



# Human Security Survey

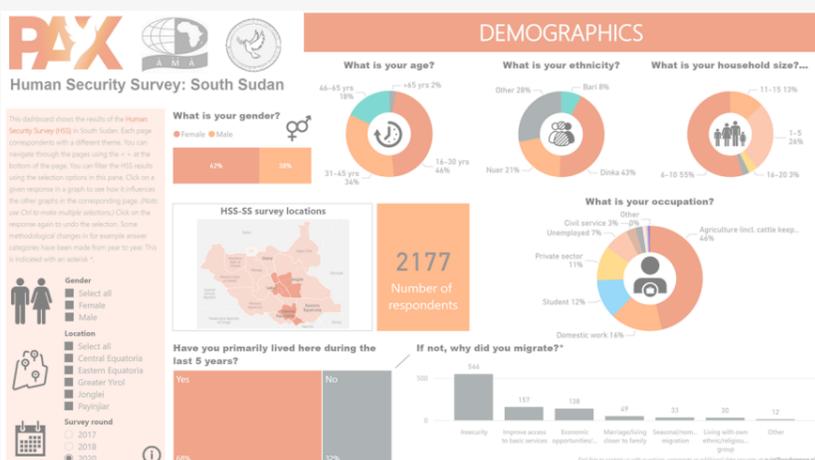
## Expert Panel Monitor

### Highlights

- All local security experts claimed that the general security situation across Greater Yirol and Awerial County **improved** in the second half of 2021;
- The experts attributed the improved security situation generally on the **appointment of the new Lakes Governor** mid-2021 and his more robust enforcement of law and order. The presence of 'organized forces' or security providers across the counties was expanded and also the positive impact of the **2018 local peace agreement** among Yirol, Payinjar and Rumbek was acknowledged by respondents;
- Although the frequency of communal violence like cattle raids and road ambushes has dropped, instances of **cattle raiding** from Terekeka and Payinjar were still reported in 2021. These incidents have the potential for revenge and thereby setting back the local peace agreement with neighboring communities. Prevention of **violence by armed youth** therefore continues to be a challenge;
- Besides keeping intercommunal peace, the biggest challenge mentioned by the experts was conducting peaceful **communal disarmament** among especially armed cattle keepers, attempts of which are reportedly underway in Yirol West and Yirol East counties.

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# UPDATE

## Q3-Q4 2021

### Greater Yirol, Lakes State

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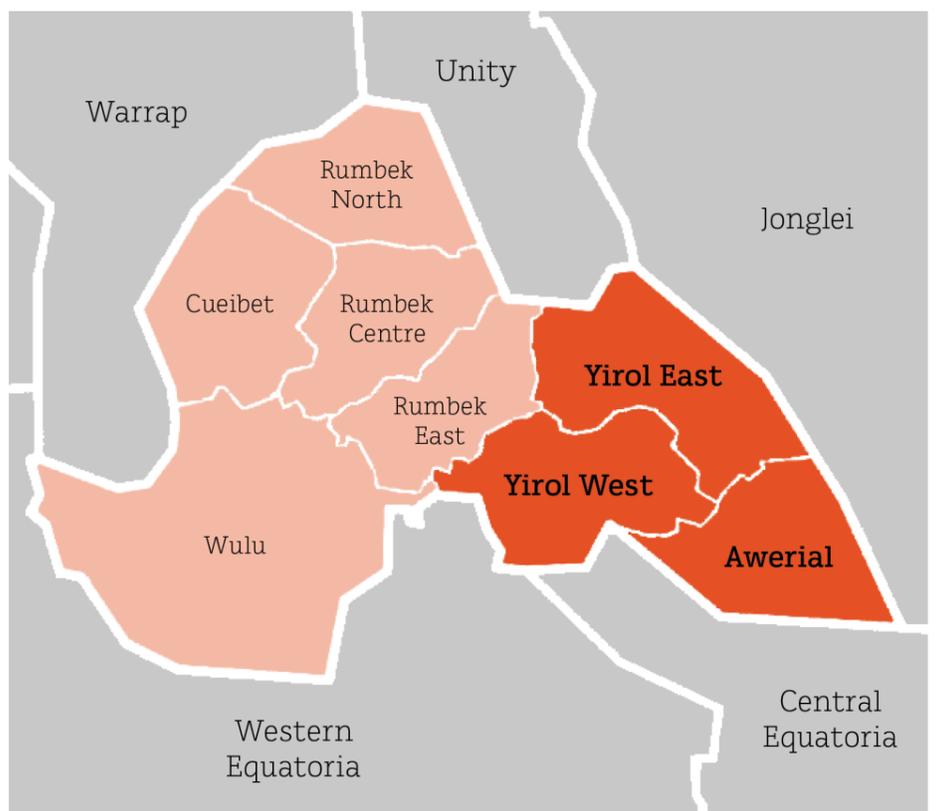
Security situation:  
**Improved**



Biggest contributing factor:  
**New Governor**



Biggest security challenge:  
**Cattle raiding**



### 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 December 2021, a PAX interviewer conducted **12 individual interviews** (2 women) with local security experts in Lakes State. This group of experts included local government officials (incl. commissioners), (paramount) chiefs, police, court officials, women leaders and religious leaders. These experts were equally distributed among the counties of Yirol West, Yirol East and Awerial in Lakes State. This report summarizes the security dynamics observed by the consulted experts during Q3 and Q4 of 2021.