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**Rumours**

**“If you sit near someone with Ebola, you get it. It is not only by touching someone”**.
**Adult Female - Hai Lomuku, Yei Municipality**

**“If Ebola is to come to South Sudan it will start in Maridi because there are a lot of bats in Maridi”**.
**Male Youth - Hai Jalaba, Yei Municipality**

**“Mairungi is the real medicine for Ebola. In Congo they don’t eat mairungi and for South Sudan and Uganda, we eat a lot of that drug that is why Ebola can’t catch us and it can’t come here. The one that came in Maridi was an accident because people were not aware”**.
**Boda Boda Riders - Hai Mahad, Yei Municipality**

**“Ebola virus is not active at night but only can infect people during the daytime more especial when the sun is rising.”**
**Male Youth - New Tokyo-Yei Municipality**

**“I heard from the humanitarian partners that the cells of men are more resistant to Ebola if they contract the virus. They said it stays for more than two years and when he has sex with the wife, she will get the virus and will die”**.
**Male Youth - Hai Jalaba, Yei Municipality**

**“Ebola is created by organizations like to kill people such that they make money. Some of these organisations taking the lead in all countries where there has been an Ebola outbreak”**.
**Adult Male – Hai Tarawa, Yei Municipality**

**“Once you are harmed by a bat you definitely will catch Ebola because according to the awareness, we hear that bats bring Ebola”**.
**Adult Female – Hai Mission, Yei Municipality**

**“I heard that if there is an Ebola outbreak, married couples are not allowed to sleep together. But according to me, this will encourage adultery”**.
**Male Youth - Jamia Street, Yei municipality**

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

**“The Ebola partners should at least develop a film or video to show past stories about people who suffered from Ebola viral disease. And should be done in all the areas to boost people understanding concept on Ebola virus”**.
**Adult Male Tutor – YVTC, Yei Municipality**

**“A trader appreciated Tri South Sudan community mobilizers for their effort to raise awareness on Ebola disease. Male Trader – Hai Jigomoni, Yei Municipality**

**“Malnutrition cases in the area are on the rise. Humanitarian agencies should act so that these cases are brought down.”**
**Adult Male - Yando Boma, Morobo County**

**“I don’t believe in what they say that we should abstain from eating bush meat. Because if so, is it true that those people in the far away villages are not eating bush meat?”**
**Adult Male Tutor – YVTC, Yei Municipality**
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Feedback on Ebola & Other Health Related Issues

A resident of saliya Masala in Morobo County said that they lack health facilities in their area. He said that they move a long distance to get health services and some time they survive on local herbs which is very dangerous to their health.

Adult Male – Saliya, Morobo County

A 25-year-old woman in the Yei town who is HIV/AIDS positive says HIV cannot kill but it can be treated. And it also depends on how you treat yourself.

Adult Female – Yei Town, Yei Municipality

EBOLA: Prevention Is The Best

A panel of medical doctors from World Health Organization (WHO) and South Sudan Red Cross responded to the concerns of the community in regard to the Ebola Virus Disease. Previously, Internews Yei Community Correspondent interviewed several community members who have their doubts about ways in which Ebola is spread to human beings. Some also expressed concern about the prevention of Ebola especially if people have communal bathrooms and latrines. They also asked how helpful the Ebola vaccine is in helping combat infection and spread of the disease. The doctors on the panel said that if there is an outbreak in the country, families would be advised not to share bathing shelters and latrines together with the patient because the virus can easily be transmitted to other people. He further said that the other ways through which the people can get the virus is through bodily fluids like saliva, blood, semen and sweat.

