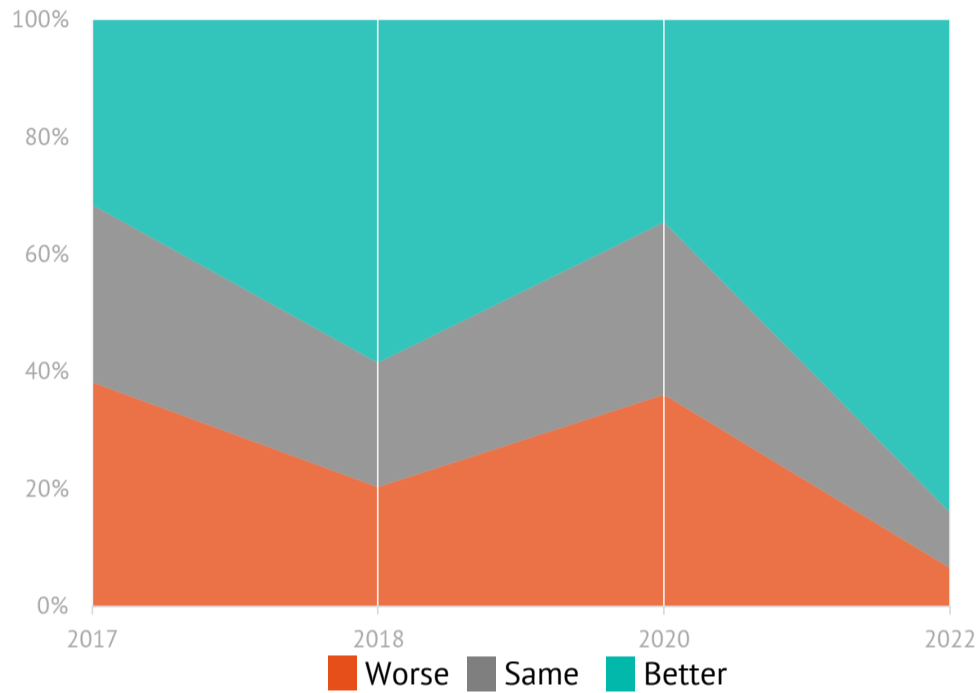




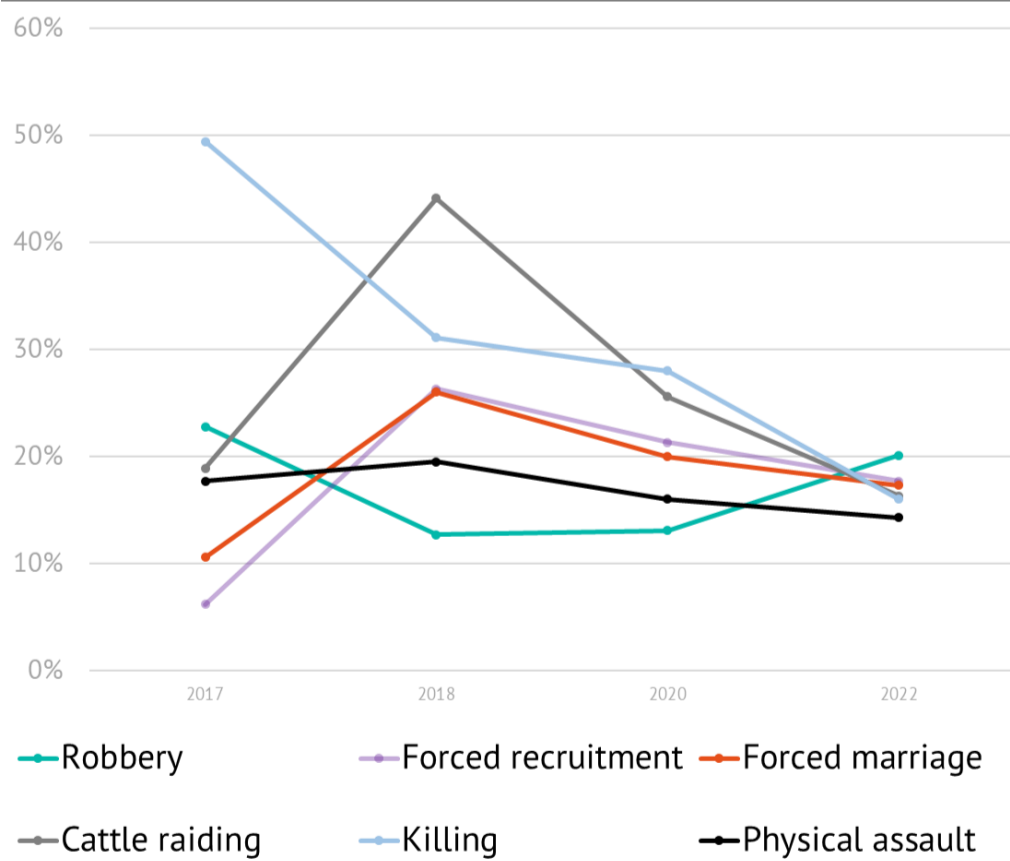
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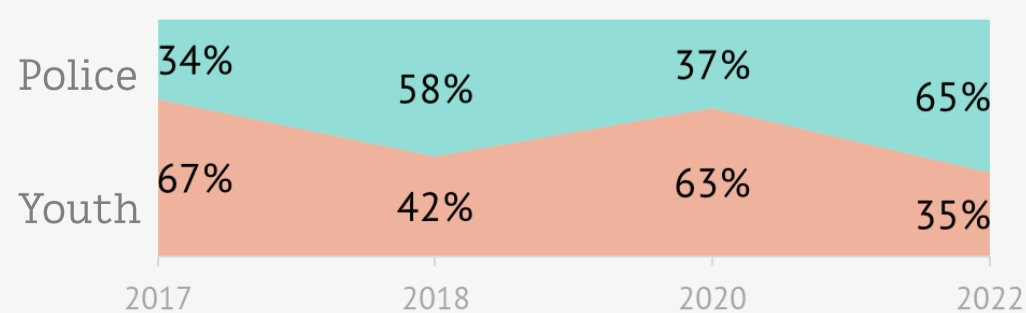
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HAS YOUR HOUSEHOLD BEEN THE VICTIM OF THESE SECURITY INCIDENTS THIS YEAR?



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TREND ANALYSIS

2017-2022, Payinjar County
(Unity)



