



# 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.

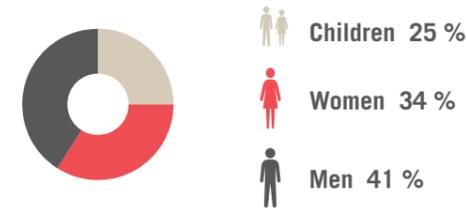
This factsheet provides results from the REACH road monitoring exercise in Yambio town, Yambio County. REACH monitors four bus/car parks in Yambio town to record the arrivals and departures of people on a daily basis. Daily data is synthesised into a monthly factsheet to provide an overview of wider movement trends, including push/pull factors and intentions.

The following findings are based on primary data collected between 2 and 31 January 2019, during which 420 departing HHs (827 individuals) and 79 arriving HHs (135 individuals) were recorded, along with 17 HHs (35 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 (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.<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>



**23%** 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.

**51%** of arriving HHs are made up of one individual.

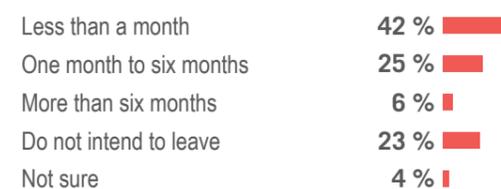
### Previous location - County

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



### Intended duration of stay in Yambio town

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



### Pull factors

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

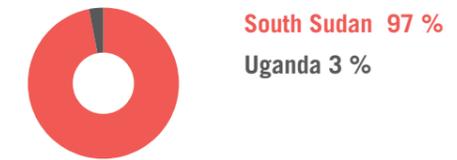


Notes:

- 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.
- 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 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.

## Previous location - Country

Country of most recent long term location for arriving HHs:



## Household composition

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



## TRANSITS THROUGH YAMBIO TOWN

Transits recorded in Yambio (17 HHs) in January consisted of HHs travelling through Yambio Town as part of longer journeys, such as HHs coming from Wau, Nzara or Tambura to Juba. A number of HHs were passing through Yambio town to reach Uganda. In those cases, push and pull factors mainly revolved around searching for services, work opportunities and joining their families.

From the Yambio bus/car parks, no HHs were recorded to be transiting to and from the DRC in January, 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 TOWN

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

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



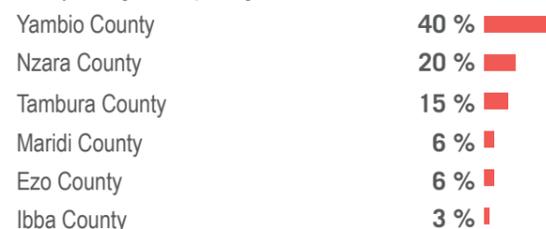
### Departing households

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

**44%** of departing HHs are made up of one individual travelling alone.

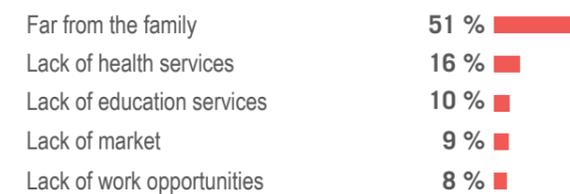
### Area of origin of departing households<sup>4</sup>

**95%** of the total departing HHs are originally from Western Equatoria State. County of origin of departing HHs:



### Push factors

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



### Intended destination

Intended destination of departing HHs:

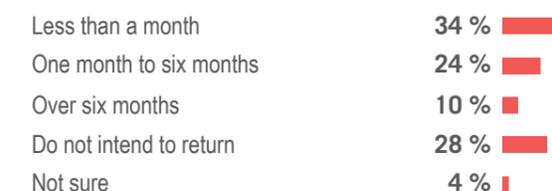
**86%** of the total departing HHs intend to stay within Western Equatoria State.

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



### Intended duration of stay at destination

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



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