EBOLA: Community Asks and Doctors Respond

Internews community correspondent collected some questions from the communities in Yei River State on what they don’t understand about Ebola. The questions included: “Will Ebola reach South Sudan?”, “Why bush meat is said to be spreading Ebola yet in the past people ate bush meat and Ebola was not there?”, “Are we free from Ebola?”, “What are the stages of Ebola infections?” There were questions on screening points since IOM closed some of the Point Of Entry (POEs). Internews hosted two doctors from World Health Organization (WHO) Richard Lobuya and Dr John Wani from South Sudan Red Cross to respond to the questions from community. The doctors said that, agencies are seriously doing awareness in various communities in Yei on ways Ebola is spread, the signs and symptoms and prevention of the disease. They said that agencies have social mobilisers right from the town down to the village level that help in educating communities on the dangers of Ebola. They said that at the moment where there is an active outbreak on Ebola people should not eat bushmeat because they may get Ebola virus. They also regretted the closure of the IOM Point of Entries and added that they are now happy for the reopening of some of the POEs in Oraba and Bazi of Morobo County.
**What We Heard This Week**

**Feedback from the Community**

**We Lack Health Services In Guit**
Communities in the Beyond Bentiu Response (BBR) areas said they lack health services. They requested the health cluster to extend service to Guit town.

*Adult & Youths, Guit*

**Women And Girls In Cattle Camp Asked For Dignity Kits**
Women and girls in the cattle camps in Guit County said they have no access to sanitary items. They asked humanitarian agencies to provide them with dignity kits.

*Youth & Adolescent, Guit*

**Forced Marriages Common In Cattle Camps**
Residents said that young girls are being forced into marriages with older men against their will. They said they want help so the practice can be stopped.

*Adult & Youths, Guit*

**Livestock Suffering From Foot and Mouth Disease.**
Cattle keepers in Guit reported diseases affecting their animals. They requested humanitarian agencies implementing veterinary services to vaccinate their animals.

*Adult & Youths, Guit*

**We Want Education, But No Schools**
Cattle herders in Guit said that they are interested in education if learning facilities are set up in the cattle camps. They asked the education cluster to help them with mobile schools and teachers.

*Adult & Youths, Guit*

**Thanks Education Cluster!**
Residents thanked education partners for providing education support in the PoC.

*Students, Block 7*

**We Are Happy With Reinforcement Kits**
Vulnerable who received NFI thanked Concern Worldwide for supporting them with shelter reinforcement material.

*Youth, Sector 2, Block 7*

**Thanks, The Examinations Went Well**
Residents thanked Unicef, Mercy Corps, World Relief and INTERSOS for the successful academic examinations in PoC.

*Students, PoC*

**Thanks For Fly Control Exercise In Sector 2**
PoC Residents appreciated the health cluster for the fumigation in their sector. They directed their appreciation at Mentor Initiative.

*Adults, Sector 2*

**We Are Happy For Resumption Of Services In PoC**
Residents said they were happy that humanitarian services had resumed after being halted due to an incident that happened in the PoC recently. They asked all humanitarian partners to fully resume their activities.

*Adult & Youth, PoC*
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**SPECIAL HEALTH PROGRAM: Fistula Awareness In Bentiu**
In response to feedback from health partners including UNFPA about the need to raise awareness on fistula, Kondial FM produced a live program that addressed the issue. While on radio, UNFPA’s Health Emergency Program Analyst Dr. Pan-yuan sensitized listeners about the disease and asked them to register fistula cases at the nearest health facility. The health partners representative confirmed that a team of specialized doctors is expected from Juba in January 2020 to operate on fistula patients in Bentiu. In March 2019, 35 women successfully underwent surgeries on fistula at Bentiu hospital.

**BEYOND BENTIU RESPONSE (BBR) SHOW: Youth Peace Dialogues In Guit**
Kondial FM travelled with IOM Transitions & Recovery Unit (TRU) to Guit County and covered the Inter-County Youth Peace Dialogues. IOM-TRU facilitated the session that brought together youths from cattle camps and youth representatives from neighboring Counties of Koch, Rubkona and Mayom to strengthen their capacities and foster peace and reconciliation in the communities across Unity state. The gathering had stimulating dialogue on conflict related issues that affect both male and female youth. Youth who engaged in the dialogue highlighted cattle raiding as their biggest challenge. Cattle camp youths committed to strengthen coordination and consultation among various camp leaders to engage in alternative source of livelihoods like cultivation and small business. Several observers thanked IOM-TRU for organizing youth peace dialogue in Guit.

