**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 3-6 pm (weekdays). This factsheet is based on data on 57i departures (119 HHs), 478 arrivals (147 HHs), and 26 transits (4 HHs), collected over 18 days from 5 - 28 February 2020. Data presented here is not representative, rather indicative of movement trends for the assessed population.‡

**DEPARTURES FROM NYAL**

### Demographics

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### Vulnerabilities

- 38% of departing households reported that at least one member of the household was breastfeeding
- 9% of departing households reported that at least one member of the household was elderly
- 8% of departing households reported that at least one member of the household was pregnant

### Push factors

- Reported reasons for leaving Nyal:
  - Distance from family/home: 76%
  - Lack of food: 11%
  - Lack of job: 9%
  - Other: 4%

### Pull factors

- Reported reasons for travelling to desired location from Nyal:
  - Presence of family/home: 76%
  - Presence of market: 9%
  - Presence of job: 8%
  - Perceived availability of food‡: 3%
  - Business: 3%
  - Other: 3%

### Destination county location

- Reported county to which departing households were going: 41%
  - Panyijiar County
- 29%
  - Leer County
- 24%
  - Mayendit County
- 3%
  - Bentiu PoC
- 2%
  - Elsewhere outside South Sudan

### Intended duration of stay at destination

- Reported length of time that respondents intended to stay at destination:
  - Less than 1 month: 10%
  - 1 to 3 months: 44%
  - 4 to 6 months: 13%
  - More than 6 months or permanently: 30%
  - Do not know or choose not to answer: 3%

**GENERAL MOVEMENT TRENDS**

Average daily number of individuals departing (red) and arriving (grey); October 2018 to February 2020.

**ARIVALS TO NYAL**

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### Vulnerabilities

- 20% of arriving households reported that at least one member of the household was breastfeeding
- 18% of arriving households reported that at least one member of the household was pregnant
- 9% of arriving households reported that at least one member of the household was critically ill

### Pull factors

- Reported reasons for choosing to come to Nyal:
  - Presence of family/home: 31%
  - Presence of market: 26%
  - Presence of health services: 17%
  - Presence of job: 11%
  - Business: 10%
  - Perceived availability of food‡: 6%

### Intended duration of stay in Nyal

- Reported length of time that respondents intended to stay in Nyal:
  - Less than 1 month: 52%
  - 1 to 3 months: 25%
  - 4 to 6 months: 7%
  - More than 6 months or permanently: 11%
  - Do not know or choose not to answer: 5%

**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.