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 between 5 and 28 June 2019, during which 312 departing HHs (512 individuals) and 83 arriving HHs (122 individuals) were recorded, along with 11 HHs (18 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.

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ARRIVALS TO YAMBIO Demographics



100% of arriving households were partial households ⁴

Push factors

Most commonly reported primary reason for leaving previous location for Yambio:⁵

Far from family	44 %
Lack of markets/goods in markets	25 %
Lack of work opportunities	14 %

Reasons for coming to Yambio

Primary reported null factors for coming to Yambio town, March to June 2019⁵

Primary reported pull factors for coming to Yambio town, March to June 2019°				
	March 2019	April 2019	May 2019	June 2019
Presence of family	38%	24%	46%	45%
Presence of markets/goods	30%	48%	20%	28%
Presence of work opportunities	13%	16%	12%	11%

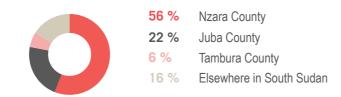
Vulnerabilities

28% of total **arriving HHs** reported that at least one member of the HH had a vulnerability, including:

Breastfeeding	16 %
Pregnant	7 %
Elderly	4 %

Previous county location

Reported county or state from which arriving households were coming:



Intended duration of stay in Yambio

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

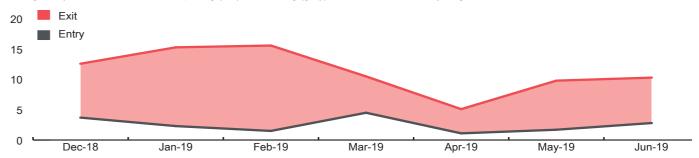
Less than a month	40 %
From 1 to 3 months	7 %
From 4 to 6 months	4 %
More than 6 months or permanently	39 %
Do not know or choose not to answer	10 %

Notes:

- 1. These are indicative trends; REACH does not record all arrivals and departures.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. "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 (11 HHs) in June 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 accessing job opportunities and joining their families. One HH originating from South Sudan was permanently returning after 6 months in Uganda. No HHs were recorded to be transiting to and from the DRC in June, 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.

DEPARTURES FROM YAMBIO Demographics



99% of departing households were partial households 4

Pull factors

Most commonly reported primary reason for travelling to desired location from ${\rm Yambio:}^5$

Proximity to family	54 %
Presence of work opportunities	10 %
Presence of markets/goods	9 %

Reasons for leaving Yambio

Primary reported push factors for departing Yambio town, March to June 2019⁵⁶

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	March 2019	April 2019	May 2019	June 2019	
Distance from family	49%	49%	38%	53%	
ack of work opportunities	15%	15%	11%	10%	
Lack of health services	13%	11%	16%	9%	

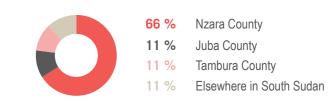
Vulnerabilities

32% of total **departing HHs** reported that at least one member of the HH had a vulnerability, including:

Breastfeeding	20 %
Critically ill	6 %
Pregnant	5 %

Destination county location[‡]

Reported county to which departing households were going:



Intended duration of stay in destination

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

Less than a month	46 %
From 1 to 3 months	8 %
From 4 to 6 months	3 %
More than 6 months or permanently	36 %
Do not know or choose not to answer	7 %

Notes, continued

- Reported presence of services or opportunities is indicative of respondents' perception and does not necessarily reflect availability.
- $6.\$ In addition, 13% of HHs reported that their travel was motivated by pull factors only, with no specific push factors driving them from their previous location.
- ‡. Percentages are rounded to the nearest integer, which is why responses may not add up to 100% exactly.