**Detailed: EDUCATION**
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What We Heard This Week
Feedback from the Community

Schoolchildren Request For Toilets
School children from different schools said they suffered because of lack of toilets in their school. Some of them which have toilets they were not clean. They requested WASH agencies to help them put up more toilets which are clean in the upcom- ing academic year 2020.

Youths & Children, Location: Malakal Town

Parents Grateful For The Useful Games
Parents in the PoC appreciated INTERSOS for supporting their children with valuable games at the child-friendly space center. They said that the games at the center will help their children play and get new skills instead of playing along the PoC roads.

Youths & Adults, Location: Sector 4 Block D

The World Aids Day Celebration Well Organized
Residents from different locations appreciated the health cluster for organizing World AIDs event and raising awareness on HIV/AIDs. They said the awareness and testing of HIV/AIDs will lead the communities to learn more and avoid infection. Also, some youth requested the health cluster to extend the testing and awareness about HIV/AIDs to counties and vil-

ages so people can protect themselves.

Youths & Adults, Location: PoC & Malakal Town

Support CWG To Maintain Security During X-Mas
Residents from different sectors requested the concern agencies to stand and support Community Watch Groups (CWG) on maintain security and protection of properties from robberies in the PoC during the upcoming X-mas season.

Youths & Adults, Location: Sector 1, 2, 3 & 4

The Persons With Disabilities Appreciate The Protection Cluster
Persons with disabilities thanked Humanitarians who organized an event for them in the PoC and Malakal town. They requested the concerned agencies to help them with wheelchairs in order to make them move easily to visit their relatives or going to the distribution points.

Youths & Adults, Location: PoC & Malakal Town

Parents appreciated the IMC nutrition section
Parents in PoC appreciated IMC nutrition section for the distribution of biscuits for the children affected by malnutri-

tion.

Youths & Adults, Location: Sector 2 Block V

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This week Internews collected 75 unique feedbacks:

- Youth (18-35 years) 57%
- Adults (over 35 years) 36%

Listening Group 100%

Data Collected:

- 264 Females
- 259 Males

UNYDA peace-building officer speaks to NILE FM Correspondent on peace program

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Kondial 97.2 FM
Weekly Program Highlights

SPECIAL EVENT COVERAGE: International Day of Persons with Disabilities
Nile FM covered two events on International Day of Persons with Disabilities on the 3rd of December. The events in PoC and Malakal town were organized by the protection cluster. The theme for event was ‘Promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership: taking action on the 2030 Development Agenda’. The representative of disabled persons in the PoC requested humanitarians to help them with sugar, charcoal, and other items because they do not afford them. He added that for them to get money, the humanitarians’ agencies should train their colleagues in the different life skills such as the weaving of fishing nets or tailoring so that they can be productive in the community. Also, the representative of disabled people in Malakal town explained that the celebration confirms the solidarity of the communities and humanitarian agencies with the disabled.

PEACE & RECONCILIATION: Open Discussion Of Social Issues And Its Impact On Building Social Peace
Community feedback indicated that there are some people in various communities talk against each other instead of openly addressing issues and have them resolved. On the NILE FM Peace & Reconciliation Program, community members discussed how being open minded can help in peacebuilding. A community member explained that being frank about dissenting issues is one of the tools that bring peace among the communities. He added that it must be through dialogue and not the use of violence. Another person added that when people openly address issues they easily reach a consensus that leads to peace, harmony and co-existence in communities. Another member said that people should communicate courteously and not discussed issues in the absence of persons of interest. He added that this will stop the spreading of rumours and will help in trust-building.

WASH PROGRAM: Protection Of Food & Water From Contamination
On the Nile FM WASH program, the IOM hygiene promoter discussed ways in which the community can use to protect their foods from contamination. IOM hygiene promoter said that dust on the roads can be very dangerous because it could result in diseases. He advised people to cover their food while and after cooking. IOM hygiene promoter added that this will protect them from diseases such as cholera. IOM hygiene promoter indicated that people should protect their drinking water from contamination by covering the containers. IOM hygiene promoter urged parents to educate their children on how to cover their foods so that they can protect themselves from getting diseases.