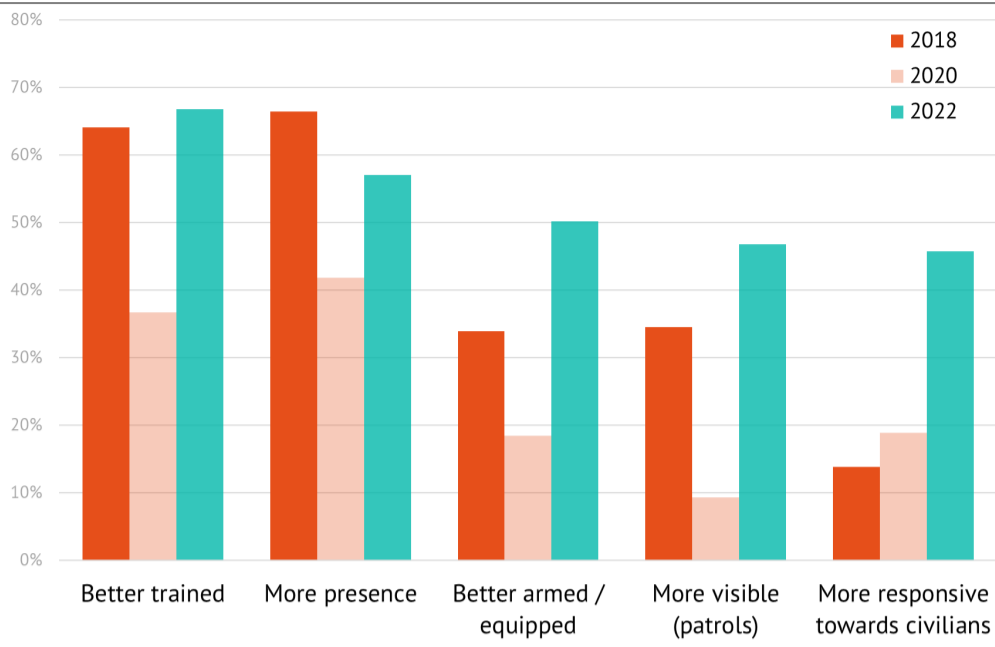
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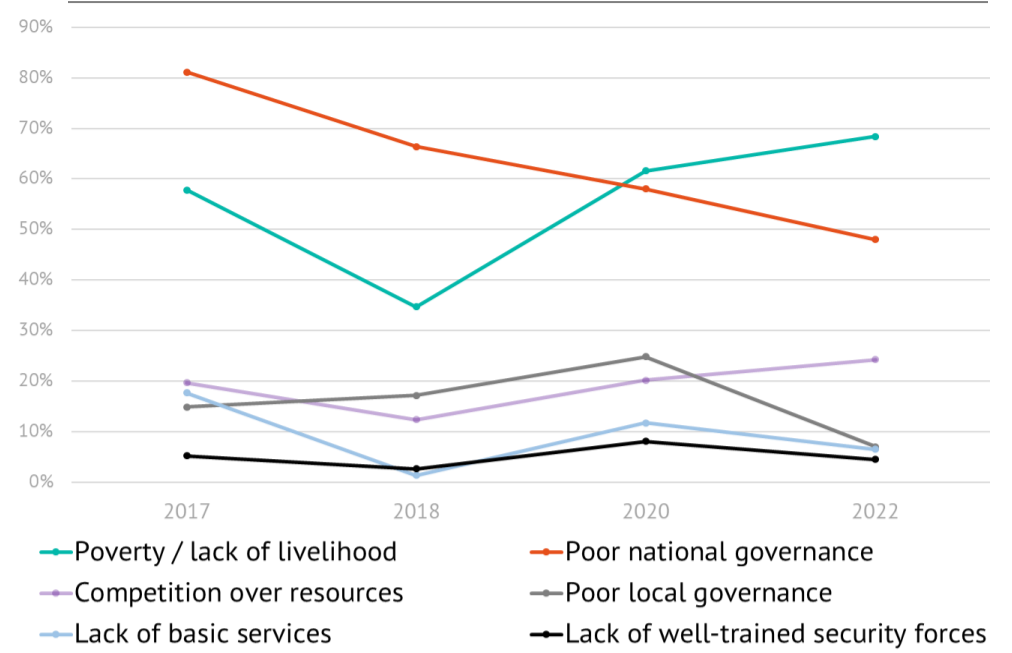
Most needed improvement:
Monitoring of peace agreement

- Since surveying in Payinjar commenced in 2017, the general security perceptions of the local communities have improved. Especially since 2018 (the year a local peace agreement with Greater Yirol, Lakes was signed), we noticed that perceptions of security have improved, despite initial setbacks in 2019-2020, and the frequency of reported incidents like cattle raiding and revenge killing (except that of robberies) has declined since. PAX recommends **continued support in monitoring this local peace agreement** and the **development of legitimate community security mechanisms** to control existing levels of intra- and intercommunal violence.
- The reliability on, and appreciation by Payinjar community members for the police has increased, however local armed youth and SPLA-IO military remain other important security actors that are held in high esteem and are considered important in enforcing the law. PAX recommends **increased investment in the training and basic maintenance of legitimate law enforcement actors** such as police, chiefs and local government officials, in order to improve mutual relations and build on current levels of relative stability and legitimacy.
- Communities in Payinjar indicate that intercommunal relations, economic development and environmental challenges are important aspects in upkeeping the current peace agreement and prevent a relapse into (communal) conflict. Recent floods and competition over scarce resources have shown how vulnerable the intercommunal peace still is, yet the sharing of pastures, freedom of movement and renewed opportunities for intercommunal trade have also revealed what potential benefits this peace can bring. PAX recommends **investing in access to basic services and livelihood development** for the communities of Payinjar as an important means to protect the peace agreement and improved intercommunal relations with neighboring areas.

