



South Sudan - Unity State

Assessment of Hard-to-Reach Areas in South Sudan

South Sudan Displacement Crisis

March 2017

Overview

Conflict in Unity State broke out in late December 2013, only days after the current conflict began in Juba. Since then, the state has been one of the worst affected by the conflict, and currently hosts the highest reported numbers of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the country. Many areas in Unity are largely inaccessible to humanitarian actors due to insecurity and logistical constraints. As a result, only limited information is available on the humanitarian situation outside major displacement sites.

In order to fill such information gaps and facilitate humanitarian planning, in late 2015, REACH piloted its Area of Origin (AoO) methodology, which takes a territory-based approach that may cover several bomas, to collect

data in hard-to-reach areas of Unity State. The pilot began in Bentiu PoC in December 2015, and was expanded to Nyal in June 2016 in order to interview new arrivals as they were displaced from recent fighting.

In December 2016, REACH refined the methodology moving from the AoO to the Area of Knowledge (AoK) methodology, an approach collecting information at the settlement level. The most recent OCHA Common Operational Dataset (COD) released in February 2016 has been used as the reference for settlement names and locations.

Through AoK, REACH collects data from a network of Key Informants (KIs) who have sector specific knowledge and

gain the information from regularly traveling to and from the settlement, direct or indirect contact with people in the settlement, or recent displacement.

Data collected is aggregated to the settlement level and all percentiles presented in this factsheet, unless otherwise specified, represent percent of settlements within Unity with that specific response. The displacement section on page 2 refers to the proportion of assessed KIs arrived within the previous month (newly arrived IDPs).

Although current AoK coverage is still limited and its findings not statistically significant, it provides an indicative understanding of the needs and current humanitarian situation in assessed areas of Unity State.

Assessment coverage

623 Key Informants assessed

335 Settlements assessed

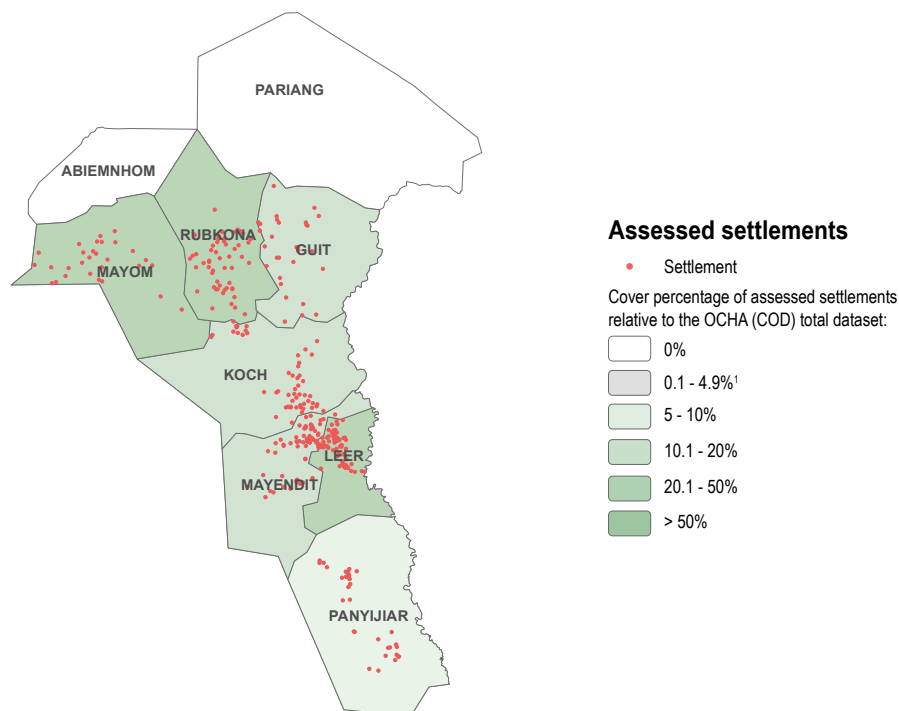
Contact with Area of Knowledge

93% KIs reported to be newly arrived IDPs.

