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**What We Heard This Week**

Feedback from the Community

**The Ebola scare!**
Community elders in Bentiu PoC raised serious concerns about the recent Ebola cases in the neighboring Uganda. This is because of the cross border movements of populations in both countries. They requested WHO and other health agencies to prepare the Ebola vaccine.

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**Lack of utensils.**
Women living in a cattle camp said they lack cooking utensils like saucepans, cups and kettles. They said that their children miss meals because of lack of availability of the utensils in the cattle camp.

*Women in cattle camp in Bimruor.*

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**Chicken pox emergence in Bentiu PoC**
An adults listening group in Sector 4 Block 2 in Bentiu PoC reported an emergence of chicken pox cases in Bentiu PoC and that it is causing a lot of pain and discomfort to both adults and children. They need health partners to take serious measures to control the disease.

*Adults, Youth & Children.*

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**Returnees from Khartoum need accommodation.**
Returnees who recently arrived in Rubkona town on eight buses from Khartoum reported lack of food, plastic sheets and accommodation. They attributed this to being new comers in the area. They requested UNHCR and IOM to rescue them from the bad situation.

*Adults & Children in Rubkona town.*

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**Animal diseases**
Cattle keepers of Bimruor village in Bentiu said that their animals are being affected by parasites such as ticks and ringworms. They need VSF to treat their animals especially the skin diseases.

*Adults in Bimruor Village.*

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**Diarrheal diseases.**
Patients in Bentiu teaching hospital reported that some patients died due to diarrhea. Some expressed fear that it could be Ebola because South Sudan is sharing borders with Ebola affected countries such as DRC Congo & Uganda. They requested WHO and the South Sudan Health Ministry to take action.

*Adults in Bentiu hospital.*

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**Well done Mercy Corps for fencing Naath primary school.**
Parents, children and teachers appreciated Mercy Corps education department for fencing Naath primary school. They said it will help control disruptions from non-school going children. They need Mercy Corps to continue fencing other schools.

*Parents, children & teachers in Bentiu PoC.*
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Kondial 97.2 FM
Weekly Program Highlights

PEACE SHOW—Peace, Stability & National Unity:
The government of Northern Lich State organized a peace rally in the General Secretariat headquarters in Bentiu town in collaboration with the opposition to disseminate peace messages to the community. Northern Lich State governor expressed optimism after his return from Mankien Peace conference between Northern Lich state and greater Warrab states and said that there will be no more cattle raiding between the neighboring states. The governor made a pledge that both sides will not violate the current peace for individual interests. Northern Lich State community appreciated their leaders for helping reduce killings in greater Bentiu.

WOMEN SHOW—First ever African Child day commemorated.
Child labour is increasingly becoming a matter of concern. As a result, NGOs launched the Day of the African Child in Rubkona town at the Mercy Corps child protection center. Many parents are not aware of the rights of their children and in an effort to raise awareness on children’s rights, Greater Upper Nile Organization, a child rights advocacy, expressed readiness to provide assistance to help improve the conditions of children. Parents agreed to give full rights and basic needs to their children and ensure that there are no more street children in the town.

MUSIC SHOW—Youth Encouraged Community For Positive Change.
During the local artists’ bi-weekly peace festival in Bentiu PoC, Bentiu town and Rubkona County, youth were told that they should take the greatest responsibility in peace promotion and co-existence. The artists in Bentiu PoC and beyond organized a competition which helped create trust and freedom of movement among the youth. They performed songs live on air to encourage peace, unity and love. More than 53 callers appreciated the local artistes for the songs on the revitalized South Sudan Peace agreement.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY—World Refugee Day in Bentiu Town.
The United Nations High Commissioner for refugees was joined by the Northern Lich State government ministers and humanitarian protection partners to commemorate the World Refugee day on June 20th. UNHCR said more than two million South Sudanese have fled to neighboring countries and that the number of displaced persons has grown bigger globally due to an increase in global crises. The UN agency said that there are refugees fleeing the unrest in Khartoum and that they have already received several buses of returnees from Sudan. They said that they are ready to cooperate with the state government to support the resettlement of returnees from Sudan. More than 400 displaced mothers requested UNHCR and government to support returnees by reinforcing the security of IDPs in Northern Lich state.

Detailed: WASH
This graph details the feedback on WASH that was received this week.
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What We Heard This Week

Feedback from the Community

**Refugees worried about Hepatitis**
Residents in Ajuong Thok are worried about hepatitis. They requested AHA to provide vaccination for refugees to prevent infection.
*Adults, block 28, Ajuong Thok* ●

**We need the remaining TV**
Club owners in Pamir market said they were trained by IRC in business skills and were promised three televisions but have so far have received only two televisions in the club. They asked IRC to bring the remaining one.
*Youth, Pamir* ●

**Women ask for items missing in the sanitary kits**
Women in Ajuong Thok thanked IRC for distributing dignity kits. They also appealed to IRC to include underwear in the next distribution.
*Adults, block 28, Ajuong Thok* ●

** Bring food closer to the elderly**
The elderly in block 62 complained that the distance from their block to the GFD site is long. They find problems trekking to get food and requested WFP to open a new GFD center located in block 37 to shorten the distance.
*Adults, block 62, Ajuong Thok* ●

**Refugees decry lack of salt**
Some people said that they are unable to buy salt from the market. They said that salt isn’t being included in the food basket in the ongoing GFD. They asked WFP to provide salt during general food distribution.
*Adults, block 28, Ajuong Thok* ●

**Salon owners request for comprehensive kits**
Groups of youth in Pamir market said that since they graduated from IRC business skills training, they haven’t received adequate number of items for to start businesses. They requested IRC to provide the whole set of equipment to help them run their saloon business effectively.
*Youth, Pamir* ●

