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Interviewees told Kondial FM that the door-to-door “Back to Learning” campaign had inspired them to mobilize their children to go to school. All promised to continue to the good practice.

WOMEN SHOW: Importance of Elimination of Early and Forced Marriages.
Due to conflict in South Sudan, many families resorted to forcefully marrying off their daughters against their will. Poverty has been one of the reasons why early and forced marriage is rampant among the communities. Many callers admitted that they pay less attention to where their children play on daily basis. They said they would use the past mistakes as lessons and promised to work for the safety of children.

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How handicrafts impact individual and community livelihoods

Jamjang FM team produced a prerecorded program on the importance of handicrafts in improving the both individual and community livelihoods. While appearing on Jamjang FM, a community member in Ajuong Thok said that handicrafts can bring economic growth and improvement for the individuals and community at large. He also cited the production of belts, shoes, balls and beds as the examples of handicrafts that help people improve their economic status. Another resident added that making crafts is the backbone for the growth and the development of societies and individuals. The community was urged to be creative and use their energies for business as the best way to improve their lives.

Measures to control illegal arms in the community

Jamjang county police inspector while appearing on Jamjang FM stressed that illegal ownership of guns is prohibited by the law. He said that for a person to have a gun, that person should be trained and belonging to security agencies. He pointed out the legal measures which can be applied if anyone is found with an illegal weapon. CRA assistant commissioner appealed to the refugees and host community to report to the nearest security agencies any person who owns a gun illegally in Ajuong Thok or Pamir. His call was echoed by Jamjang county commissioner. Jamjang FM talked to some members of the host community in Jamjang and many of them appealed to the community to comply with the law and to report any illegal firearms.

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**Toilet training was useful**
Community members in the PoC thanked IOM-WASH department for the second training on the proper use of modern toilets. They said the awareness helped them learn how to use the facilities correctly.

*Youths & Adults, sector: 2 block Y & T*

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**Health facilities are far**
Residents in Malakal town said that it’s difficult to access health care during the rainy season due to the distance between their homes and the medical facilities. They requested the health cluster to establish a clinic near their locations so that they can get treatment on time.

*Youths & Adults, location: Malakal town – Hai* - Malakia

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**In need of blankets and mosquito nets**
Elderly people in the PoC said they lack blankets and mosquito nets. They requested the concerned agencies to provide them with the items for protection against cold and mosquitoes.

*Elders, location: sector 1*

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**Opening drainages will ease flow of water**
Residents in Malakal town said that sub and main drainages are blocked. They are worried that this year’s rains could lead to flooding and subsequent damage of their shelters. They requested humanitarians to help them in opening the sub and main drainages so that water can run into the Nile.

*Youths & Adults, location: Malakal town*

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**Fumigation will reduce mosquitos in PoC**
Residents from different locations in the PoC thanked Mentor Initiative for the indoor residual spraying. They said it will help reduce mosquitos.

*Youths & Adults, location: sector: 1, 2, 3 & 4*

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**Spray toilets and bathrooms too, during the rainy season**
Community members in the PoC said when rains start snakes take shelter in the toilets and bathrooms. They said some people fear to use the facilities during the rains due to the possibility of existence of reptiles. They requested agencies to help and spray all toilets and bathrooms to help keep the snakes away from the toilets and bathrooms.

*Youths & Adults, location: sector: 1, 2, 3 & 4*

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**Don’t send children out in the rain**
Mothers in the PoC said that there are some families which send out their small children to the market, shops or neighbors when it is raining. They said this worries them because the children could get diseases due to coldness. They requested concerned agencies to raise awareness to stop children going out for errands in the rain.

*Adults, location: sector 1 & 4*

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**Thanks for the footballs**
Children in different locations of the PoC thanked Intersos for the footballs they distributed. They said the items would help them build their capacities to become footballers in the future.

*Children, location: sector 4*
WASH program: avoidance of washing shoes at water points

Feedback from the community indicated that some people wash mud off their shoes at water points. They said that this habit could lead to contamination of drinking water especially during water collection. NILE FM WASH program producer asked some community members how they can clean their shoes during the rainy season without risking other community members. A community member suggested that people wash their shoes in a way that will not lead to contamination of drinking water while another person said that water collectors should provide shoe cleaning services. In addition, NILE FM WASH program asked IOM hygiene promoter to advise people against washing their shoes at water points. IOM hygiene promoter said shoes carry germs because of where they step. He encouraged people to wash their shoes somewhere else and not water points.

Women’s & girls program: The role of women in raising children in the absence of fathers

NILE FM women’s & girls program producer asked community members to comment on the role of women raising children in the absence of fathers. A woman said that women take care of their children especially if they are still young. She added that women can plan to have a daily income to be able to cater for their children's needs. A man commented that women can have a role in providing for their children even when the husband is present. Another person said that women can divide their time well for activities like collecting water, cleaning the house and washing clothes. Lastly, a woman said that the community wants women to actively play their role in the community they should be respected.

Peace & reconciliation program: peaceful co-existence in the community

NILE FM Peace & reconciliation program producer asked some community members to suggest how people can live in peace with others. A community member said people can peacefully co-exist by rebuilding their confidence and trust that was affected by the crisis. Another person added that people are in fear of one another due to broken trust and that people need to spread peace messages in the community. He added that exchange visits between people in the PoC to Malakal town will help rebuild trust. Another community member commented that respect between people is very important. He concluded that people should forgive others who wrong them to bring peace in the community.

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