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Rumours

"I heard that Ebola was passed on to humans after a monkey had sex with a woman and the woman got infected affected. I want to know whether this is true or not."

Student In Yei Municipality School

"People should not fear Ebola because it's easy to treat. You can just get neem leaves boil or cook them then take and Ebola will disappear automatically."

An elderly woman in Hai Gabat area – Yei County

"What I have understood about Ebola is that, it is got from drinking alcohol, because if someone drinks a lot, he/she will get Ebola immediately."

Resident of Hai Gabat Yei town.

"I can hunt the bush meat and set it on fire before taking the dead animal. That way I cannot be affected by the Ebola virus."

A resident Hai Mahad - Yei town

"Cars from Congo should not be washed in Yei river because they can bring Ebola to Yei."

Resident in Hai Jigomoni Yei Municipality

"Let them stop fruits from entering South Sudan because Ebola is got from fruits."

Resident of Hai Kinji Yei town.

Feedback on Ebola & other Health related issues

An elderly woman in Hai Simba area said she received all the necessary information on prevention of Ebola. She said she's using the information to create awareness within her family. She thanked the EVD awareness teams for their tireless effort to provide them with the life-serving information.

Elderly Woman - Hai Simba Yei Municipality

Congregants in Emmanuel Church said they shake hands when greeting each other. They said that

there is need for the Ebola team to talk to them about the disease.

Church Goers – Emmanuel Church Yei Municipality

Residents of Jamara Payam said that they have only two boreholes in their area and one has unclean water not fit for human consumption. They want WASH agencies to help them solve the problem of dirty water.

Residents - Jamara Payam.

Community members in Mukaya County said that they need sensitization on Ebola.

Mukaya County.

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Patients in Mukaya said that there is only one health worker who works twice a week. They also mentioned lack of drugs hence seeking treatment using local herbs. They said some of the drugs are expired.

Medical Clients - Mukaya County

A man said he wants to know whether Ebola is still exists in Congo. He said when Ebola broke out people used to wash their hands but now days people don't wash their hands in public places. He asked whether Ebola is no longer in Congo and no need to worry anymore?

Staff at Ye City Council Health Department

Program Highlights

Awareness On Ebola Still Needed In Ye

A radio program produced on EVD highlighted concerns from community members who complained about lack of awareness on the disease. The correspondent spoke to people in Otego and Mukaya counties of Greater Ye. A woman said she heard about Ebola, but nobody had reached her community to talk about it. She requested for health agencies to vaccinate community members in Rubeke. Another woman in Mukaya County said she was told not to eat bush meat and avoid touching death bodies. She appealed to observe the set rules.

Community Called For Door To Door Awareness About Ebola

In response to concerns from the community, a national NGO gave out handwashing equipment to help with the EVD emergency response. Some community members had com-

plained that there was lack of adequate awareness on Ebola in Ye River State because some people still eat bush meat and do not wash their hands regularly. They said the ministry of health and partners should conduct house to house awareness on the disease. Others said that they had not received any awareness and that they lacked hand washing facilities.

Causes, Prevention And Treatment Of Ulcers

Following complaints about numerous cases of stomach ulcers in the community members in Ye, a clinical officer with Martha Health Unit said that the disease is preventable and curable. He urged the people with the disease to adhere to the doctor's prescriptions for the treatment to be effective. Some of the affected community members interviewed by Internews' Community Correspondent complained that the treatment is very expensive. They requested agencies operating in Ye River State to support the State Hospital with medication for ulcers.



Internews-Ye correspondent Interviewing a man about EVD in Ye Municipality in Ye River State. Photo @ Internews