85% KIs reported to have visited the AoK within the last month.

15% KIs reported to be in contact with someone living in the AoK within the last month.

Assessment coverage



Reached villages

County	Assessed settlements	OCHA (COD) settlements	Cover percentage
Abiemnhom	0	21	0%
Guit	29	161	18%
Koch	53	423	13%
Leer	73	324	23%
Mayendit	63	341	18%
Mayom	29	96	30%
Panyijiar	33	449	7%
Pariang	0	168	0%
Rubkona	55	261	21%
Total	335	2,244	15%

¹ Counties with under 5% of settlement coverage are not disaggregated to the county level, but are included in state-level analysis.



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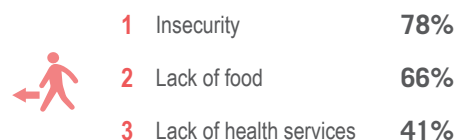
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New arrivals



Push factors

Top three reported reasons newly arrived IDPs left their previous location:²



Pull factors

Top three reported reasons newly arrived IDPs came to their current location:²



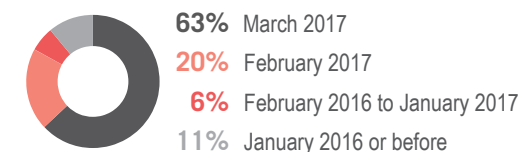
Previous location

Top three reported most recent long-term locations for newly arrived IDPs:

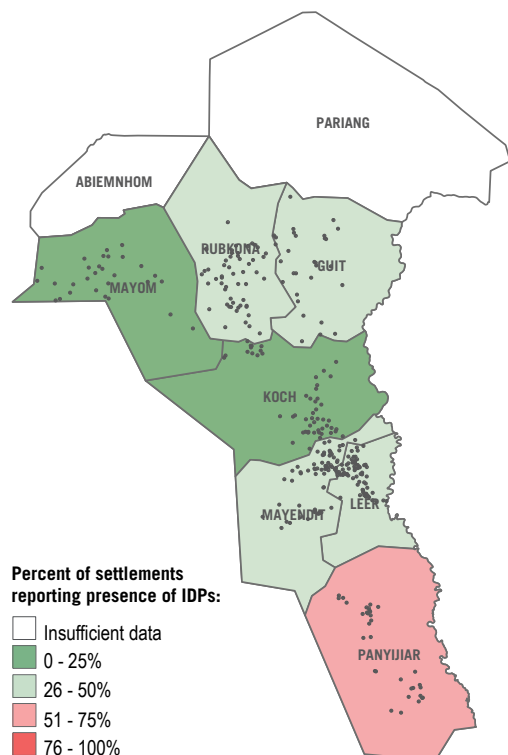


Displacement

Reported time of first displacement for newly arrived IDPs:

