CONTEXT AND METHODOLOGY

Nyal town is located in Northern Panyijiar County, Unity State, along the banks of the Sudd, one of the largest swamps in the world. Nyal is a key location for people travelling to and from Central and Southern Unity and nearby islands. Since the start of the crisis, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) from Unity and Jonglei States, perceiving Nyal as a safe location with ample resources, have been arriving in Nyal. Since 01 November 2016, REACH has daily monitored the ports of Gap, Nyal and Katieth in Nyal town to determine the demographics, key push and pull factors, transportation routes and vulnerabilities of the newly arrived and departing population, and provide evidence for more effective humanitarian planning.

To ensure wide coverage of Nyal’s three ports, the REACH team attempts to interview all arrivals and departures at the household level between 7:30 am and 6:30 pm (weekdays). This factsheet is based on data on 841 departures (179 HHs), 767 arrivals (220 HHs), and 31 transits (10 HHs), collected over 21 days from 3 - 31 January 2020. Data presented here is not representative, rather indicative movement trends for the assessed population.1

DEPARTURES FROM NYAL

Demographics

- Children: 47%
- Women: 22%
- Men: 31%

Vulnerabilities

- 39% of departing households reported that at least one member of the household was breastfeeding
- 13% of departing households reported that at least one member of the household was pregnant
- 7% of departing households reported that at least one member of the household was elderly

Push factors

- Reported reasons for leaving Nyal:
  - Distance from family/home: 68%
  - Lack of job: 14%
  - Lack of food: 13%
  - Other: 7%

Pull factors

- Reported reasons for travelling to desired location from Nyal:
  - Perceived availability of food: 66%
  - Presence of market: 25%
  - Presence of family/home: 16%

Push factors:

- Reported reasons for leaving previous location:
  - Lack of food: 66%
  - Lack of market: 11%
  - Distance from family/home: 11%

Pull factors:

- Reported reasons for coming to previous location:
  - Lack of food: 27%
  - Lack of market: 25%
  - Distance from family/home: 22%

GENERAL MOVEMENT TRENDS

ARRIVALS TO NYAL

Demographics

- Children: 35%
- Women: 30%
- Men: 36%

Vulnerabilities

- 29% of arriving households reported that at least one member of the household was breastfeeding
- 15% of arriving households reported that at least one member of the household was pregnant
- 6% of arriving households reported that at least one member of the household was malnourished

Pull factors

- Reported reasons for choosing to come to Nyal:
  - Presence of market: 29%
  - Presence of family/home: 22%
  - Perceived availability of food: 19%
  - Presence of health services: 17%

Previous county location

- Reported county from which arriving households were coming:
  - Panyijiar County: 69%
  - Leer: 11%
  - Mayendit County: 11%
  - Bentiu PoC: 7%
  - Elsewhere in South Sudan: 1%

Push factors

- Reported reasons for leaving previous location:
  - Lack of food: 27%
  - Lack of market: 25%
  - Distance from family/home: 22%
  - Lack of health services: 17%
  - Lack of job: 5%
  - Other: 4%

Notes:

1. These are indicative trends; REACH does not record all arrivals and departures.
2. Composite indicator that combines three pull factors: local foods, food distributions and planting crops.