



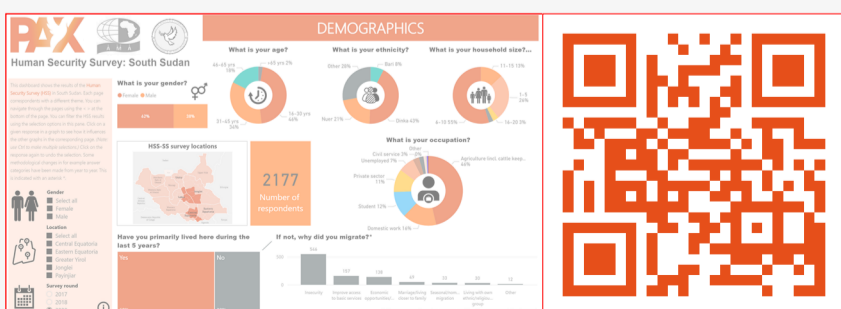
Human Security Survey

Expert Panel Monitor

Highlights

- All consulted local security experts unanimously claimed that the local security situation in Greater Yirol had **further improved during the second half of 2022**. Cases of **intercommunal cattle raiding and road ambushes** are reported to have **decreased**. This is mainly credited to successful implementation of **security policies by the Governor of Lakes State**, the **SPLM party launch** in the State that involved engagement of communities with peace messages, and on **improved law enforcement**.
- **Floods** have not only affected neighboring areas in Jonglei and Unity, but also Yirol East (Pagarau, Malek) and Awerial counties. **Intermittent periods of drought** of 3-4 months before and after the floods, as well as crop pests, have led to **crop failures** and resulting **food shortages** in these areas. In addition, the area is already home to a large number of IDPs who fled the floods in Jonglei and Payinjiar (Southern Unity), while there is hardly any humanitarian assistance for them around Yirol.
- Authorities call for **more peace activities** and meetings to strengthen and retain peaceful coexistence across Greater Yirol and with the immediate neighbors (especially between Awerial County and neighboring Terekeka – in Central Equatoria). In addition, there should be a shift towards **more developmental activities** to further sustain the current peace agreement between Greater Yirol and the Nuer of Payinjiar.

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UPDATE

Q3-Q4 2022

Greater Yirol, Lakes State



Security situation:

Improved (Further)

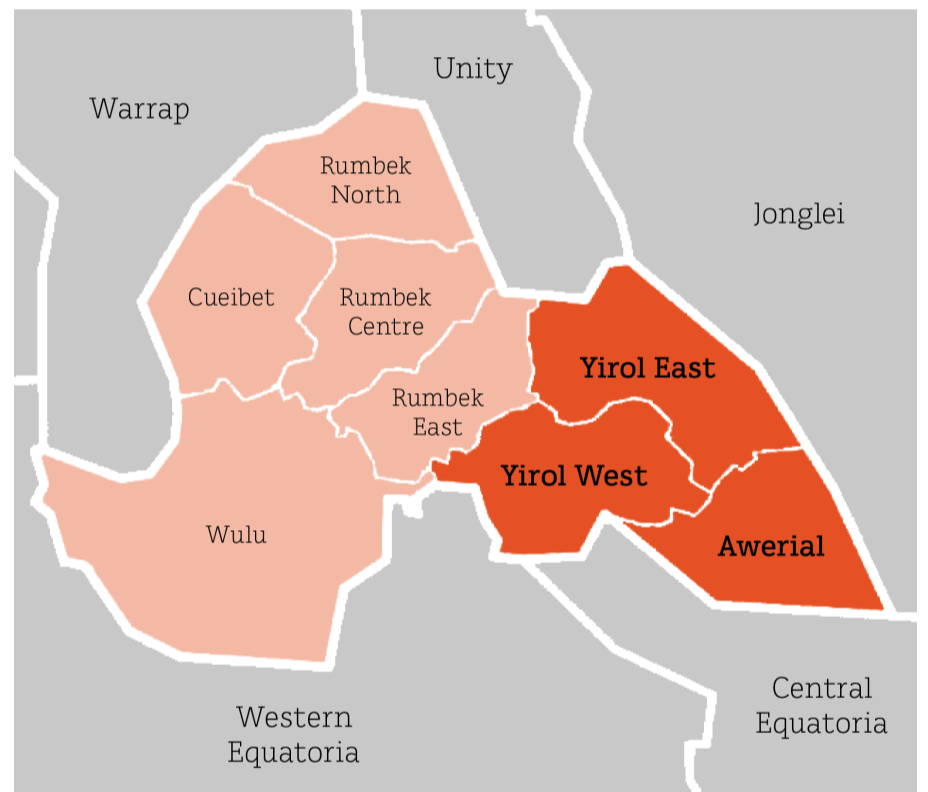


Biggest contributing factors:
Current Governor + SPLM Party Launch + Law Enforcement



Next steps:

Intercommunal Peace and Developmental Activities



Methodology

The **Human Security Survey** collects security perspectives of local community members through randomized household surveys on an annual basis. To supplement these findings, **PAX** has developed the Expert Panel Monitor to closely and timely monitor the local security situation by interviewing a group of experts twice a year about general local security dynamics as well as developments on a number of previously identified community security issues.

In January 2023, **12 individual interviews** were conducted with local experts in Greater Yirol, Lakes State. The group of experts included local government officials, police chiefs, court officials, communal chiefs, religious leaders, and women leaders. The experts represented the counties of Yirol West, Yirol East and Awerial equally. This report summarizes the security dynamics observed by the consulted experts between June and December 2022 (roughly Q3-Q4 of 2022).