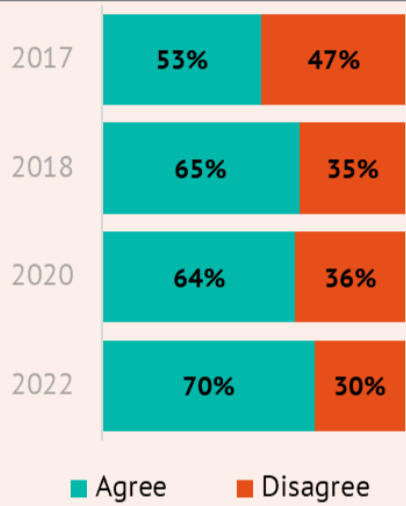
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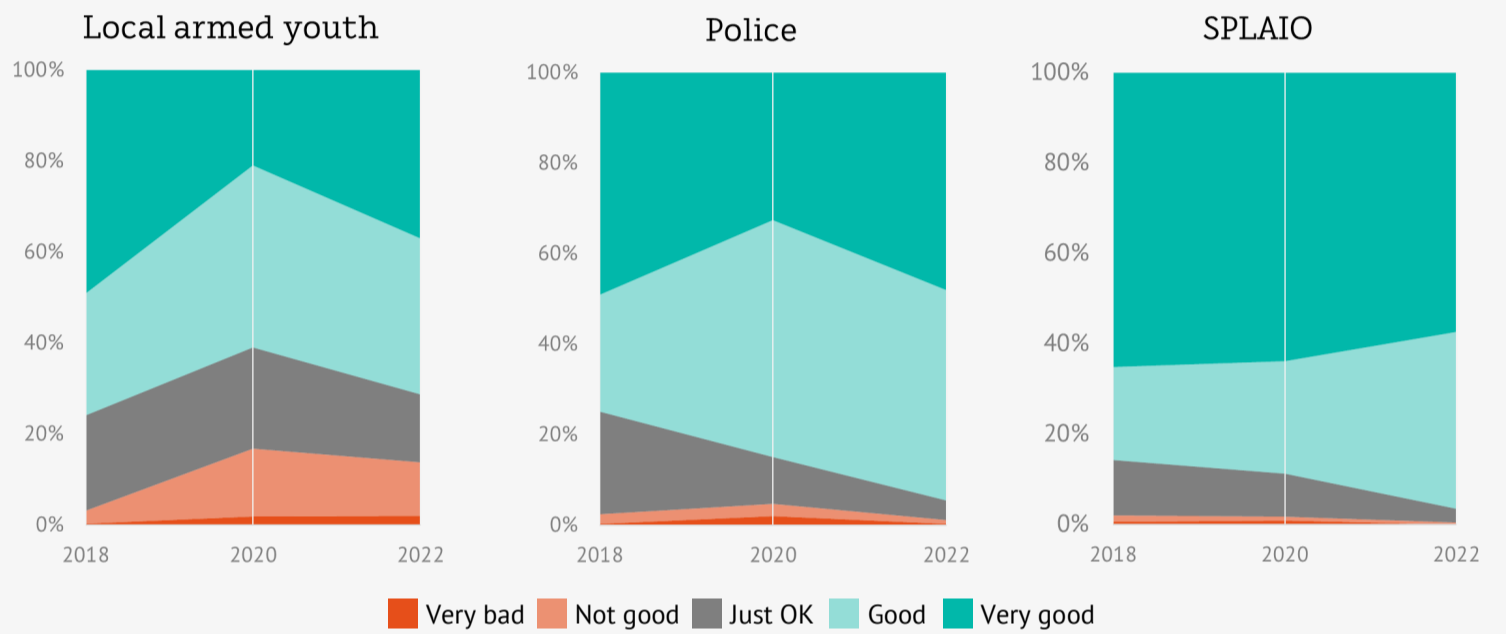
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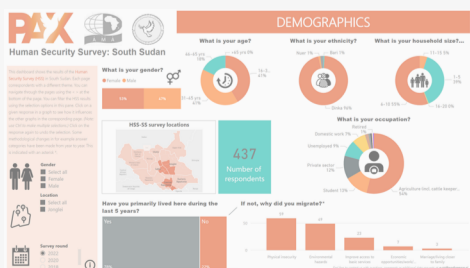
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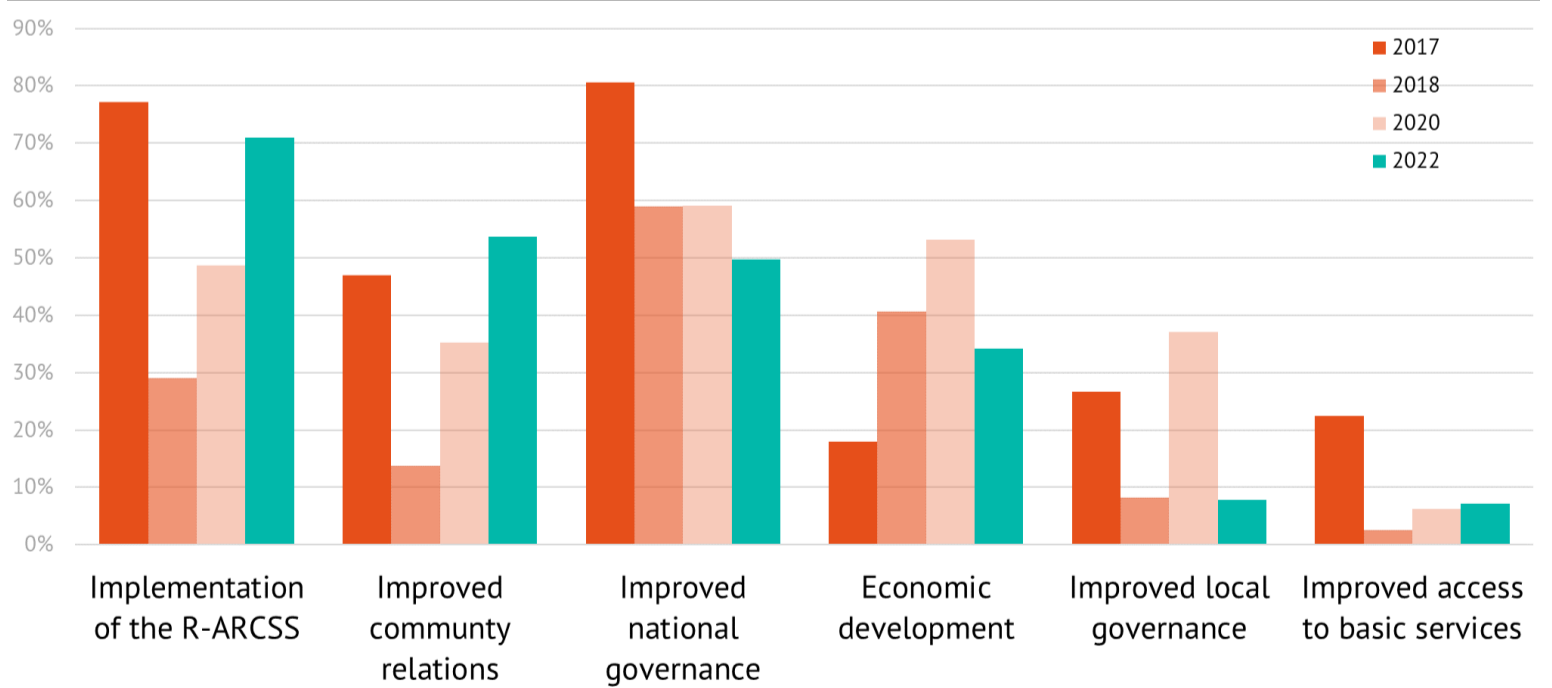
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WHAT CHANGES ARE NEEDED TO BRING LASTING PEACE TO SOUTH SUDAN?



HUMAN SECURITY SURVEY METHODOLOGY

This infographic presents data collected in Payinjar County (Unity State) over **4 survey rounds**, which took place in April 2017, May 2018, October 2020, and May 2022. The enumerators collected **1.809** surveys in Payinjar since 2017.

Questions included in this publication remained mostly the same in the reported years. Please find more details on methodology and demographics on the [Payinjar 2017-2022](#) publication page.