Community Feedback
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**Detailed: WASH**
This graph details the feedback on WASH that was received this week.

- WASH - Water 7%
- WASH - Hygiene 5%
- WASH - Sanitation 12%
Residents Concerned About Theft
Residents in Ajuong Thok said that theft at night have increased in the camp. They asked CRA and refugee protection police to intensify the night patrol to improve the situation.

Adults, Block 25, Ajuong Thok

Young People Need To Play Football
Youth in Ajuong Thok said that they are unable to engage in sports due to lack of balls. They requested humanitarians to help them with sports items like footballs.

Youth, Block 62, Ajuong Thok

Young Women Want Education Too
Women in Ajuong Thok said they want to learn to read and write but there are no adult classes in the evening. They said that they can’t attend morning classes because they have babies. They asked education partners to open for them adults classes in the evening.

Adults, Block 11, Ajuong Thok

Elderly Need Latrines in Pamir
A few elderly people in Pamir camp said they have no latrines and they can’t dig them for themselves. They asked the WASH partners to dig for them latrines to help them combat open defecation.

Adults, Block 33, Pamir

Increase the Number of Beneficiaries Every Year
Families in Ajuong Thok said that DRC only gives iron sheets to 9 selected people in each block every year. They wondered where the other refugees will get iron sheets from. They requested for iron sheets to help them roof their houses.

Adults, Block 1, Ajuong Thok

Soap Needed For Washing Jerrycans
Families in Ajuong Thok said previously, humanitarians provided soap at water points to help in the cleaning of jerrycans. They asked for soap at water points to enable them to clean their jerrycans.

Adults, Block 1, Ajuong Thok

Separate Wards To Minimise Reinfections
Refugees in Pamir camp raised concerns that people with different diseases are being accommodated in one ward at Hope Health Facility. They said that cramming patients in one place can lead to reinfections. They asked the health partners to build new wards at Hope Health facility.

Adults, Block 31, Pamir

Jamjang Correspondent providing coverage during the launching of 16 Days of Activism against gender based violence campaign in Ajuong Thok

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**Jamjang 89.4 FM**
Weekly Program Highlights

**WORLD AIDS DAY: Commemorated In Panrieng**
CARE South Sudan invited Jamjang FM this week to cover the commemoration of World AIDS Day in Panrieng and Yida. Speaking during the event, State Minister Of Health said that world AIDS day is an opportunity to mobilize efforts to fight AIDS in the community. He appealed to the community members to go for HIV tests to know their health status. In addition, Care International Organization Area Manager added that the day is celebrated annually to help raise awareness about HIV/AIDS, the causes, symptoms and how the community can protect themselves against the disease. Jamjang FM interviewed various people who appreciated Care International for organizing the event.

**The International Day of Disabled Persons Observed in Ajuong Thok**
As part of the global 16 days of activism, the humanitarian agencies, host and refugee communities assembled at the DRC community services center to celebrate the day. During the event, a representative from UNHCR said that disabled people are part of the community and need to be engaged in community activities. DRC community services officer appealed to the community to show respect to disabled people and explained that the disabled can make change in the community. In addition, CRA Protection Officer urged the humanitarian agencies to give special consideration to disabled people while dispensing services. Jamjang FM recorded all proceedings during the event which were broadcast.

**HIV/AIDS: The Need For Voluntary Tests Explained**
In pre-recorded program on Jamjang FM, a counselor working with AHA said that testing for HIV enables the community members know their health status and he stressed that if someone is found to have the HIV virus, it enable him or her to undergo medication at an earlier stage. He also added that once a person is HIV negative he or she will be able to use a protection as a measure against HIV. He appealed to the people living in the community to go for HIV voluntary testing to help them know their health status.

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Detailed: HEALTH
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