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 monitored the ports of Gap, Nyal and Katieth in Nyal town on a daily basis 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 831 departures (169 HHs), 732 arrivals (207 HHs), and 27 transits (5 HHs), collected over 20 days from 3 - 30 September 2020. Data presented here is not representative, rather **indicative** of movement trends for the assessed population.[1]

MAIN DESTINATIONS

→ Main recorded destinations for departures
Percentage of all departures.

→ Main recorded previous locations for arrivals. Percentage of all arrivals.

GENERAL MOVEMENT TRENDS[1]

Average daily number of individuals departing (red) and arriving (grey); May 2019 to September 2020.

Net Inflow
Net Outflow

DEPARTURES FROM NYAL

Demographics

Children	48%
Women	25%
Men	27%

78% of departing households were partial households[2]
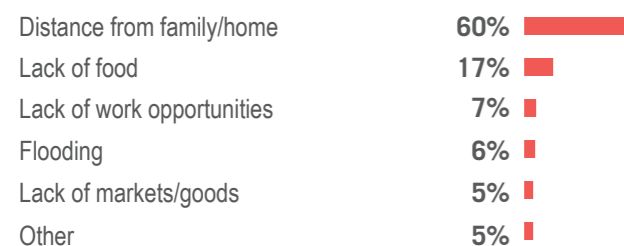
Vulnerabilities

35% of departing households reported that at least one member of the household was **breastfeeding**

22% of departing households reported that at least one member of the household was **pregnant**

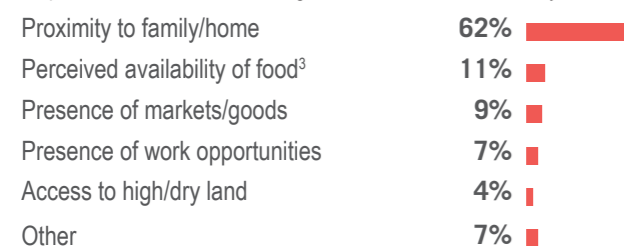**13%** of departing households reported that at least one **elderly** family member was traveling with them

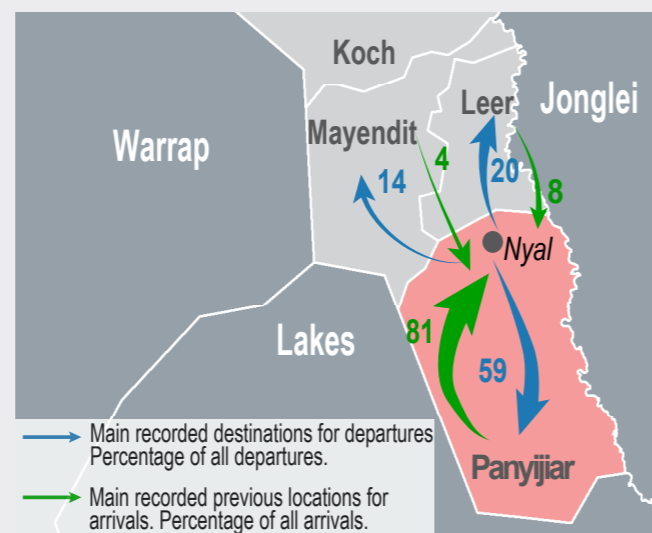### Push factors[‡]
Reported reasons for leaving Nyal:

Distance from family/home	60%
Lack of food	17%
Lack of work opportunities	7%
Flooding	6%
Lack of markets/goods	5%
Other	5%

Pull factors[‡]
Reported reasons for travelling to desired location from Nyal:

Proximity to family/home	62%
Perceived availability of food[3]	11%
Presence of markets/goods	9%
Presence of work opportunities	7%
Access to high/dry land	4%
Other	7%

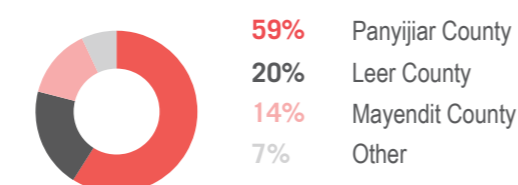### Reasons for leaving Nyal

Primary reported push factors for leaving Nyal, June to September 2020:

	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 20
Distance from family/home	55%	57%	57%	60%
Lack of food	9%	18%	9%	17%
Lack of work opportunities	10%	8%	7%	7%