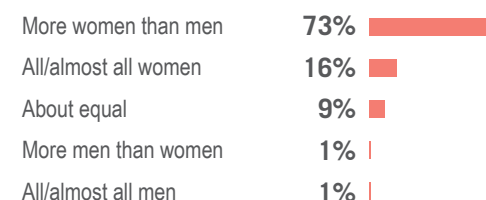


Displacement

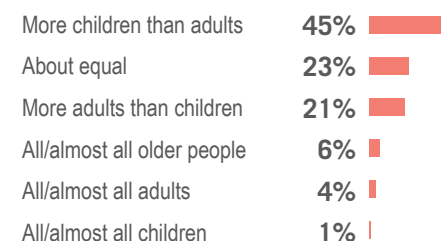


Demographic composition

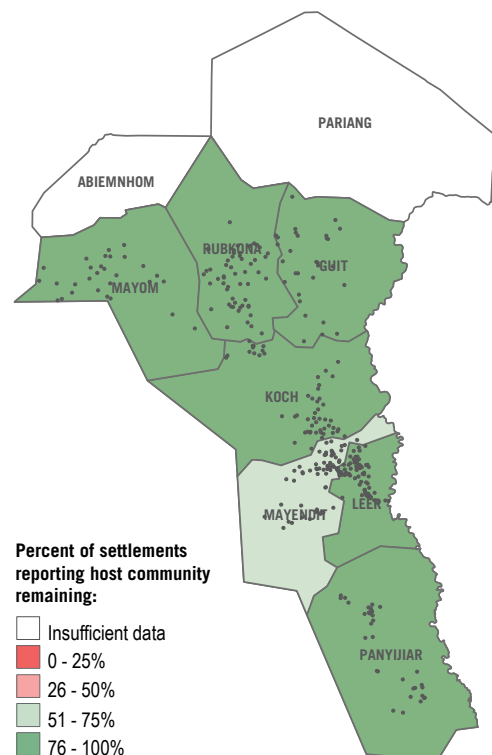
Reported gender ratio of IDPs in assessed settlements:



Reported age ratio of IDPs in assessed settlements:

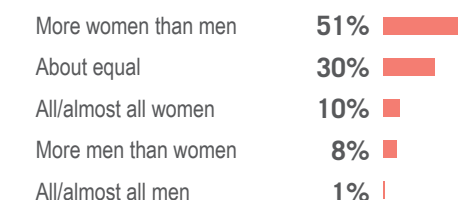


Local community

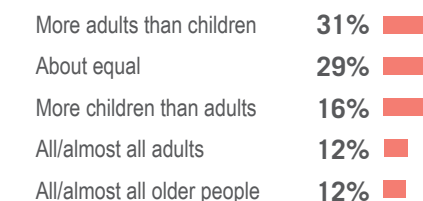


Demographic composition

Reported gender ratio of local community remaining in assessed settlements:



Reported age ratio of local community remaining in assessed settlements:



² Most frequently cited as first and second most important reasons.



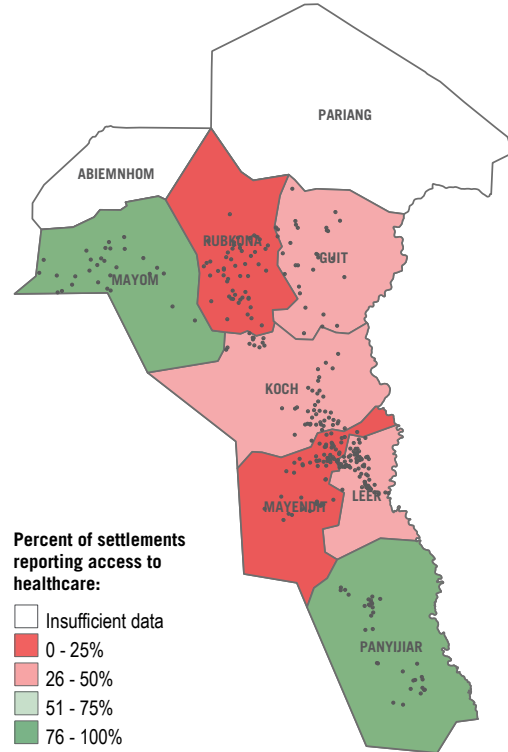
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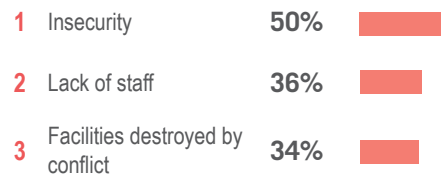
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Health



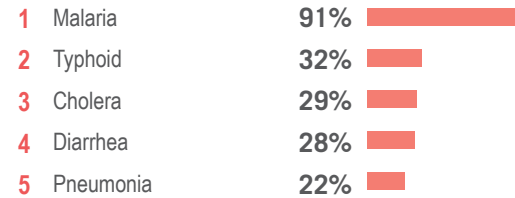
Health unavailability

Top three reported reasons why health care facilities are not available from the assessed settlements:⁴



Health concerns

Most commonly reported health concerns in the assessed settlements:³



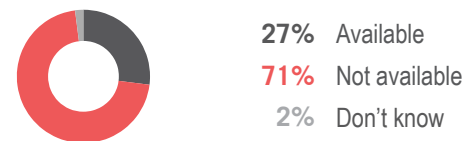
Health distance

Reported distance of the nearest health care facilities from the assessed settlements:



