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To: POB/■N/IL/TVL/SB/DH 13 June 1994
From: HW Loki/HW/cj/096
Subject: Sitrep For Pibor, 7 - 9 June 1994.

PARTICIPANTS:

- Humphreys Were
- Janepher Odenyo
- Moses Likhanga

PEOPLE MET:

- Ismael Konyi - Commissioner
- Dr. Taib - IARA Medical Officer
- Khadir Yassin - Headmaster of School
- Members of the Women Union

OBJECTIVES OF TRIP:

- MSL - To install solar supplied by Malakal as agreed for EPI Campaign and service previously installed sibir.
- JO - To have 1st acquaintance, assess EPI Team and together agree on how Team should participate in Pochalla Polio and Measles Campaign.
- HW - Monitor and discuss other programmes, veterinary, education, water, women in development and fishing. The team intended to go to Pochalla but was held up due to heavy rains.

DISCUSSIONS:

EPI:

Progress of measles and polio campaign very slow. Following vaccinations done between 28 March and 6 June 1994.

Measles	391
Polio1	430
Polio2	60
TT1	70
TT2	38
Total:	1619

Target objective for measles January end June 6000 children. To date only 2913 vaccinations achieved. Reason given and observed for slow progress includes

- a) Hunger, for general population not able to carry children for vaccination and hunger for vaccinators.
- b) Lack of transport for vaccinators to move to areas away from Pibor. Only areas around Pibor have been done.
- c) Cultivation
- d) Insufficient advocacy/mobilization.

SOLAR INSTALLATION:

Completed effectively. Lokichokio supplied acid as acid supplied by Malakal was too weak for batteries. Possibility of journalists visiting Pibor on 26/27 June 1994 discussed and agreed that it would only be possible if food available as some of the children are on the verge of starvation.

QUALITY OF VACCINATORS:

5 vaccinators had been previously exposed to EPI training. Two had been recruited locally. It was observed that there was need for refresher training for staff.

VACCINES CONTROL:

it was agreed with the Commissioner and IARA Medical Officer of health that the local EPI Team, Leader be responsible for vaccine/cold room control.

Following were vaccine stocks.

<u>Antigen</u>	<u>Doses</u>	<u>Expiry date</u>	<u>Source</u>
Measles	1250	23.08.93	Malakal
Measles	4300	30.06.94	Loki
Polio	2480	00.11.95	Loki
TT	1500	15.09.97	Loki
BCG Vacuna	2600	00.12.94	Loki
BCG Vacuna	2000	10.09.96	Loki
Dried TUB Valbca	400	26.07.95	Loki
DPT	NIL		

Vaccines already expired to be destroyed.

On Pochalla it was decided that whole team be taken to Pochalla for 3 days and returned back to Pibor.

In July/August Team to be identified and trained in Pochalla.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

- Urge WFP to deliver food for general population.
- Refresher course for EPI Team by JO.
- Active mobilization.

- Provision of bicycles for the team.
- Support fuel to commissioners vehicles to move teams and material to field.
- Supply food for work regularly to vaccinators.
- Train more staff to increase teams as area for coverage large.

VETERINARY:

Vaccinations still going on but again the team limited more by transport than food as the cattle owners supply teams with milk. Forms available showed stock numbers as below:

January	NIL
February	1247
March	NIL
April	5055
May	1887
June (upto 9th)	5151
Total:	13347

Other returns have already been made for these same month totalling approx 18,000 H/C or a total of 31,347 H/C. Target objectives to June 175,000 H/C. Request made for cost recovery drugs.

VACCINE BALANCES:

-	Bovipestovax	2200 doses
-	Pestobov	13200 doses
-	TOTAL:	15400 doses

ACTION:

Supply bicycles for transport as area very large to cover on foot.

HEALTH:

Old Health Center is under repairs and health activities have moved to this new location. UNICEF has donated cement and more required along with other materials; iron sheets, white wash, chicken and mosquito wire meshes.

Following up attendance recorded for April and May 1994.

CAUSE:	APRIL:		MAY:	
	NOS	%	NOS	%
Malaria	182	10.78	184	13.20
Malnutrition	194	11.50	93	6.70
Resp. tr.infection	177	10.50	114	8.20
Gastro infection	264	15.60	234	16.80
Eye infection	194	11.50	133	10.00
Worms	154	9.00	147	10.60
Wounds	94	5.60	102	7.30
Skin diseases	90	5.30	51	3.70
Abortions	56	3.30	27	1.90
Anemia	48	2.80	58	4.20
Guinea worm	2	0.10	2	0.10
All others	233	13.80	247	17.40
TOTAL:	1688		1392	

Incidence of guinea worm low because of the drought. Malnutrition, gastro enteritis, high. No food grain available in the area. Other cases of high prevalence include respiratory track infection, worms and skin disease.

Supplementary drugs or items requested from UNICEF - Phenagan, Egonetrin, Lasix, Valium, Ephidrin and Aminophilin. From ICRC for Health Centre request includes beds 60, blankets 100, mattresses 60 each and drugs.

