (either inside SSD or outside the country) and have since returned



**Push factors: IDPs** 



