



# South Sudan - Unity State

## Assessment of Hard-to-Reach Areas in South Sudan

South Sudan Displacement Crisis

September 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 site 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

**281** Key Informants interviewed

**198** Settlements assessed

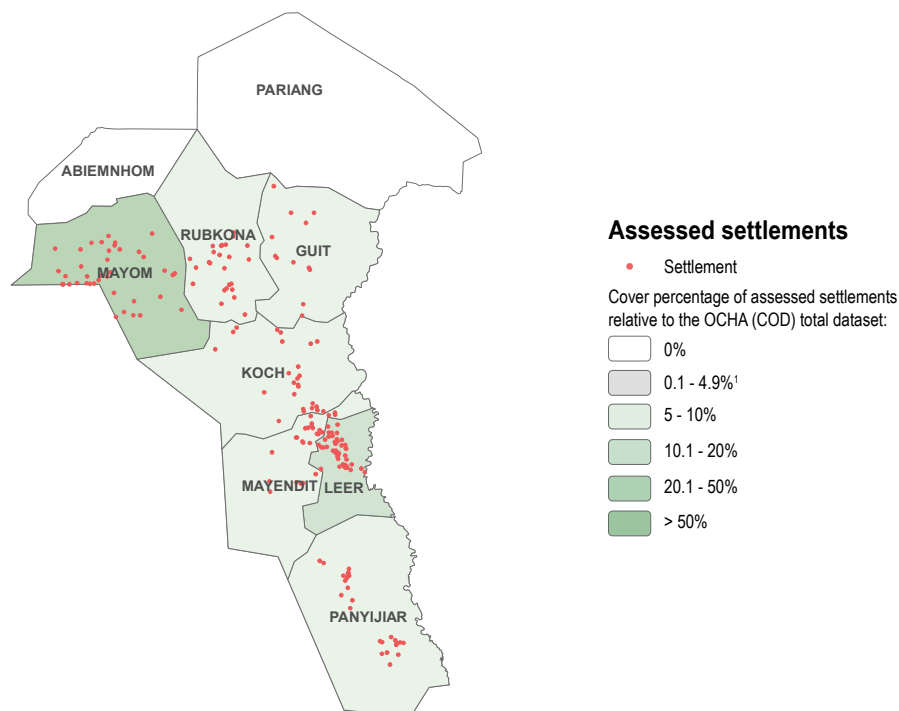
### Contact with Area of Knowledge

**83%** KIs reported being newly arrived IDPs.

**65%** KIs reported having visited AoK within last month.

**35%** KIs reported being in contact with someone living in AoK within last month.

### Assessment coverage



### Reached settlements

County	Assessed settlements	OCHA (COD) settlements	Cover percentage
Abiemnhom	0	21	0%
Guit	12	176	7%
Koch	25	429	6%
Leer	45	328	14%
Mayendit	26	343	8%
Mayom	39	129	30%
Panyijiar	26	450	6%
Pariang	0	168	0%
Rubkona	25	273	9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>2,317</b>	<b>9%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data from counties with under 5% settlement coverage are not included in county level analysis, but are included in state-level analysis.



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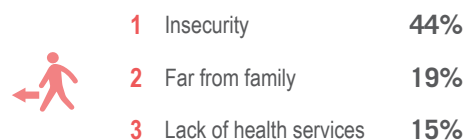
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### New arrivals



#### Push factors

Primary reported reason newly arrived IDPs left their previous location:



#### Pull factors

Primary reported reason newly arrived IDPs came to their current location:



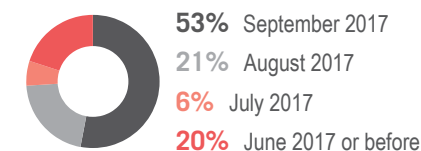
#### Previous location

Most recent previous locations reported by newly arrived IDPs:

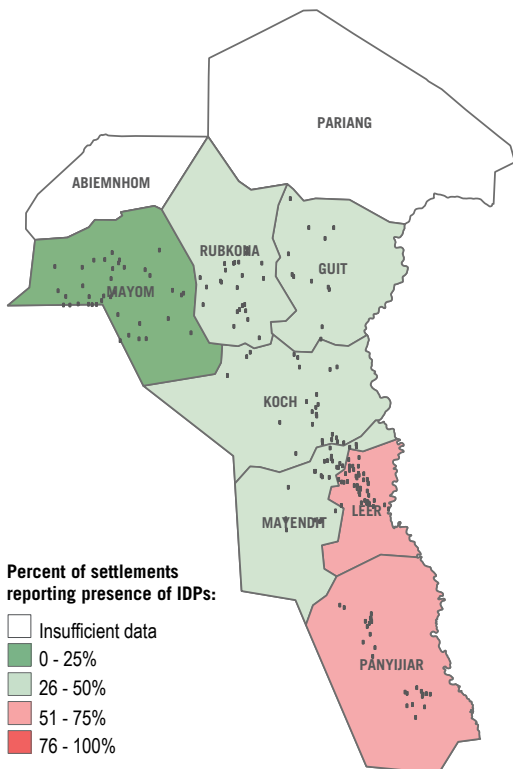


#### Displacement

Departure from most recent previous location by newly arrived IDPs:



### Displacement

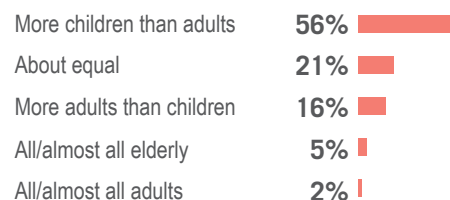


#### Demographic composition

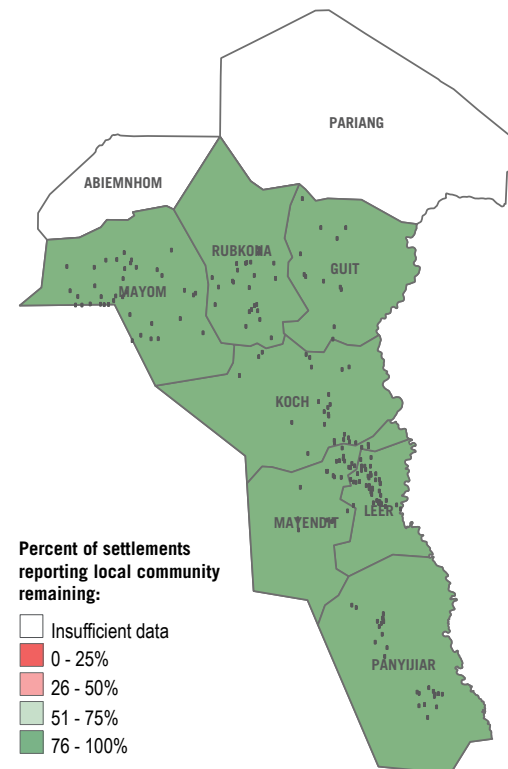
Reported gender ratio of IDPs in assessed settlements:



Reported age ratio of IDPs in assessed settlements:

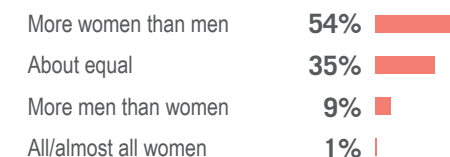


### Local community

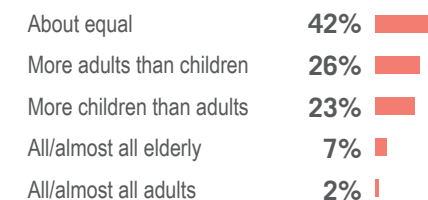


#### Demographic composition

Reported gender ratio of local community remaining in assessed settlements:



Reported age ratio of local community remaining in assessed settlements:





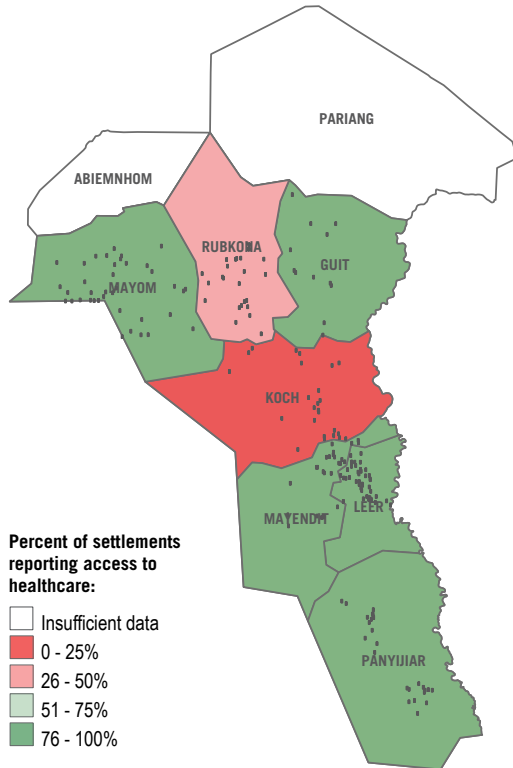
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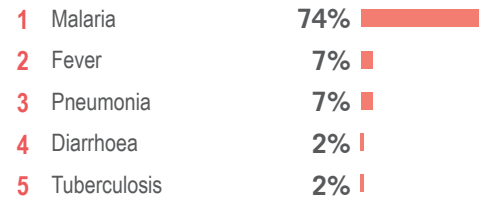
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### Health



