



Mingkaman Spontaneous Settlement Population Count

Awerial County, Lakes State, South Sudan

South Sudan Displacement Crisis

January 2016

Summary

In November and December 2015, a large influx of IDPs arrived in Mingkaman Spontaneous Settlement, Awerial County, Lakes State. The majority of new arrivals arrived from Jalle and Parker Payams in Twic East County, as a result of violence. Others had migrated from villages in Bor South County.

This factsheet presents key findings from a population count of Mingkaman established site, conducted by REACH to provide updated population figures at sub-sector level. Biometric registration was last conducted in Mingkaman by IOM in February 2015, and showed a population of 71,625 individuals.

Methodology

Primary data was collected from every shelter inside the established site (see map below), between 24 December 2015 and 4th January 2016.

In order to quantify recent population change, households were asked about the number of people who slept in their shelter on 13 November, and 13 December 2015, and whether they expected other relatives to arrive. When vacant shelters showed signs of habitation, these were also included in the count and were assigned the average household size of their sub-section.

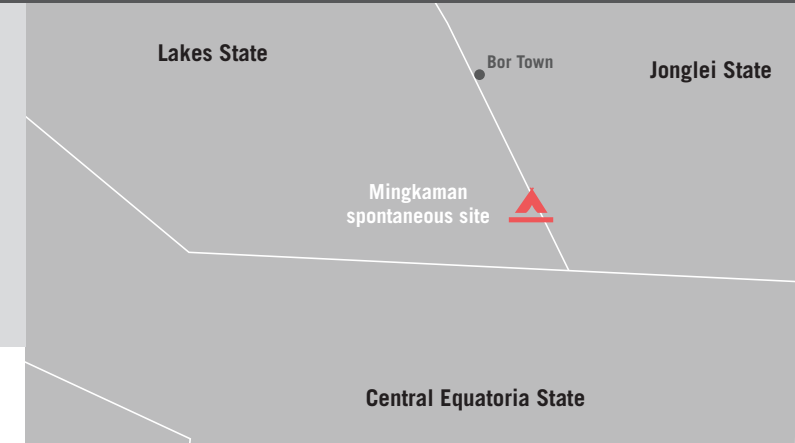
Household-level findings are complemented by qualitative data from 8 focus

group discussions, which provide further information about displacement trends, reasons for leaving area of origin, means of travel, and the possibility of future arrivals to Mingkaman site.

Limitations

Population figures are those reported by households, and therefore may be affected by recall bias. Despite site sweeps and return visits, it is possible that some households may have been missed by the data collection team.

It is important to note that this count provides a population estimate for the established site and does *not* include newly settled adjacent areas.



Key findings

Established site population:

as of 13 December 2015

52,942

Note: this estimate includes only the population of the established site and not newly settled adjacent areas.

New arrivals to established site:

13 November - 13 December 2015

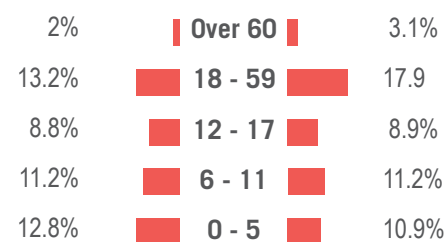
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Average household size:

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Demographics

48% male 52% female



Proportion of children:

aged 0-18

64%

Receipt of humanitarian assistance



15% of households present reported having received the last emergency food distribution

Future Arrivals

IDPs from Bor South and Twic East County are likely to continue to arrive in Mingkaman until at least the end of January.

60% of households present reported expecting new arrivals to their household in January 2016

During focus group discussions, recent arrivals reported that relatives in Bor South County and Twic East were planning to travel to Mingkaman in the coming weeks. Relatives of IDPs from Jalle and Parker Payams were reportedly saving money in order to make the journey south.

Displacement trends

Primary areas of origin of new arrivals:

- Twic East County, Jalle & Parker Payams
- Bor South County, Multiple villages

Push/Pull factors affecting displacement:

- IDPs from Twic East County fled violent attacks on 13 November 2015. They fled towards Mingkaman in search of safety and aid.
- IDPs from Bor South County travelled in search of humanitarian aid. Many had relatives or friends already living in Mingkaman.

Displacement Route:

- IDPs travelled from Jalle and Parker Payams to Maar by foot, travelling onwards to Mingkaman by boat, or across the highlands on foot.
- IDPs travelled by boat from villages in Bor South to Mingkaman.

Future Intentions

- The vast majority of IDPs from Twic East County intend to stay indefinitely in Mingkaman.
- Some IDPs intend to stay in Mingkaman indefinitely. Others plan to return home after the food distribution.

Established site population by sub-sector

as of 13 December 2015

