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Program Highlights

COVID-19 pandemic threatens lives in different ways

Akeer Ring Achuil, a young woman living in Agok, Abyei Administrative Area, a bread winner in her family lost her job of teaching at Oxford, a private primary school in Agok, following the closure of schools in March 2020, due to fears of coronavirus. She told *Abyei Today* that she is trying hard to make both ends meet. “The situation is very difficult, and responsibilities are increasing,” she said. Ajith Chan who owns a sports club in Aniet market, who estimated his daily income as between 10,000 to 12,000 SSP before the club was closed said he is now “bankrupt and in debts” appealing to authorities to allow him reopen his business place, to which acting head of health administration in Abyei Nyanwut, responded saying would discuss it in a meeting to be held soon. Monyluak Kuol, an economist and former director general of finance, encouraged young people to engage in other income generating activities as they wait for life to return to normalcy.

Program Highlight

Agok residents criticize health authorities for improper waste disposal

Resident in Agok have said dumping waste close at the bank of Agok seasonal stream is harmful to health and wanted it stopped. “It is unhealthy for the market to be dirty like this and the river full of waste,” one of the traders in Aniet market told *Abyei Today*, adding “this is wrong.” Children go swimming in this stream and its water is also being fetched for other domestic uses. Public and environmental health Inspector, Dau Achuil Ayuel said lack of a designated land field is a challenge, while assistant commissioner of Rumamer county, Makor Madit said they are working on identification of a dumping site. Agok is the most populated town in Abyei, but with poor drainage and waste management system.

Program highlight

Highly educated woman in Abyei encourages girls to study

On July 8th, Abyei FM hosted the Acting Head of Health Administration, Nyanwut Miyen Kuol, in the studio to discuss girls' education. Nyanwut, who balanced motherhood with studies till she obtained a bachelor's degree and later a master's, advised girls not to give up their dreams saying, "education is light." Encouraging young married women who dropped out of school and are willing to re-enroll, not to give up, the official says "Whether you have a child or not, you should discuss it with your partner and continue with your education. Pregnancy while at school is not the end of the road." According to Nyanwut, high illiteracy among women contributes to their low representation in the government. "Women are not fully prepared for 35 percent," says Nyanwut.

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30-minutes | \$100

1-hour | \$200

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3-hours | \$500

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Abyei Information and Radio Service (AIRS) is a South Sudanese, not-for-profit organization based in Abyei that provides critical news and information about and to the communities of the Abyei territory. With the support of Internews, AIRS was first registered in March 2017 by the South Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC) under certificate #596 and was renewed in 2018. AIRS is the “Voice of Abyei” and through a team of journalists provides a platform for communities to share experiences; engages with the government, official bodies and community groups in a collaborative dialogue; expresses the needs and issues affecting the community in Abyei; and fosters balanced discussions that allows listeners to form their own opinions and thoughts.

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