



# 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 four 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.

The following findings are based on primary data collected between 5 and 28 February 2019, during which 328 departing households (HHs) (605 individuals) and 37 arriving HHs (60 individuals) were recorded, along with 13 HHs (23 individuals) that were transiting through Yambio town.<sup>1</sup> Enumerators interviewed respondents who were arriving in and departing from any of Yambio town's four (Tambura, Nzara, Maridi and DRC) bus/car parks.

Not all entry points to Yambio town were covered systematically, and some arrivals and departures reportedly took place outside of data collection hours (8:30 a.m - 5:30 p.m). Moreover, departures are over-represented due to many arrivals getting off buses early due to the matatu system.<sup>2</sup> As such, the data presented in this factsheet is not representative, rather indicative of movement trends for the assessed population.



## ARRIVALS TO YAMBIO TOWN Demographic<sup>3</sup>



Children 17 %  
Women 23 %  
Men 60 %

**30%** 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.

**57%** 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	43 %
Tambura County	16 %
Maridi County	16 %
Juba County	11 %
Ezo County	8 %

### Intended duration of stay in Yambio town

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

Less than a month	54 %
One month to six months	10 %
More than six months	5 %
Do not intend to leave	30 %

### Pull factors

Primary pull factors reported by arriving HHs for choosing to come to Yambio town:<sup>4</sup>

Presence of market	38 %
Presence of family	30 %
Presence of work opportunities	14 %
Presence of education services	8 %
Presence of health services	8 %

Notes:

- 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.
- 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 passengers often get off at their stops before reaching Yambio town, while departing vehicles are nearly always full.
- These are indicative trends; REACH does not record all arrivals and departures.
- Reported presence of services or opportunities is indicative of respondents' perception and does not necessarily reflect availability.
- "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 market	35 %
Far from the family	22 %
Lack of work opportunities	22 %
Lack of education services	14 %
Lack of health services	8 %

## Household composition

Reported composition of HHs arriving in Yambio town:<sup>5</sup>



Partial family 95 %  
Whole family 5 %

## DEPARTURES FROM YAMBIO TOWN

**58%** of the total departing HHs intended to stay at their final destination for 6 months or less.

### Demographic<sup>3</sup>



Children 31 %  
Women 43 %  
Men 27 %

### Departing households

**4** average number of individuals per HH.

**48%** of departing HHs are made up of one individual travelling alone.

### Area of origin of departing households<sup>4</sup>

**98%** of the total departing HHs are originally from Western Equatoria State.

County of origin of departing HHs:

Yambio County	34 %
Nzara County	22 %
Tambura County	17 %
Ezo County	5 %
Maridi County	4 %
Ibba County	4 %

## Push factors

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

Far from the family	51 %
Lack of health services	12 %
Lack of work opportunities	12 %
Lack of market	10 %
Lack of education services	8 %

## Intended destination

Intended destination of departing HHs:

**88%** of the total departing HHs intend to stay within Western Equatoria State.

Primary intended areas of destination in the Equatorias for departing HHs:

Nzara County	56 %
Tambura County	15 %
Juba County	10 %
Maridi County	7 %
Ibba County	3 %

## 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	31 %
One month to six months	17 %
Over six months	11 %
Do not intend to return	39 %
Not sure	2 %

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