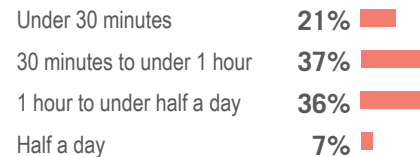
### Health concerns

Primary reported health concern in assessed settlements:



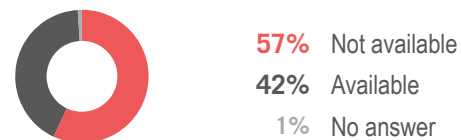
### Healthcare distance

Reported distance of nearest healthcare facilities from assessed settlements:

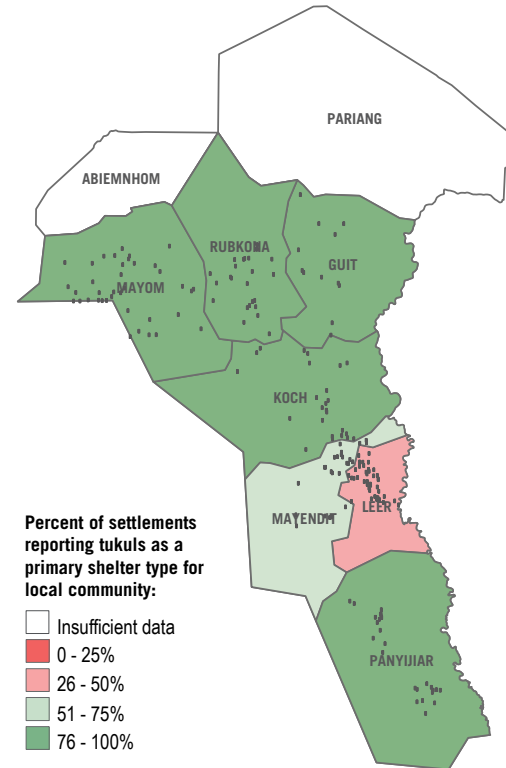


### Feeding programmes

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

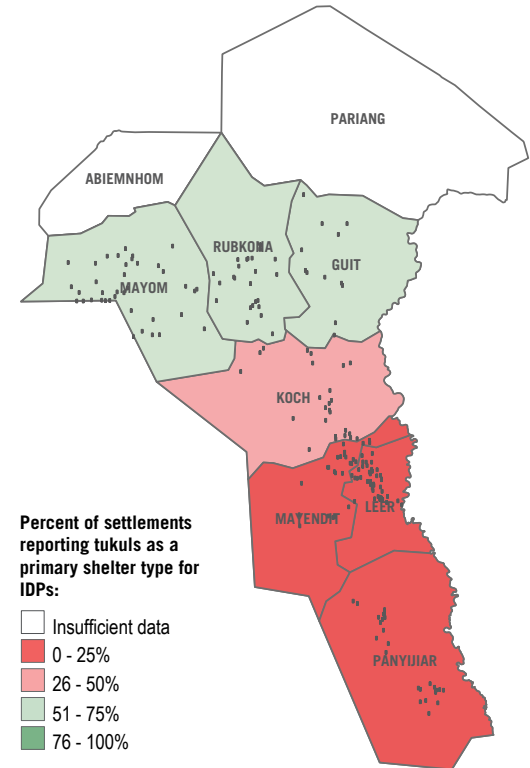


### Shelter/NFI



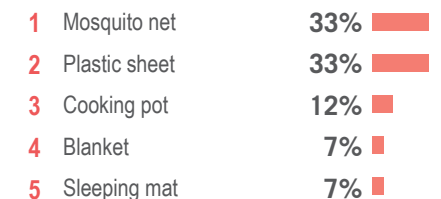
### Shelter damage

Reported destruction or partial destruction of shelters by violence in assessed settlements:



