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Program Highlights

Insecurity hinders polio vaccination campaign in Abyei

Insecurity has delayed the arrival of the polio vaccines to some villages of Abyei Administrative Area. The area-wide vaccination of children from birth to 5 years started on Tuesday and ended on Friday last week but many villages located north of the river locally known as Kiir namely; Marial-Achaak, Kolom, Miodol, Tajalei, Leu and Dungob were not reached due to fear of attack. Kat Malual, Tajalei resident criticized the administration for failure to reach their children with life-saving vaccines. “During the vaccination in November, children did not get vaccinated. And now also they are not vaccinated. Security situation cannot prevent people from vaccination,” said, Malual. In 2018, unknown gunmen attacked a vehicle, killing the driver and injuring others. The vehicle was carrying polio vaccines and vaccination team to Tajalei, Mijak county. The Acting Head of Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI), Sarah Ayuel said they could not get there without UNISFA’s security convoy. The official stated that only 5,800 children – about 32 percent of the targeted 1,7780 children got the vaccines in the four days of the campaign. The house-to-house vaccination was conducted by Abyei health administration in collaboration with South Sudan’s health ministry with support from World Health Organization (WHO) and its partners. The Acting Head of Health in Abyei Administrative Area, Nyanwut Mayen assured that vaccination would be carried out in those areas, saying vaccinators escorted by UNISFA’s soldiers had gone to Tajalei to give vaccines to children.

Program highlight

Agok Community police arrest woman over alleged husband killing

Community police have arrested a woman in connection to last Sunday’s fatal shooting in which a man was killed and another injured in Agok, Abyei Administrative Area. On Sunday evening, a woman opened gunfire, killing her husband in what neighbors believed was a revenge, according to eyewitnesses. Achol – wife of the wounded man said the woman was fought by the by husband and ordered to leave the house. “So, the woman rolled the gun in the luggage. There, she clogged the gun without our knowledge. And my husband and her husband were eating. So, she shot my husband in hand until the child fell down his hands and she shot her husband near the door,” Achol explained. This is the first time for a woman to shoot her husband dead in Abyei, according to local authorities. Security Advisor in Abyei Administration, Kelek Kon Lual caution armed men to keep guns away from children and women. Under June 2011 agreement, Abyei is a demilitarized zone where only UN peace keeping troops are allowed to carry firearms.

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Unknown gunmen rob a trader in Agok

Armed men have robbed a trader more than 200,000 SSP and two smartphones in Juol-jok market in Abyei Administrative Area. Daud Abaker – a Sudanese trader said five men in civilian clothes stormed his shop at the dawn of Thursday, put him at gunpoint and took his valuables. He said he was also beaten until he passed out. “I was threatened with a gun by two armed persons and three unarmed others. They unlocked the lock and entered the shop. After that they stopped me. I struggled with them for quarter of an hour until another person entered and fire one bullet in the shop,,” Daud explained. Daud had appealed to county authorities to provide security to the market at night to prevent such incident. In response, community police said they were searching for the suspects and would begin patrolling this market at night.

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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 station, 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. 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 allow listeners to form their own opinions and thoughts.

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