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Program Highlights

Insecurity falters Misseriya-Ngok Dinka communal peace

The community peace between the Ngok Dinka and Misseriya is undergoing many hurdles, the community joint peace committee could not overcome without external re-enforcement. Initiated by local chiefs in early 2016, the deal that gave birth to Amiet joint market has been holding. But criminal activities such as road ambushes, armed robbery and attacks on villages seem to be bringing it to its knee, according to Community Peace Committee member from Misseriya tribe, Issa Mohammed Dho-Elbeit calling on chiefs from both sides to meet and address the challenges. Wuor Alei, a leader of Amiet said they were wholly relying on the United Nations Security Force for Abyei for everything adding that they were waiting for chiefs to resume regular peace meetings which stopped since March over COVID-19 fears. Abdel Hadi Ismael Mula, a Misseriya trader in Amiet implored the two tribes to resist political influence and build social cohesion saying “*There is should be intermarriage regardless of religion.....Dinka marries Misseriya and Misseriya marries a Dinka,*’ arguing it as another way to build peace.

Program Highlight

Member of Islamic Council in Abyei explains the significance of Eid El-Adha

During the celebration days of Eid El-Adha, the conclusion to the pilgrimage to Mecca, Abyei Today talked to Muslims and people of other faith in Abyei. The believers in both Islam and Christianity expressed happiness and stressed on the importance of religious tolerance adding that unity is success. Echoing the statement, deputy secretary of Islamic council in Abyei described visits during religious festivals as ways of building peace and unity in the community. While his counterpart Michael Deng Kutpiny congratulated Muslims on their big day. On the Christmas last year, catholic church organized an inter-faith sermon in which Muslims gave speeches.

Program highlight

Health workers warn public of defying COVID-19 preventive guidelines

Health officials in Abyei Administrative Area have repeatedly advised people to wash their hands to curtail the spread of the coronavirus pandemic that has already infected 46 people-out one has died, as of early July. Dau Nyok, Surveillance and Monitoring Officer in Health Administration noted that many of the forty-five hand washing facilities they distributed for use in public places like market are not in use. “A greater number of people are not following the guidelines,” Dau said adding they will be keeping on reminding the public of following COVID-19 preventive measures. Deng Nyuat, a man living in Agok said it was difficult to wash his hands frequently as handwashing facilities many in the market to which Dau responded that more had been requested. Though the community seem to be rigid to adopting new way of life as one can see some people shake hands, sitting in group, some according to Nyok, are following the health guidelines set to prevent the spread of the coronavirus pandemic.

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About ‘Abyei Today’

Abyei Today is a radio program focusing on humanitarian news, informative features and entertaining stories for the people who live in the disputed region of Abyei. It brings together the community with the organizations and agencies that seek to make life better. While the program gives useful and beneficial information to the people of Abyei, it also has features to inspire listeners with entertaining items about daily life, from cookery shows to uplifting flower gardens. Internews’ research shows that radio continues to be the most trusted and influential form of information in the region. In addition, it is the most accessible: more than half the men and two thirds of the women surveyed cannot read. Abyei Today is produced with the support of Internews, an international non-profit media development organization.

About AIRS

Abyei Information and Radio Service (AIRS) is a South Sudanese, not-for-profit organization based in Abyei that provides critical news and information about and to the communities of the Abyei territory. With the support of Internews, AIRS was first registered in March 2017 by the South Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) under certificate #596 and was renewed in 2018. AIRS is the “Voice of Abyei” and through a team of journalists provides a platform for communities to share experiences; engages with the government, official bodies and community groups in a collaborative dialogue; expresses the needs and issues affecting the community in Abyei; and fosters balanced discussions that allows listeners to form their own opinions and thoughts.

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