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Program Highlights

Abyei Covid-19 cases increase as the new year begins

In Abyei Administrative Area, 15 new cases were recorded in less than 2 weeks in January 2021, bringing the total infections to 72 including four deaths. By August 2020, health authorities had already confirmed 52 cases of covid-19 including 2 deaths, since then, there were no new infections registered until November. Describing the increase as “big number” the Acting Head of health administration in Abyei, Nyanwut Miyen Kuol, blamed the surge on inconsistency in following health guidelines which include frequent hand washing, wearing facemask and social distancing. While warning the public against flouting Covid-19 preventive measures, Miyen said the administration in collaboration with its health partners will do more awareness to stymie the spread of the virus. Covid-19, a highly contagious disease is passed from one person to another through a droplet expelled when an infected person coughs, sneezes or speaks. To avoid spreading it, people are advised to cover their mouth with a piece of cloth or a tissue when they sneeze or cough, wear face mask while in public, but this is not fairly heeded by many people in Abyei.

Program Highlight

Kolom people receive food assistance.

225 families from Kolom including internally displaced persons who are still in Abyei Town and of those who returned to their homes recently have received food items with each household getting 7 malou (about 25 kilograms) of sorghum alongside cooking oil, and salt. The distribution of the relief food coming from World Food Program was done by Abyei Community Action for Development, a national non-governmental organization in Abyei Town on Saturday. Chief of Kolom village, Anei Ajak said “the assistance came at a right time,” adding they never received any food ration for six months. A year ago, a deadly armed attack said to have been carried out by Misseriya left more than 30 people dead in Kolom, and led to displacement of hundreds of others from Kolom, Noong, Dokora and Amiet.

Program highlight

Agok hospital runs short of drugs

Agok hospital in Abyei Administrative Area is facing a shortage of medicines for treatment of some diseases. Speaking to *Abyei Today*, on 27th January, the Director of Administration at the facility, Malual Biong said some of the patients who sought medication at the facility are being told to buy medicines at private pharmacies because of drug shortage. He said the remaining supply will hardly last for two weeks. Nyanwut Mayen, who is the Acting Head of Health Administration in Abyei said she would raise the concern to health partners. Nyanwut had earlier on noted drug shortage and inadequate number of trained medical personnel among many challenges facing health sector in the area.

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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, through its subsidiary radio, Abyei 102.3 FM 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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