

Yambio Town 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 South Sudanese returnee and IDP households (HHs) 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.

The following findings are based on primary data collected between 8 and 21 June 2018, during which 83 departing HHs (200 individuals) and 29 arriving HHs (74 individuals) were recorded, along with 3 HHs (10 individuals) that were transiting through Yambio town.¹ Enumerators interviewed respondents who were arriving in and departing from any of Yambio town's three (Tambura, Nzara, and Maridi) bus/car parks. Respondents were selected based on pre-survey questions on motives of travel to ensure that only displaced people or returnees were interviewed. Not all entry points to Yambio town were covered systematically, and some arrivals and departures reportedly took place outside of data collection hours (9:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m). Moreover, departures are over-represented due to many arrivals getting off buses early due to the matatu system.² As such, the data presented in this factsheet is not representative, rather indicative of movement trends for the assessed population.

DEPARTURES FROM YAMBIO TOWN

97% of the total departing HHs intended to leave Yambio town for 6 months or less.

Demographic³



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Children 32 %
Women 43 %
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Men 26 %

Departing households

average number of individuals per HH.

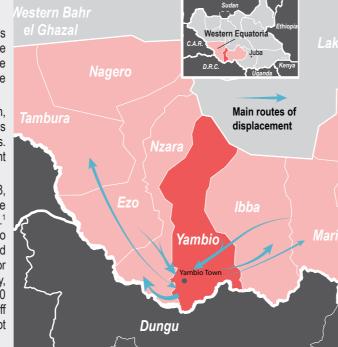
of departing HHs are made up of one individual travelling alone.

Area of origin of departing households

95% of the total departing HHs are originally from Western Equatoria State

County of origin of departing HHs:

Yambio County	83 %
Maridi County	7 %
Nzara County	4 %
Juba County	3 %
Ibba County	1 %
Ezo County	1 %



Push factors

Primary push factors reported by departing HHs for leaving Yambio town:

Far from the family	33 %
Lack of healthcare services	26 %
Lack of food	11 %
Lack of market	10 %
Lack of work opportunities	8 %

Intended destination

Intended destination of departing HHs:

of the total departing HHs intend to stay within Western Equatoria State

Primary intended areas of destination in Western Equatoria State for departing HHs:

Nzara County	81 %
Maridi County	7 %
Yambio County	3 %
Ibba County	1 %
Ezo County	1 %

Intended duration of stay at destination

Reported length of time that departing HHs intend to stay in the location that they are departing for:

Less than a month	22 %
One month to six months	75 %
Over six months	1 %
Do not intend to return	0 %
Not sure	1 %

ARRIVALS TO YAMBIO TOWN Demographic³



% of the total arriving HHs expressed the intention to remain in Yambio town permanently.

Arriving households

- 3 average number of individuals travelling in each HH.
- 12% of arriving HHs are made up of one individual.

Previous location - County

Areas of most recent long term location of HHs arriving in Yambio town:

Nzara County	41 %
Yambio County	15 %
Maridi County	15 %
Ezo County	7 %
Juba County	7 %

Intended duration of stay in Yambio town

Reported length of time that arriving HHs intend to stay in Yambio town:

Less than a month	30 %
One month to six months	56 %
More than six months	0 %
Do not intend to leave	0 %
Not sure	15 %

Pull factors

Primary pull factors reported by arriving HHs for choosing to come to Yambio town:

Presence of family members	26 %
Presence of healthcare services	22 %
Presence of market	19 % 💻
Presence of work opportunities	15 % 📕

1. 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. Transit data can be obtained on request.

- passengers often get off at their stops before reaching Yambio town, while departing vehicles are nearly always full.
- 3. These are indicative trends; REACH does not record all arrivals and departures.

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

5. "Partial" in the sense that not all members of the HHs were travelling with the interviewed HHs.





Push factors

Primary push factors reported by arriving HHs for choosing to leave their previous location:

Lack of healthcare services Far from the family Lack of market Lack of work opportunities



Household composition

Reported composition of HHs arriving in Yambio town:5



Partial family 93 %

Whole family 7 %

TRANSITS THROUGH YAMBIO TOWN

Transits recorded in Yambio (3 HHs) in June consisted mainly of HHs travelling through Yambio Town to Nzara and Maridi County. In those cases, push and pull factors mainly revolved around search for services and family reunification or visits.

From the Yambio bus/car parks, 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.

2. Common throughout East Africa, the matatu system involves buses that follow a set route in which passenger get on and get off at pre-determined stops. This means that many arriving



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