Overview

The continuation of conflict since December 2013 has created a complex humanitarian crisis in the country, restricting humanitarian access and hindering the flow of information required by aid partners to deliver humanitarian assistance to populations in need. To address information gaps facing the humanitarian response in South Sudan, REACH employs its Area of Knowledge (AoK) methodology to collect relevant information in hard-to-reach areas to inform humanitarian planning and interventions outside formal settlement sites.

Using the AoK methodology, REACH remotely monitors needs and access to services in the Greater Upper Nile, Greater Equatoria and Greater Bahr el Ghazal regions. AoK data is collected monthly and through multi-sector interviews with the following typology of Key Informants (KIs):

- KIs who are newly arrived internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have left a hard-to-reach settlement in the last month
- KIs who have been in contact with someone living in a hard-to-reach settlement, or have been visiting one in the last month (traders, migrants, family members, etc.)
- KIs who are remaining in hard-to-reach settlements, contacted through phone

Selected KIs are purposively sampled and have knowledge from within the last month about a specific settlement in South Sudan, with data collected at the settlement level. About half of settlements assessed have more than one KI reporting on the settlement. In these cases, data is aggregated at the settlement level according to a weighting mechanism, which can be found in the Terms of Reference (ToRs).

( Link to AoK Terms of Reference )

All percentages presented in this factsheet, unless otherwise specified, represent the proportion of settlements assessed with that specific response. The findings presented in this factsheet are indicative of the broad shelter and non-food item trends in assessed settlements in November 2019, and are not statistically generalisable.

Assessment Coverage

2,725 Key Informants interviewed
2,155 Settlements assessed
71 Counties assessed
69 Counties with 5% or more coverage

IDP Presence

Proportion of assessed settlements reporting presence of IDPs

Given limitations in analyzing data using sub-county administrative boundaries in South Sudan, the country was divided into 500km² hexagon grids for analytical and display purposes. The distance between the opposite sides of each hexagon represents 15km, approximating one day’s walking distance as well as the size of a basic service unit.

Assessment coverage

Proportion of settlements assessed

0 - 4.9%
5 - 10%
11 - 20%
21 - 50%
51 - 100%
Assessed settlement

1 Data is only represented for counties in which at least 5% of settlements have been assessed. The most recent OCHA Common Operational Dataset (COD) released in March 2019 has been used as the reference for settlement names and locations.

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Top five counties where the highest proportion of assessed settlements reported half or more of IDPs are living out in the open:

- Luakpiny/Nasir: 19%
- Ulang: 16%
- Gogrial West: 10%
- Rumbek East: 8%
- Gogrial East: 7%

Proportion of assessed settlements reporting 50% or more of IDPs living in the open without shelter:

- Magwi: 50%
- Ulang: 35%
- Luakpiny/Nasir: 31%
- Duk: 17%
- Mayendit: 17%

Top five counties where the highest proportion of assessed settlements reported IDPs are primarily living in temporary structures or out in the open:

- Magwi: 50%
- Ulang: 35%
- Luakpiny/Nasir: 31%
- Duk: 17%
- Mayendit: 17%

Proportion of assessed settlements reporting 50% or more of shelters damaged due to conflict:

- Gogrial East: 18%
- Rumbek East: 17%
- Rumbek North: 13%
- Cueibet: 10%
- Gogrial West: 10%

Top five counties where the highest proportion of assessed settlements reported any severity of shelter damage as a result of conflict:

- Rumbek North: 63%
- Rumbek East: 58%
- Cueibet: 45%
- Nagero: 25%
- Gogrial East: 18%

Proportion of assessed settlements reporting 50% or more of IDPs living in the open without shelter:

- Magwi: 50%
- Ulang: 35%
- Luakpiny/Nasir: 31%
- Duk: 17%
- Mayendit: 17%

Assessed settlement

0% 1 - 20% 21 - 40% 41 - 60% 61 - 80% 81 - 100%

Insufficient data

Assessed settlement
Proportion of assessed settlements reporting an NFI distribution has occurred within the last three months

- **Mundri West**: 44%
- **Mvolo**: 46%
- **Mundri East**: 55%
- **Malakal**: 61%
- **Maridi**: 67%

Proportion of assessed settlements reporting mosquito nets as their primary NFI needs

- **Maridi**: 67%
- **Gogrial West**: 61%
- **Mundri West**: 57%
- **Ibba**: 53%
- **Mvolo**: 44%

Top five counties where the highest proportion of assessed settlements reported plastic sheeting is their primary NFI need

- **Mayendit**: 62%
- **Panyikang**: 57%
- **Leer**: 45%
- **Panyijiar**: 35%
- **Aweil Centre**: 30%

Top five counties where the highest proportion of assessed settlements reported blankets are their primary NFI need

- **Maridi**: 44%
- **Gogrial West**: 35%
- **Mundri West**: 33%
- **Ibba**: 32%
- **Mvolo**: 28%

Top five counties where the highest proportion of assessed settlements reported cooking pots are their primary NFI need

- **Mundri West**: 67%
- **Mvolo**: 61%
- **Mundri East**: 55%
- **Malakal**: 46%
- **Maridi**: 44%