



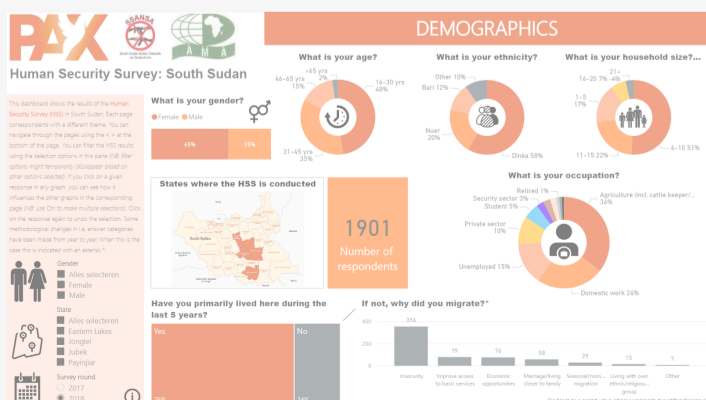
Human Security Survey

Expert Panel Monitor

Highlights

- All experts claimed that the **security situation** across Jonglei **improved** since the beginning of 2021;
- The experts primarily attributed this improvement to progress in the government-initiated **peace dialogue between Bor Dinka (Jonglei) and Murle (GPAA/Pibor) communities**. Despite severe inter-communal violence throughout 2020, the panel reported a significant **reduction of intercommunal violence** cases between Dinka and Murle communities in the first quarter of 2021;
- Though police presence and capabilities across Jonglei remain limited, a vast majority of experts report **increased police deployments** in 2021 and an improvement in the overall **responsiveness** of the police. Concerns by police about lack of mobility remained, predominantly because of bad road network and shortage of vehicles;
- The police is cracking down on **night robberies and gang violence** in Bor Town, while the number of **court cases and convictions** have also increased in 2021;
- The biggest remaining challenge identified by the panel is **combatting flooding**. The rainy season of 2020 saw unprecedented levels of flooding and related displacement across Jonglei and other states. In preparation of this year's rainy season, Jonglei State Government and NGOs are **(re)constructing dykes**. Worries remain that the current efforts are insufficient in scope to prevent another round of destructive flooding, displacement and insecurity during the upcoming rainy season.

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UPDATE

Q1 2021, Jonglei State

- Security situation: **Improved**
- Biggest contributing factor: **Peace dialogue**
- Biggest security challenge: **Flooding**



Methodology

The **Human Security Survey (HSS)** in South Sudan collects security experiences 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 through local security professionals. A fixed group of experts who are responsible for local security provision or law enforcement are interviewed at least twice a year.

In March-April 2021, a PAX interviewer conducted 12 individual interviews with local experts (1 woman) in Jonglei State. The group of experts included local government officials, police, armed youth leaders, chiefs, and other civil society leaders. Of these experts, 7 reside in Bor South County and 5 in Twic East County. This report summarizes the security dynamics observed by the consulted experts in the first quarter of 2021.