



# Human Security Survey

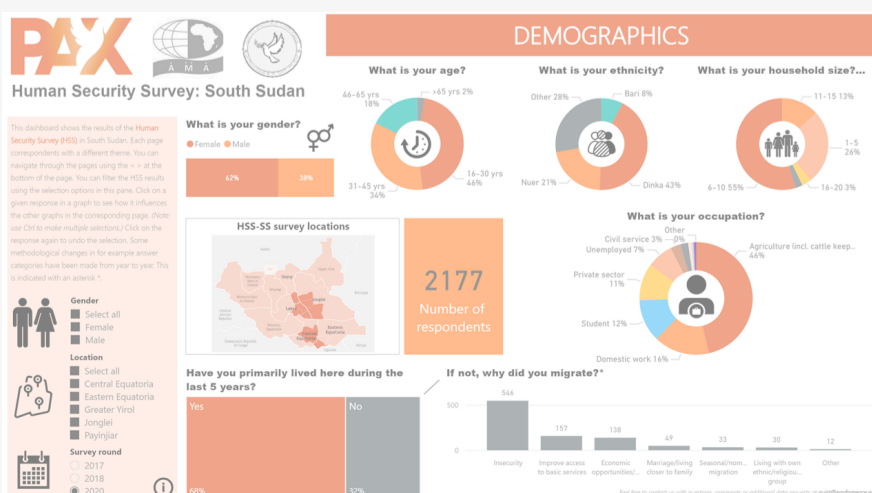
## Expert Panel Monitor

### Highlights

- All consulted local security experts unanimously claimed that the local security situation in Greater Yirol had **improved** during the first half of 2022. This is largely attributed to the Governor who took leadership of Lakes State in 2021, who is said to have increased **law enforcement presence** across the state and combatted previous lawlessness effectively;
- Signs of improved security across Greater Yirol area are improved **freedom of movement** experienced by community members (especially cattle keepers establishing cattle camps), **improved trade relations** and **intermarriage** between previously warring communities. In terms of justice, it has been attempted to return previously raided cattle to their rightful owners;
- However, **cattle raids** and **revenge killing** cases are still reported in the border area between Yirol East County with Payinjar County (Unity State), despite a local peace agreement. Experts advise to keep investing in local peace processes and dialogues between Greater Yirol communities and their immediate neighbors (especially Payinjar to the north and Terekeka to the south) in order to address remaining communal violence and to protect current peace agreements and the peace dividends they brought;
- In addition, experts point to much needed **developments in roads, farming (food production) and civilian disarmament** as necessary next steps to maintain or improve the current security situation in Greater Yirol;

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## UPDATE

Q1-Q2 2022

Greater Yirol, Lakes State



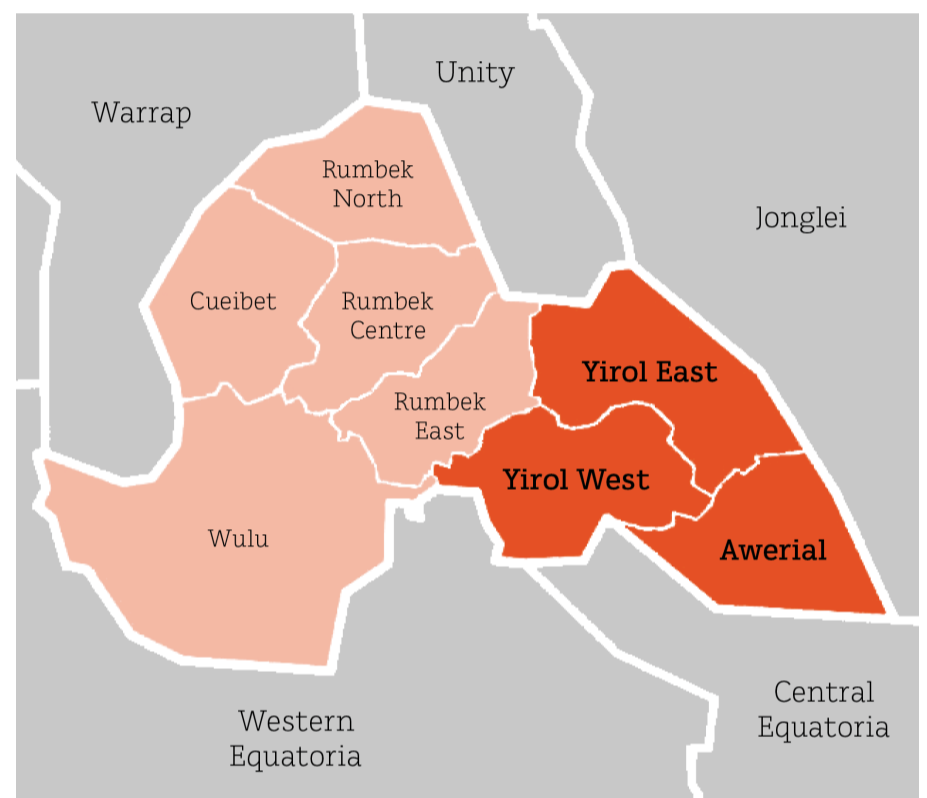
Security situation:  
**Improved**



Biggest contributing factor:  
**New Governor**



Next steps:  
**Agriculture/Infrastructure & Infrastructure**



## 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 fixed 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 June 2022, **12 individual interviews** were conducted with local experts in Greater Yirol, Lakes State. The group of experts included local government officials, police officers, court officials, chiefs, religious leaders, women leaders and youth 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 December and May 2022 (so roughly Q1-Q2 of 2022).