Assessment of Hard-to-Reach Areas in South Sudan

Overview

On July 8th, fighting broke out in Juba between the government-led SPLA and former opposition SPLA-IO. Since then, the states of Greater Equatoria have seen fighting spread to other towns and villages throughout the region, displacing hundreds of thousands South Sudanese across the borders into Uganda and Kenya. Many areas in Greater Equatoria 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.

In December 2016, REACH decided to refine 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 Greater Equatoria with that specific response.

Using this new methodology, in January 2017 REACH has collected information on Greater Equatoria. This is the first factsheet produced by REACH on the Greater Equatorian States.

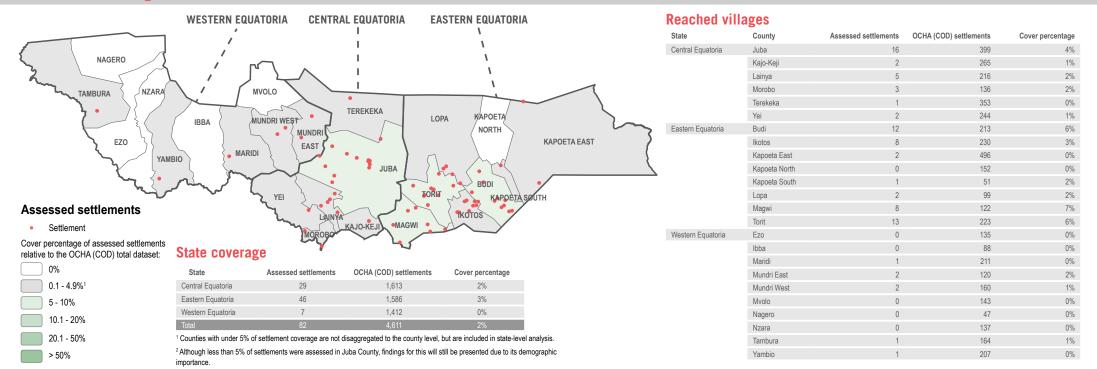
Although current AoK coverage is still limited and its findings not statistically significant, it provides an indicative understanding of the needs and current humanitarian situation in assessed areas of Jonglei State. Data presented in this factsheet was collected from recently displaced refugees in Kenya's Kakuma

Assessment coverage

154 Key Informants assessed

82 Settlements assessed

Assessment coverage









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Displacement







Reported gender ratio of IDPs in assessed settlements:

About equal	47%		
More men than women	35%		
All/almost all men	6%	ī	
All/almost all women	6%	I	
More women than men	6%	ı	

Local community





Demographic composition

Reported gender ratio of local community remaining in assessed settlements:

About equal	45%
More men than women	29%
All/almost all men	10%
All/almost all women	10%
More women than men	6%

Percent of settlements reporting presence of IDPs:



Reported age ratio of IDPs in assessed settlements:

More adults than children	29%
More children than adults	29%
About equal	24%
All/almost all adults	18%

Percent of settlements reporting host community remaining:



Reported age ratio of local community remaining in assessed settlements:

All/almost all adults	41%
More adults than children	29%
About equal	25%
More children than adults	5%

Most common living conditions for the IDPs reported living in the assessed settlements:

With the host community	95%	
Spontaneous settlement	5%	1

Most common living conditions for the local community reported living in the assessed settlements:

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Their own home	46%	
In the bush (far)	34%	
In the bush (nearby)	15%	
Another home (same settlement)	3%	I
Other	2%	1







¹ Most frequently cited as first and second most important reasons.

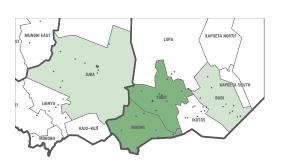
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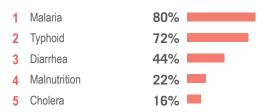
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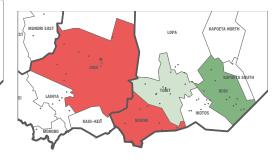


Health concerns

Most commonly reported heath concerns in the assessed settlements:²



MUNORI EAST JUBA LOPA KAPGETA NORTH TÖRIT BUDI KAJG-REF



Percent of settlements reporting host community remaining:



Health distance

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

Under 30 minutes	49%
30 minutes to under 1 hour	29%
1 hour to under half a day	22%
Half a day	0%
More than half a day	0%
No answer	0%

Percent of settlements reporting host community remaining:



Shelter/NFI

Percent of settlements reporting host community remaining:



Health unavailability

Top three reported reasons why health care facilities are not available from the assessed settlements:³



Feeding programmes

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



² Rank three most common health concerns normalized.