### NFI Needs

Primary reported non-food item needed to meet needs of IDPs in assessed settlements with IDPs present:





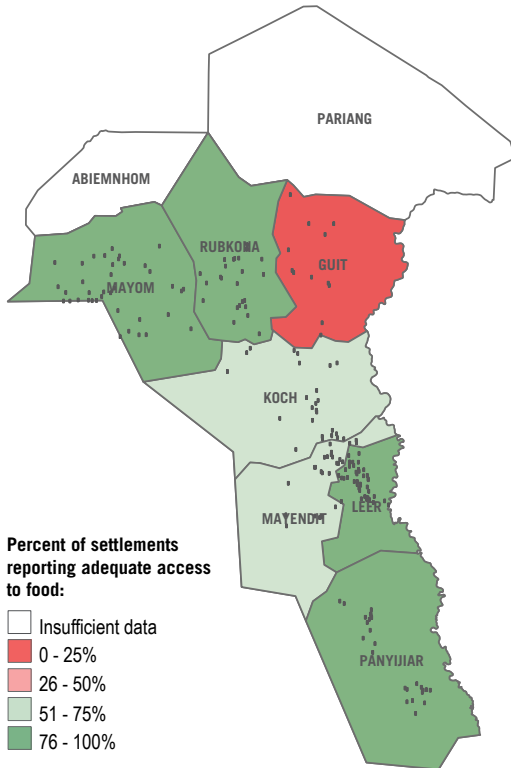
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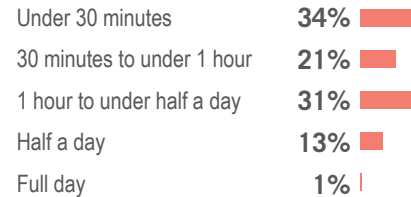
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### Food Security



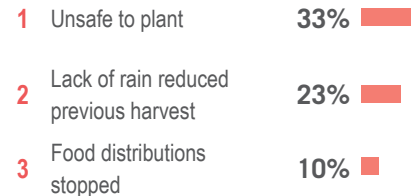
### Market distance

Reported distance of nearest market from assessed settlements:



### Food unavailability

Primary reason settlements reported an inability to adequately access food:



### Coping strategies

Average number of reported coping strategies used in assessed settlements:

**3.0** coping strategies reported on average

### Land availability

Reported availability of land for agriculture in assessed settlements:

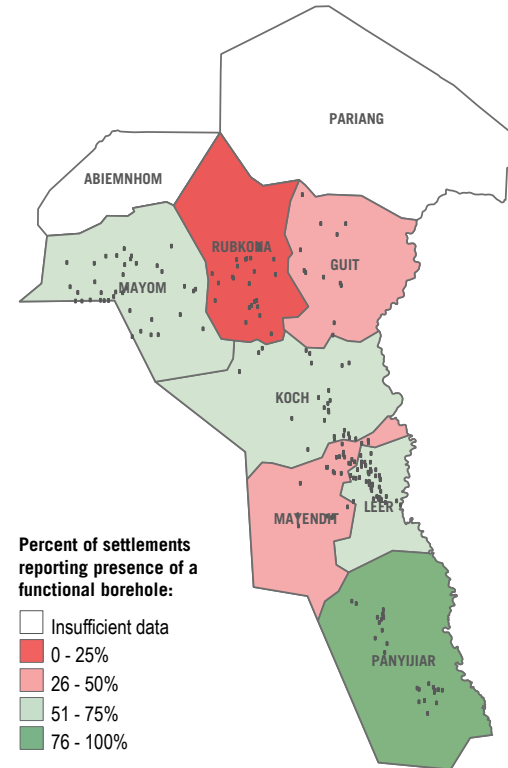


### Market availability

Reported availability of a functioning market accessible from assessed settlements:

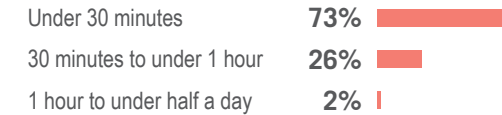


### WASH



### Water distance

Reported distance of nearest water source from assessed settlements:<sup>3</sup>



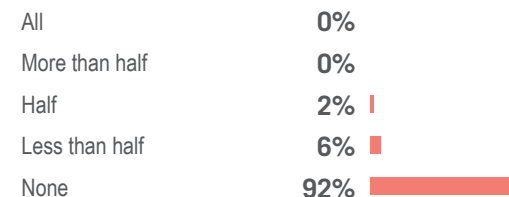
### Water availability

Reported availability of a functional borehole from assessed settlements:



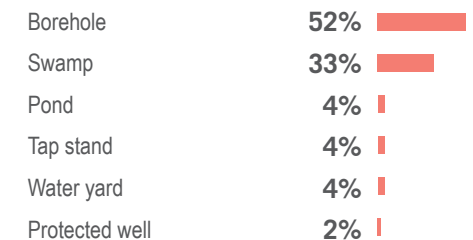
### Sanitation

Reported use of sanitation facilities over open defecation in assessed settlements:



### Water sources

Reported primary water source available from assessed settlements:<sup>3</sup>



<sup>2</sup> Safe or unsafe water source



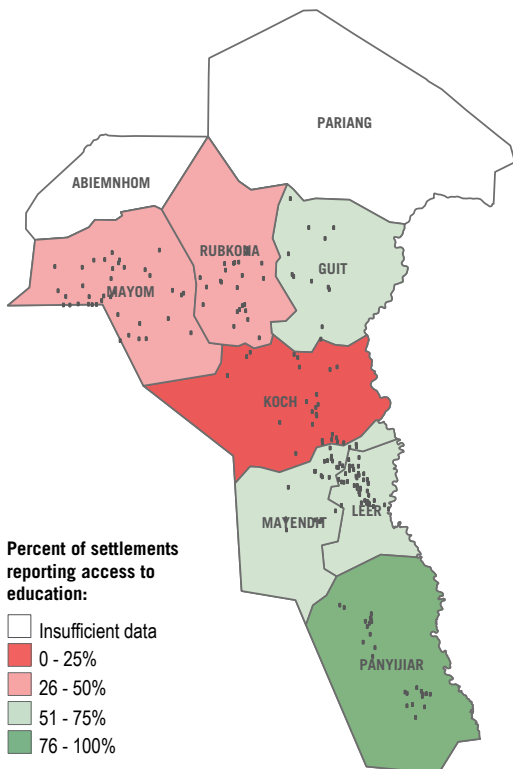
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### Education



### Education availability

Reported available education services in assessed settlements:

None	46%
Pre-primary	33%
Primary	44%
Secondary	3%
ALP <sup>3</sup>	8%

### Education attendance and availability

Primary reported reason why girls are not attending school in assessed settlements:

1 Need to work in home	22%
2 Girls are not supposed to attend school	19%

Primary reported reason why boys are not attending school in assessed settlements:

1 Area is too dangerous	29%
2 Need to work outside home	21%

Primary reported reason why education services are not available in assessed settlements:

1 No available facilities	44%
2 Teachers have been displaced	15%

### School attendance

Reported proportion of settlements where 6-17 years old boys and girls attend school

0%	None	2%
15%	Less than half	63%
28%	Half	25%
42%	More than half	9%
14%	All	0%

<sup>3</sup> Accelerated learning programmes.

### Protection



#### Women

Primary reported protection concern in assessed settlements:

1 Sexual violence	21%
2 Domestic violence	13%
3 Looting	13%
4 Killing/injury by same community	6%
5 Harassment to disclose information	4%

#### Girls

Primary reported protection concern in assessed settlements:

1 Sexual violence	13%
2 Early marriage	11%
3 Family separation	10%
4 Harassment to disclose information	9%
5 Domestic violence	8%

#### Men

Primary reported protection concern in assessed settlements:

1 Killing/injury by other community	32%
2 Killing/injury by same community	25%
3 Forced recruitment	17%
4 Cattle raiding	2%
5 Looting	2%

#### Boys

Primary reported protection concern in assessed settlements:

1 Forced recruitment	21%
2 Harassment to disclose information	11%
3 Killing/injury by other community	10%
4 Looting	7%
5 Killing/injury by same community	6%

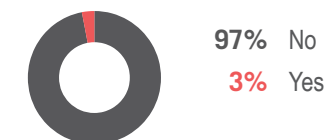
### Community relations

Reported relationships between IDPs, returnees<sup>4</sup> and local community in assessed

Very Good	52%
Good	45%
Neutral	2%

### Land disputes

Reported presence of disputes over land ownership in assessed settlements:



<sup>4</sup> Local community displaced and returned home, reported in 41% of assessed settlements

### About REACH

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