FOOD/NUTRITION:

Last food delivery was in April. The situation of general population and children very bad. Some of the children seen are at the verge of starvation. Mass feeding of children stopped at the end of April when UNIMIX got finished. IN view of the bad situation, 1.4 MT UNIMIX was delivered for general distribution to very badly affected children. Food grain for general distribution expected. In families with cows, some milk is available and mothers go around with it looking for grain which not available for exchange. Hunger and low status of nutrition have greatly affected child vaccination campaign.

Nutrition survey team expected on 15/16/17.

ACTION:

- After nutrition survey, therapeutic feeding center be established as well as supplementary feeding.
- Main constraints is lack of IARA staff to run a therapeutic feeding center.
- Food for general distribution to be delivered.

- FFW at least 15-20 bags to be supplied for drainage of A/S.

AGRICULTURE:

Due to low rainfall at germination, most fields have scanty crops. Expected yields therefore low. 3-4 MT of sorghum if available could be useful to assist those whose fields badly affected.

WATER:

Within the two days of rain the river was filling up removing heavy pressure from the pump. A water engineering team expected from Khartoum on the next flight to look into hand drilling of shallow wells along the river. UNICEP to provide the drilling/digging equipment, in the meantime the existing pump to be serviced. The khartoum team to inspect two other unserviceable bore holes and advise.

GUINEA WORM PROJECT:

Hold - up as IARA personnel who was to carry out training not in Pibor. A follow up to be made on training and distribution of materials.

EDUCATION:

Schools closed due to lack of teachers. Most of DAWA staff left for Khartoum and had not returned. Training of local staff urged to avoid the above situation.

FISHING:

River filling up and soon fish will be available. Distribution of fishing equipment urged.

WOMEN UNION:

Meeting held with members of the Women Union. Total number 25 in Pibor alone, who have split themselves to following projects.

- Sanitation and cleaning of town	5
- Knitting	5
- Tailoring	15
- TOTAL:	25

Following additional projects were suggested. Fishing to help women have direct access to food and running of a shop to eliminate begging for essential items.

The sanitation and cleaning team requested for gumboots, overalls, raincoats, pangas, hoes and sickles. On the while need for sickles stood prominently in most requests by women.

List of items requested for support of above projects attached.

ACTION:

It is recommended that UNICEF intally assist the Women Union to establish shop and that Tanya van de Linde or Zaina Kamera make urgent trip to Pibor to discuss issue.

FOLLOW UP POINTS:

EPI:

- Follow up and effect points recommended for improving EPI coverage and out-put.
- While temporary measures being taken to cover Pochalla on hit and run basis, a proper Pochalla EPI team should be trained in July/August.

VETERINARY:

- Provide transport specifically bicycles to improve coverage of distant areas.

HEALTH:

- Support to IARA and local authorities to complete renovation of old health center previously a referral center.
- Implement guinea worm programme ASAP as rains have set in.

FOOD/NUTRITION:

- WFP to urgently look into delivery of food for general distribution and FFW for drainage of airstrip.
- A therapeutic and supplementary feeding programmes to be established and IARA to provide qualified staff to do the work.

AGRICULTURE:

- Additional 3-4 MT of sorghum seeds if available could be useful for additional planting.

WATER:

- IARA water engineer to inspect existing water situation and make specific recommendations on improvement of water supply.

EDUCATION:

- To increase school attendance it is recommended that local staff be made available for DAWA to train so that in the absence of DAWA teachers, schools would still continue to function.

WOMEN UNION:

- They should be supported through the four projects of tailoring, knitting, sanitation and cleanness of town fishing and bush shop operations. Tanja van de Linda or Zaina Kamara to make urgent visit to Pibor to finalize programmes. Meanwhile list of request to start projects attached.

SUGGESTED PROJECT SUPPORT INPUTS PIBOR WOMEN UNION

SHOP PROJECT:

These will also support the other projects.

TYPE OF ITEMS:	QUANTITY:
1. Salt	80kg
2. Soap Bar	20 cnts x 25
3. Soap toilet	10 cnts x 72
4. Fishing hooks size 7	10,000 pcs
5. Fishing spools assorted	200 pcs
6. Blanket	240 pcs
7. Cooking pots	180 pcs
8. Domoria	2 baks
9. Sandals size 36-42	200 pairs
10. Mujikale tyre sandals	300 pairs
11. Kitenge double pair	300 pcs
12. Kangas for men	100 pcs
13. Sugar	3 sacs
14. Tea leaves	20kg
15. Sickles	200 pcs
16. Box of matches	60 pcs
17. Jerry cans	100 each
18. Mosquito net material	
19. Rain coats	50 pcs
20. Razor blades	2000 pcs
21. Needles for hand sewing	100 pcs
22. Needles for knitting	50 assorted size
23. Threads spools medium	10 pcs
24. Sewing machine needles	20 pcs