

Yambio 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 three 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.¹

The following findings are based on primary data collected over 20 days between 1 and 31 July 2019, during which 355 departing HHs (600 individuals) and 66 arriving HHs (101 individuals) were recorded, along with 3 HHs (6 individuals) that were transiting through Yambio town through Yambio's three bus/car parks.²

Not all entry points to Yambio town were covered systematically and the entry points along the border with DRC were not covered. Some arrivals and departures reportedly took place outside of data collection hours (9:00 a.m - 5:30 p.m). Moreover, departures are over-represented due to many arrivals getting off buses early due to the matatu system.³ As such, the data presented in this factsheet is not representative, rather indicative of movement trends for the assessed population.

ARRIVALS TO YAMBIO Demographics[‡]



Children 22 % Women 37 % Men 42%

100% of arriving households were partial households ⁴

Reasons for leaving previous location

Most commonly reported primary reason for leaving previous location for Yambio: $^{\rm 56}$

Far from family	37 %
Lack of markets/goods in markets	22 %
Lack of work opportunities	5 %

Reasons for coming to Yambio[‡]

Primary reported pull factors for coming to Yambio town, April to July 2019⁵

	April 2019	May 2019	June 2019	July 2019
Presence of family	24%	46%	45%	46%
Presence of markets/goods	48%	20%	28%	20%
Non-market business ⁷	N/A	N/A	5%	11%



Vulnerabilities

27% of total arriving HHs reported that at least one member of the HH had a vulnerability, including:

Breastfeeding	12 %
Pregnant	8 %
Elderly	5 %

Previous county location[‡]

Reported county or state from which arriving households were coming:



52 % Nzara County
23 % Juba County
9 % Maridi County
15 % Elsewhere in South Sudan
2 % Outside of South Sudan⁸

Intended duration of stay in Yambio[‡]

Reported length of time that respondents intended to stay in Yambio:

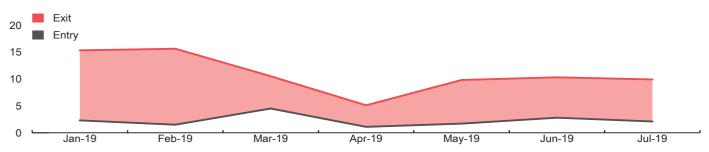
Less than a month	40 %
From 1 to 3 months	17 %
From 4 to 6 months	3 %
More than 6 months or permanently	37 %
Do not know or choose not to answer	3 %

Notes:

These are indicative trends; REACH does not record all arrivals and departures.
 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.
 The matatu system involves buses that follow a set route in which passengers 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.
 "Partial" in the sense that not all members of the HHs were travelling with the interviewed HHs.

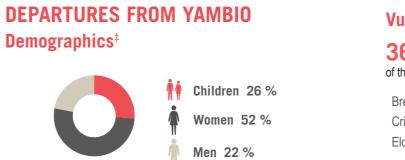
GENERAL MOVEMENT TRENDS

Average daily number of individuals departing (red) and arriving (grey) with the intention to stay longer than six months; December 2018 to June 2019



TRANSITS THROUGH YAMBIO TOWN

Transits recorded in Yambio (3 HHs) in July were notably few and consisted of HHs travelling through Yambio Town as part of longer journeys, such as HHs coming from Juba to Nzara or Tambura, or vice versa. Push and pull factors mainly revolved around joining their families with the intent to stay permanently, with 1 HH engaging in short-term travel to attend a funeral. No HHs were recorded to be transiting to and from the DRC in July, 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.



100% of departing households were partial households ⁴

Reasons for going to final location

Most commonly reported primary reason for travelling to desired location from $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Yambio}}\xspace^5$

Proximity to family	54 %
Presence of health services	10 %
Travelling for planting and cultivation	9 %

Reasons for leaving Yambio[‡]

Primary reported push factors for departing Yambio town, April to July 2019 ⁵⁶					
	April 2019	May 2019	June 2019	July 2019	
Distance from family	49%	38%	53%	54%	
Lack of health services	11%	16%	9%	10%	1
Lack of work opportunities	15%	11%	10%	7%	

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Vulnerabilities

36% of total **departing HHs** reported that at least one member of the HH had a vulnerability, including:

reastfeeding	20 %	
ritically ill	8 %	
Iderly	5 %	

Destination county location[‡]

Reported county to which departing households were going:



67 %	Nzara County
12 %	Juba County
8 %	Tambura County
1 3 %	Elsewhere in South Sudan

Intended duration of stay in destination[‡]

Reported length of time that respondents intended to stay in destination:

Less than a month 53 %	
From 1 to 3 months 7 %	
From 4 to 6 months 3 %	I.
More than 6 months or permanently 32 %	
Do not know or choose not to answer 4 %	L

Notes, continued:

5. Reported presence of services or opportunities is indicative of respondents' perception and does not necessarily reflect availability.

 In addition, 28% of arriving HHs and 21% of departing HHs reported that their travel was motivated by pull factors only, with no specific push factors driving them from their previous location.
 "Business" was added to the survey tool in June, so April and May data are not available.

2% of HHs reported Uganda as their previous location, where they had stayed for 1-3 months.
 Percentages are rounded to the nearest integer, so responses may not add up to 100% exactly.

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