

# Yambio Town Road Monitoring

Yambio County, Western Equatoria State, South Sudan

# **CONTEXT AND METHODOLOGY**

Yambio town is located in Yambio County, Western Equatoria 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 large population of internally displaced persons (IDPs) many of whom have started to return home as of early 2018.

This factsheet provides results from the REACH road monitoring exercise in Yambio town, Yambio County. REACH monitors four bus/car parks in Yambio town to record the arrivals and departures of people on a daily basis. Daily data is synthesised 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 31 December 2018, during which 295 departing HHs (584 individuals) and 89 arriving HHs (176 individuals) were recorded, along with 7 HHs (10 individuals) that were transiting through Yambio town.<sup>1</sup> Enumerators interviewed respondents who were arriving in and departing from any of Yambio town's four (Tambura, Nzara, Maridi and DRC) bus/car parks.

Not all entry points to Yambio town 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>2</sup> As such, the data presented in this factsheet is not representative, rather indicative of movement trends for the assessed population.

# **DEPARTURES FROM YAMBIO TOWN**

**62%** of the total departing HHs intended to stay at their final destination for 6 months or less.

#### **Demographic**<sup>3</sup>



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Children 35 %
Women 42 %
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Men 23 %

# **Departing households**

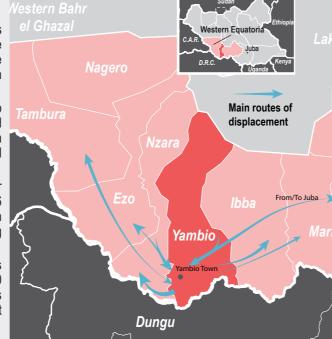
average number of individuals per HH.

40% of departing HHs are made up of one individual travelling alone.

# Area of origin of departing households<sup>4</sup>

#### 95% of the total departing HHs are originally from Western Equatoria State. County of origin of departing HHs:

Yambio County	29 %
Nzara County	28 %
Tambura County	15 %
Maridi County	9 %
Ezo County	6 %
Mundri West County	3 %



# **Push factors**

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

Far from the family	47 %
Lack of market	18 %
Lack of health services	16 %
Lack of work opportunities	12 %
Lack of food	3 %

# Intended destination

Intended destination of departing HHs:

91% of the total departing HHs intend to stay within Western Equatoria State.

Primary intended areas of destination in the Equatorias for departing HHs:

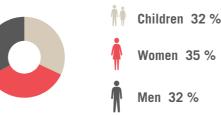
Nzara County	58 %
Tambura County	13 %
Maridi County	10 %
Juba County	7 %
Ibba County	4 %

# 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	32 %
One month to six months	30 %
Over six months	1 %
Do not intend to return	33 %
Not sure	4 %

# ARRIVALS TO YAMBIO TOWN Demographic<sup>3</sup>



 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{26\%} \text{ of the total arriving HHs expressed the intention to remain in} \\ \text{Yambio town permanently.} \end{array}$ 

#### Arriving households

- 2 average number of individuals travelling in each HH.
- 40% of arriving HHs are made up of one individual.

# **Previous location - County**

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

Nzara County	52 %
Tambura County	15 %
Juba County	12 %
Maridi County	9 %

# Intended duration of stay in Yambio town

Reported length of time that arriving HHs intend to stay in Yambio town:

42 %
27 %
6 %
26 %
0 %

# **Pull factors**

Primary pull factors reported by arriving HHs for choosing to come to Yambio town:  $\!\!\!^4$ 

Presence of market	39 %
Presence of family	38 %
Presence of work opportunities	9 %
Presence of food	6 %
Presence of health services	4 %

Notes:

1. Due to the negligible number of transits recorded, a detailed analysis of the dynamics of transiting households was not included in this factsheet, apart from a short narrative section. Transit data can be obtained on request.

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 departing vehicles are nearly always full.
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4. Reported presence of services or opportunities is indicative of respondents' perception and does not necessarily reflect availability. 5. "Partial" in the sense that not all members of the HHs were travelling with the interviewed HHs.



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#### **Push factors**

Primary push factors reported by arriving HHs for choosing to leave their previous location:

Lack of market	36 %
Distance from family members	33 %
Lack of work opportunities	15 %
Lack of health services	8 %
Lack of education services	4 %

# **Household composition**

Reported composition of HHs arriving in Yambio town:5



Partial family 91 %

Whole family 9 %

# TRANSITS THROUGH YAMBIO TOWN

Transits recorded in Yambio (7 HHs) in December consisted of HHs travelling through Yambio Town as part of longer journeys, including one household going from Wau to Sudan through Yambio, and two households moving between Uganda and Tambura. Among transits, family reunion is the most cited reason for movement. As was seen in November, the holiday period appeared to attract households who were travelling across longer distances.

From the Yambio bus/car parks, no HHs were recorded to be transiting to and from the DRC in December, although cross border movement is likely more noticeable in areas of Yambio County closer to the border with DRC where REACH is currently not collecting data.



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