In Yei, Internews works with the community to collect feedback, rumors and misinformation on the Ebola response and produces audio messages for narrowcasting and radio broadcasting and produce weekly e-bulletins for media.

**Rumours**

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An old woman in Hai Nyakama area in Yei said it’s hard for her to interact, greet and deal with someone who came from the villages bordering Congo.

An elder in Dar el-Salam area in Yei said that if you have less blood in the body you will be affected by Ebola. He said Ebola virus attacks the blood and some blood must flow out of the body. So, if you have less blood one will not survive, and death will come.

An old woman in Hai Lomuku Yei Municipality asked why organizations is focusing only on Ebola yet there are very many diseases like Hepatitis, brucellosis, diarrhea and others that are dangerous in the community?

A female Congolese trader in Sobe market in Yei, said she does not believe that Ebola is from bush meat. She said if it were, all the people would have died. She confirmed she still eats bush meat to date.

Women in Dar-es-Salam market in Yei said people working in Salons risk their lives because they do not wear gloves. They, requested for everybody in the state to get vaccinated.

A Male adult in Hai Sobe area Yei Municipality said that Ebola Virus is normally found in cold places like in Yei and not in place like Juba.

A family living next to EVD to the isolation centre at Hai Guava said they are afraid from being close to the centre and would like to relocate to another location.

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**Feedback on Ebola & other Health related issues**

Some residents in Sobe area of Yei municipality said that Health partners should stop Ebola from entering South Sudan. They fear getting affected by the disease. They requested WHO to monitor the Border Points properly to screen people crossing into the state.

Some residents in Hai Peace area of Yei municipality said they are not aware about Ebola. They asked the community mobilizers on EVD emergency response to give them more information on the symptoms and how they can protect themselves from the disease. They said that they heard information on Ebola over the radio. They added that majority of them do not own radios.

An elderly woman in Hai Sobe of Yei who resides in Merri refugee camp in Congo said, when they are crossing the border from Congo to South Sudan or vice versa, they are only given water for washing hands at Lasu border. She said there’s no screening for Ebola. She asked WHO to put screening points.

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Community in Rubeka said that they only hear of Ebola messages over radio, but no one reached them so they could ask questions. They requested concerned organizations to reach out to them with more information on Ebola.

Community members in Lasu Payam (Otogo County) said they only got Ebola messages over radio but those without radios have no information. They requested for awareness in their area.

Chiefs in Mukaya county said they only saw posters about Ebola virus, but they don’t know who brought the posters. They said their community never got Ebola awareness and they are urging those concerned to reach them and educate the locals about Ebola virus.

Program Highlights

Bush Meat
Last week’s panel discussion with Doctors from the EVD emergency response, WHO and AAH addressed feedback and mistrust from the community in Yei River State including bush meat consumption. They explained that human beings should not get into contact with dead animals nor eat fruits partially eaten by wild animals.

Typhoid: Causes, Symptoms, Prevention, And Treatment
Some community members in Yei who suffered from typhoid talked to Internews Yei community correspondent. They said they have suffered from typhoid after drinking contaminated water from streams and corroded borehole pipes with water yellowish in colour. A patient who tested positive with typhoid at Yei state Hospital said since 2015, the disease has been disturbing her. She added that in the rural areas they drink water from streams because all boreholes are broken down. Another patient said that the disease had weaken his body. A third victim of who shared her experience said that she constantly feels pain before going to hospital. She added that even during hot season she feels cold and sweats at night.

Malaria prevention
Malaria is very prevalent in Yei River State. Internews Community Correspondent in Yei talked to community members in Hai Uluturu One, Two and Three, and Yei Civil Hospital. Some people said they are still using old and worn-out mosquito nets. They requested the agencies to include everybody when distributing mosquito nets in Yei River State. Some said they are single mothers living in hard-to-reach areas and that no agencies can help them maintain sanitation and keep their environment clean to prevent mosquitoes breeding. Several community members who were interviewed had similar complaints. Some Nurses in the children’s ward at Yei Public Hospital said their test analysis indicated found severe malaria cases mostly in children and pregnant women from remote villages.