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TRIP REPORT FOR PIBOR

Date: December 9 - 11, 1994

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Objective of trip

- Unicef Water Technician to weld water tank and assess further needs in water yard.
- Unicef Cold Chain Technician repair cold chain especially solar freezer to working condition, carry out cold chain maintenance and vaccine handling workshop for EPI/Vet. Staff.
- IARA Field Officer to have first hand familiarization visit of Pibor and discuss IARA needs and Guinea Worm Programme.
- RPO to look into overall needs for 1995, discuss strategy for EPI 1995 monitor progress of existing programmes and make collaborative planning with IARA.

People Met

Deputy Area Commissioner	- Mr. Kokwa
RRC Administrative Office	- Nhial Arok
IARA M.A. Incharge Health	- Mr. Oswan
IARA M.A. Incharge of Leprosy	- Mr. Taib
IARA EPI Co ordinator	
IARA Facility Co ordinator	- Mr. Gersim

Population Affected:

Because of lack of food in Pibor Town following poor harvest most adult population had left the town to go for deer hunting and fishing in river pools away from town. There was increasing number of children to the town apparently to join the feeding programme, and schools have closed due to lack of food.

Food and Nutrition

Because of poor first crop harvest, failed ratoon crop due to insect pests and fishing materials, food in Pibor Town is becoming increasingly scarce. Grain pounding was heard very rarely during the three days the team was in Pibor. Tobacco exchange for milk had also reduced as most

Nutrition

The nutrition situation of children is reported deteriorating. WI/HT measurements were taken on 10/12/94 on 164 children coming to the IARA organized feeding centre and following results were found:

	% SID/WI/HT	No.	%
Children	70%	14	8.5
	70 - 79%	26	15.9
	80%	124	75.6
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		164	100.0

% of children malnourished 24.4%
Kondako Displaced Camp was the worst hit.

ACTION: In view of the above high levels of malnutrition IARA was supplied with super-unimix, biscuits and sugar and feeding, reorganization made according to Unicef feeding standards. Those between 70 - 79% to feed twice and those 80% to feed once. This to be run by new IARA Feeding Staff. Pregnant and lactating mothers to receive dry ration once/week.

Health

The repair works to the health centre almost complete and now being used for clinical purposes. More work still recommended to include painting, water installation and sanitation improvement. Repairs to second building will allow for area to make health complex for all health activities. The order of disease situation had not changed very much from that reported by the Assessment team in October, which identified diarrhoea and gastroenteritis, malaria, respiratory diseases, eye infection and skin diseases as the major ones.

It was however recommended that IARA urgently considers opening new health posts at Likwangle 45 metres away from Pibor, Gumuruk 20 metres away and Vartet 30 metres away. Due to the distance, populations in these areas lack access to any health services. Intensified Community Health Care approach recommended.

EPI:

The work of EPI had temporarily stopped because of non functioning cold chain system. In the meantime, two staff members were trained in Juba in EPI/Cold Chain Management. During the visit the cold chain technician repaired the solar freezer and serviced the refrigerators to

Guinea Worm Programme:

IARA organized short w/shop for the members of the Guinea Worm Committee and discussed the mode of infection, use of filter materials and the base survey. Forms for the survey and field note books were distributed to six leaders of the Pibor Committee. Base Survey Information to be discussed at the beginning of second week in January 1995.

Water:

Hand Drilling efforts for water have not been successful. Two bore holes have been drilled to 30 metres each which is the maximum depth of the machine but no water. While the drilling team will be moving to another location, equipment to detect ground water levels before starting to drill is essential to avoid time wastage.

In the meantime welding of the water storage tank was completed to 90% of tank capacity. Fuel and lubricants to be supplied to operate the pump before dry season starts. Recommendations for improving the water yard include regular servicing by a technician from water team, increasing static tap points and extending the water to the Clinic with storage points (Details in separate sheet).

Education:

Because of lack of food in town, schools have closed down and most children gone with parents to look for food.

Fishing:

The population is still waiting for fishing materials intended to come from ICRC.

Recommendations for Follow-up

1. WFP in conjunction with Khartoum to consider urgent deliveries of food to Pibor.
2. One metric ton of Unimix, oil, biscuits, sugar and DSM be delivered to Pibor by mid January 1995.
3. Engine oil No. 40, two drums of diesel and grease to be delivered to Pibor monthly to run the water yard.
4. The SM in conjunction with IARA to complete the 1995 plan of action for the various activities.

Meantime most programme inputs were delivered to Pibor upto mid