Destination county location

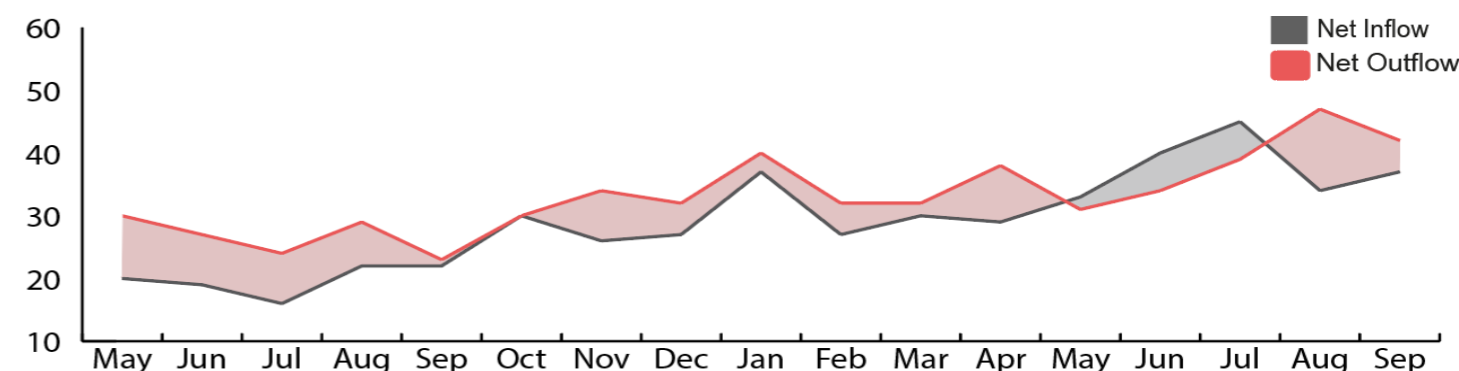Reported county to which departing households were going:

59%	Panyijiar County
20%	Leer County
14%	Mayendit County
7%	Other

Intended duration of stay at destination

Reported length of time that respondents intended to stay at destination:

Less than 1 month	11%
1 to 3 months	56%
4 to 6 months	9%
More than 6 months or permanently	23%
Do not know or choose not to answer	2%

ARRIVALS TO NYAL

Demographics

Children	33%
Women	27%
Men	40%

93% of arriving households were partial households[3]

Vulnerabilities

23% of arriving households reported that at least one member of the household was **pregnant**

14% of arriving households reported that at least one member of the household was **breastfeeding**

**8%** of arriving households reported at least one member of the household was **critically ill**

Pull factors
Reported reasons for choosing to come to Nyal:

Presence of markets/goods	49%
Proximity to family/home	18%
Presence of health services	14%
Access to high/dry land	5%
Perceived availability of food[3]	4%
Other	10%

Intended duration of stay in Nyal

Reported length of time that respondents intended to stay in Nyal:

Less than 1 month	54%
1 to 3 months	30%
4 to 6 months	9%
More than 6 months or permanently	6%
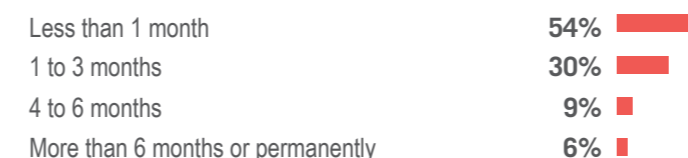
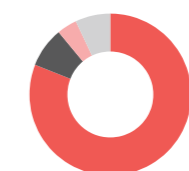### Reasons for coming to Nyal

Primary reported pull factors for coming to Nyal, June to September 2020:

	Jun 20	Jul 20	Aug 20	Sep 20
Presence of markets/goods	37%	33%	33%	49%
Proximity to family/home	13%	17%	16%	18%
Presence of health services	12%	14%	12%	14%

Previous county location[‡]

Reported county from which arriving households were coming:

81%	Panyijiar County
8%	Leer County
4%	Mayendit
7%	Other

Push factors

Reported reasons for leaving previous location:

Lack of markets/goods	36%
Distance from family/home	19%
Lack of food	16%
Lack of health services	14%
Flooding	6%
Other	5%
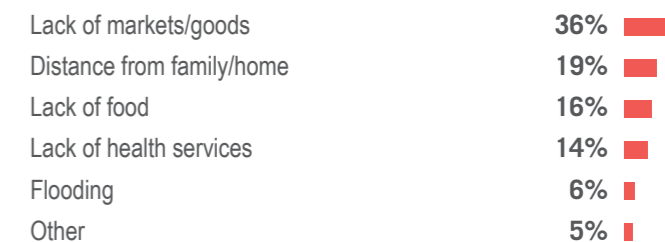
Notes:
‡. Percentages rounded to the nearest integer; responses may not add up to 100%.
1. Indicative trends; REACH does not record all arrivals and departures.
2. Partial households are those where not all members of the self-identified family unit were reportedly travelling
3. Composite indicator that combines: presence of food distributions, availability of local foods and planting crops.
4. Flooding was not previously included as a push/pull factor in the survey - however, as it was commonly reported under the "other" option this month, it was added as a separate answer