NFI

Reported number of people sharing a shelter:

1 to 5	91%
6 to 10	8%
11 to 15	1%
More than 15	0%

Shelter sharing

Proportion of the local community sharing shelters with IDPs:

All	0%
More than half	6% ■
Around half	22%
Less than half	44%
None	28%
No answer	0%







³ Rank two reasons health facilities are not available

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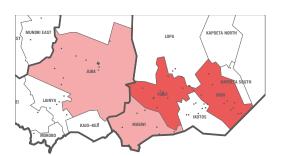
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Reported distance of the nearest water source

Food Security





Percent of settlements reporting host community remaining:

Insufficient data

26 - 50%

51 - 75%

76 - 100%

Market distance

Reported distance of the nearest market from the assessed settlements:

Under 30 minutes	59%
30 minutes to under 1 hour	30%
1 hour to under half a day	11%
Half a day	0%
More than half a day	0%
No answer	0%

Food unavailability

Top three reported reasons why people cannot access enough food in the assessed settlements:⁴

1	Unsafe to plant	88%	
2	Crops destroyed by fighting	40%	
3	High prices	28%	

WASH



Percent of settlements reporting host community remaining:



Borehole usage

More than half a day

Water distance

Under 30 minutes

from the assessed settlements:

30 minutes to under 1 hour

1 hour to under half a day

96%

Half a day

No answer

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

61%

32%

0% 2%

0%

5%

County Percentage of functioning boreholes

Budi	58%
Juba	60%
Magwi	65%
Torit	72%

State Percentage of functioning boreholes

Central Equatoria	64%
Eastern Equatoria	66%
Western Equatoria	56%

Coping strategies

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

1.5 coping strategies reported on average

Land availability

Reported availability of land for agriculture in the assessed settlements:



71%
Available
29%
Not available

Market availability

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



Sanitation

Reported usage of sanitation facilities in comparison with open defecation:

All	8%
More than half	9%
Around half	13%
Less than half	27%
None	43%
No answer	0%

⁴ Rank three reasons adequate food is not available.







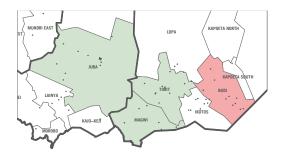
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Education





Education availability

Reported available education services in the assessed settlements:⁵

Secondary	55%
Primary	53%
None	43%
Pre-primary	19%
ALP ⁶	1%

Education attendance and availability

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

1	High fees	74%	
2	Insecurity	40%	

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

1	Facilities destroyed by conflict	47%	
2	Was never available	37%	

School attendance

Percent of settlements reporting host community remaining:

Insufficient data

0 - 25%

26 - 50% 51 - 75%

76 - 100%

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



⁵ Key informants could choose more than one answer.

Protection



Women

Reported primary protection concerns for women in the assessed settlements:

1	Sexual violence	70%
2	Killing/injury other community	23%
3	Don't know	3%
4	Other	3%
5	Abduction	1%

Men

Reported primary protection concerns for men in the assessed settlements:

Killing/injury other

1	community	9/%
2	Killing/injury same community	3%

Children

Reported primary protection concerns for children in the assessed settlements:

1	Killing/injury other community	62%
2	Abduction	15%
3	Forced recruitment	11%
4	Cattle raiding	4%
5	Looting	3%

Community relations

Reported relationships between IDPs, returnees⁷ and local community in the assessed settlements:

Very Good	10%
Good	50%
Neutral	5%
Poor	15%
Very poor	20%
No answer	0%

Land disputes

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



 $^{^{7}\}mbox{Local}$ community displaced and returned home, reported in 4% of assessed settlements.

About REACH

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⁶ Accelerated learning programmes.