**The elderly decry slow construction of their houses**
Some elderly in block 62 said that they were selected for shelter reconstruction by DRC but they claim the process is very slow.
*Adults, block 62, Ajuong Thok* ●

**Give us seeds to do gardening**
Inhabitants in block 10 of Ajuong Thok said that they want to cultivate but lack seeds. They asked IRC to provide them with vegetable seeds like okra and tomatoes.
*Adults, block 10, Ajuong Thok* ●

**Provide phone chargers and tags cards**
Youth who were trained in business skills requested IRC to provide them with phone chargers and to help them with printing phone charging cards.
*Youth, Pamir* ●

**Pamir camp chairperson speaking during the commemoration for World Refugee Day in Pamir**
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Jamjang 89.4 FM
Weekly Program Highlights

Refugees and host community celebrate the Day of The African Child
Jamjang FM team produced a radio program on the commemoration of the Day of the African Child. The celebrations took place in Ajuong Thok. Refugee and host community members participated in the festivities. Speaking during the event, LWF team leader said the occasion provided a platform for the community and other stakeholders to advocate for children's rights. He appealed to the public to desist from physical and verbal abuse of children. Ajuong Thok camp chairperson asked families give their children the chance to attend school. UHN-CR head of sub office urged the parents to support their children to achieve a better future. CRA representative appreciated LWF for delivering quality education to the children in the camp. The guest of honor, a student from Makoria primary school, appealed to the community and parents in particular to show respect for children and not to abuse their rights.

Voluntary blood donation saves people’s lives
Jamjang FM produced and broadcast a PSA about blood donation in collaboration with AHA. Blood donation day is commemorated annually on June 14. This year's event was combined with the World Refugee Day celebration in Pamir where IRC and AHA invited the public for checkup and voluntary blood donation. IRC health program manager spoke on Jamjang FM and said the day was an opportunity to thank the voluntary blood donors and to raise awareness about the need for regular blood donations to ensure that all individuals in the community have access to blood. AHA reproductive health officer described the blood donation as very essential to saving life especially of women during childbirth and small children with anemia. He appealed to the community to donate blood explaining that the donation processes helps people know their health status. A number of blood donors interviewed by Jamjang FM said donating blood is a personal obligation to save the lives of other people in the community.

Refugees and host community celebrated the World Refugee Day in Pamir
This year's World Refugee Day commemoration was organized by DRC in collaboration with UNHCR under the theme “Step with Refugees”. Speaking during the occasion, Pamir camp chairperson expressed gratitude to the humanitarians for providing assistances to the refugees and also thanked the government of South Sudan for hosting the people of Nuba Mountains. UHNCR head of sub office termed the World Refugee Day as the day to show solidarity with refugees and amplify support and protection to refugees. Guest of honor, Ruweng state minister of gender and social welfare urged the refugees to take advantage of the services provided by the humanitarian agencies. He reiterated government's commitment to protect refugees in the state. He pleaded with the refugees to be mindful of their safety and security by limiting their movements.

Internews Jamjang collects feedback on a weekly basis through listening groups, over the phone or by SMS and through direct interactions our staff have with community members. The chart below illustrates the overall categories in which feedback was collected this period.

Community Feedback

- Culture 3%
- Disease 6%
- Education 8%
- Food Distribution 14%
- FSL 8%
- Health 6%
- Non-Food Items 22%
- Shelter 19%
- WASH 14%

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

- Water 6%
- Hygiene 3%
- Sanitation 6%
What We Heard This Week
Feedback from the Community

How to protect ourselves against Ebola disease
After hearing about an outbreak of Ebola in neighboring Uganda, PoC residents expressed concern about their safety because many people do not know how to protect themselves against the disease. They said they are worried that the disease could cross the South Sudan border and affect the populations. They requested the health cluster to carry out vaccination to prevent people from getting the virus. They asked the concerned health agencies to advise them on how they can protect themselves against Ebola.
Youth & Adults, location: PoC & Malakal town

Bigger soap size will enhance hygiene
Families in the PoC said the pieces of soap being distributed this month are bigger than what they received last month. They extended their thanks to IOM-WASH department for the increased size of soap. They said the bigger the soap the better they will maintain hygiene.
Youths & Adults, location: sector 1, 2, 3 & 4

Residents request for peace building training
Residents in the PoC said that the revitalized peace agreement is in the process of actualization but still lack peace building skills and techniques. They requested concerned agencies to conduct trainings on peace building so they can actively play a role in peacebuilding in the community.
Youths & Adults, location: sector

Maize will reduce local brew but costly to grind
Families appreciated the Word Food Program & World Vision for distribution of maize instead of sorghum. They said the maize is not ideal for good local brew and that it will reduce drunkeness in the PoC. On the other hand, some families said the maize costs double the amount of money to grind. They requested concerned agencies to increase the amount for grinding the maize.
Youths & Adults, location: sector 1, 2, 3 & 4

Provide shoes and clothes to orphans
Community members living with orphans said that some of the children do not have shoes and clothes. They requested concerned agencies to provide them with the items so as to encourage children to stay in school instead of absconding to engage in economic activities to cater for their needs.
Youths & Adults, location: sector 1, 2, 3 & 4

Create awareness on early child marriage
Parents from Malakal town said they want the relevant agencies to conduct awareness to schoolchildren about the dangers of early child marriage. They said creating awareness could help reduce early pregnancies among the school children.
Adults, location: Malakal town

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Nile FM correspondent talked to community members about differences in the types of food being distributed. A community member pointed out that the maize is food just like the sorghum and that there is no difference. The community member mentioned that they have even started cultivating the crop to supplement their food situation as a family. Another community member was dismayed by the fact that some family members aren’t cooperative when it comes to sharing of the common foodstuffs distributed by the agencies. 

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