Feeding programmes

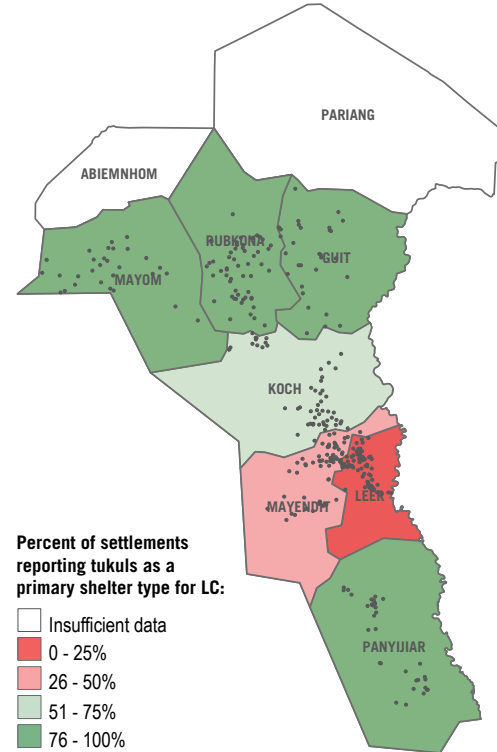
Reported availability of feeding programmes that provide Plumpy Sup, CSB++ or other nutrition supplements in the assessed settlements:



³ Rank three most common health concerns normalized.

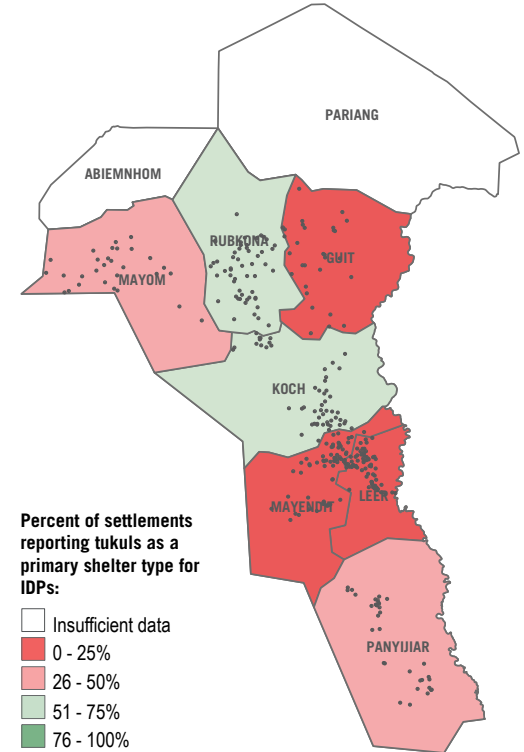
⁴ Rank two reasons health facilities are not available.

Shelter/NFI



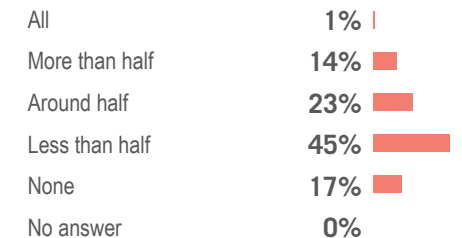
NFI

Reported number of people sharing a shelter in assessed settlements:



Shelter sharing

Reported proportion of the local community sharing shelters with IDPs:





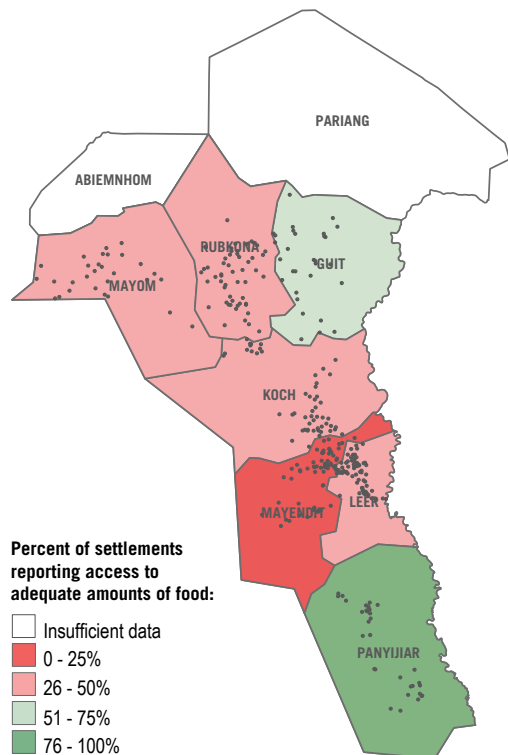
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Food Security



Coping strategies

The average number of reported coping strategies used in the assessed settlements:

1.2 coping strategies reported on average

Land availability

Reported availability of land for agriculture in the assessed settlements:



79% Available
21% Not available

Market availability

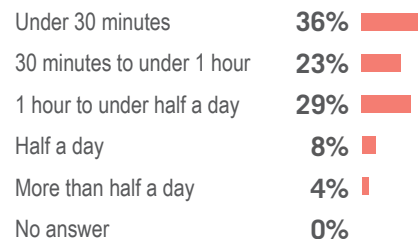
Reported availability of a functioning market accessible from the assessed settlements:



43% Available
57% Not available

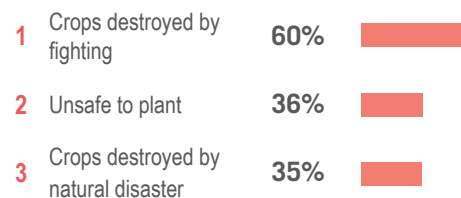
Market distance

Reported distance of the nearest market from the assessed settlements:

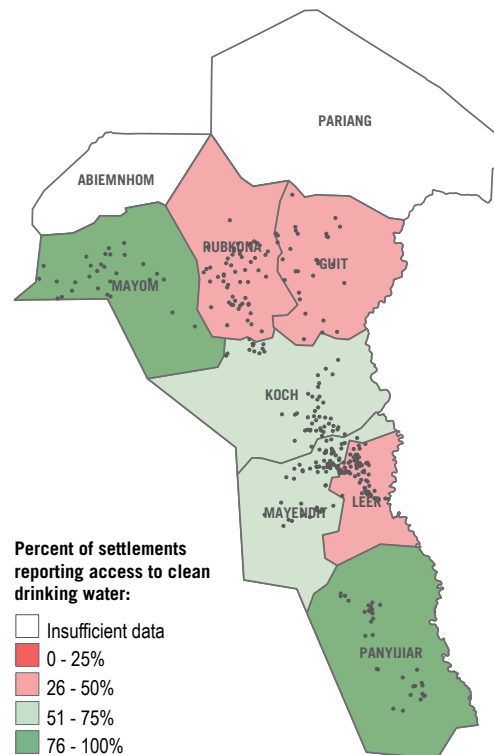


Food unavailability

Top three reported reasons why people cannot access enough food in the assessed settlements:⁵

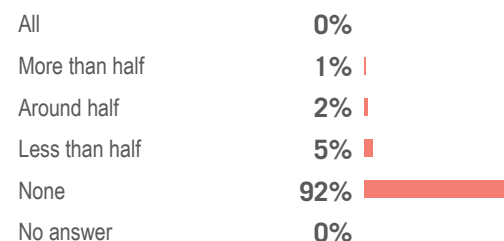


WASH



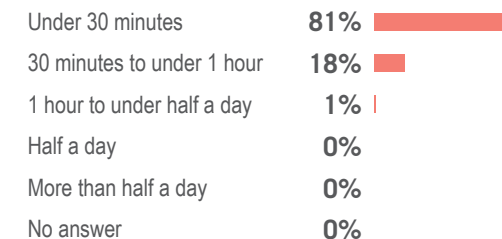
Sanitation

Reported usage of sanitation facilities in comparison with open defecation in assessed settlements:



Water distance

Reported distance of the nearest safe water source from the assessed settlements:



Borehole usage

95%

of assessed settlements with safe drinking water reported boreholes as the primary source.

County	Percentage of functioning boreholes
Abiemnhom	Insufficient data
Guit	93 %
Koch	67 %
Leer	68 %
Mayendit	80 %
Mayom	80 %
Panyijar	87 %
Pariang	Insufficient data
Rubkona	65 %

⁵ Rank three reasons adequate food is not available.



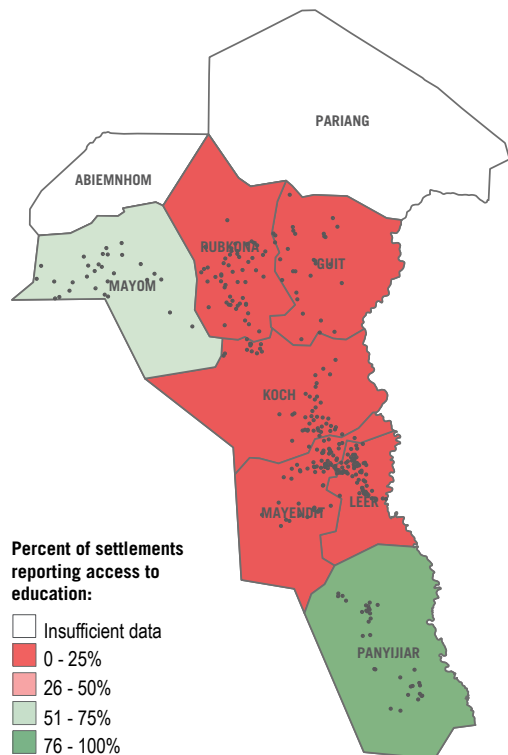
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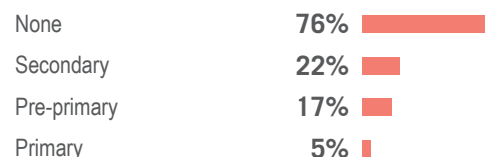
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Education



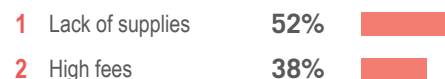
Education availability

Reported available education services in the assessed settlements:⁶



Education attendance and availability

Top two reported reasons why children are not attending school in the assessed settlements:

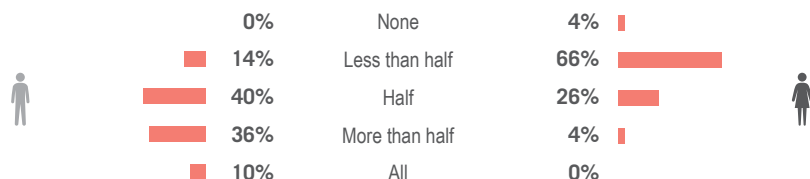


Top two reported reasons why education services are not available in the assessed settlements:



School attendance

Reported proportion of 6-17 year old girls and 6-17 year old boys attending school in assessed settlements:



⁶ Key informants could choose more than one answer.

⁷ Accelerated learning programmes.

Protection



Women

Reported primary protection concerns for women in the assessed settlements:



Men

Reported primary protection concerns for men in the assessed settlements:



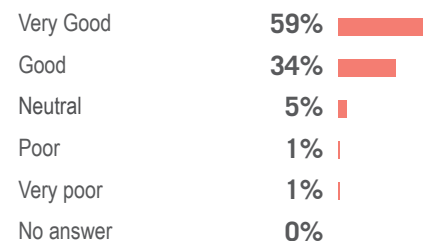
Children

Reported primary protection concerns for children in the assessed settlements:



Community relations

Reported relationships between IDPs, returnees⁸ and local community in the assessed settlements:



Land disputes

Reported presence of disputes over land ownership in the assessed settlements:



⁸ Local community displaced and returned home, reported in 36% of assessed settlements.

About REACH

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