



## Strengthening and Developing the Primary and Secondary Health Care System in East, North and South Tonj Counties

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## KACUAT Primary Health Care Unit Payam: Ngabagok, County: Tonj East

*Elisabeth Abuk, 38 years old,  
the Traditional Birth  
Attendant working at  
Kacuat PHCU.*

*She can assist uncomplicated  
deliveries, performs  
antenatal consultations  
and gives advise to  
pregnant women.*

*Every year around 3,000  
mothers receive  
vaccinations, antenatal  
consultations and  
counselling on safe  
motherhood.*

*However, Elisabeth says: the  
traditional beliefs and  
low literacy of women  
are the main constraints  
which limit or block the  
proper use of Maternal  
Health Services.*

*Despite the functioning  
maternal health services  
and health education  
sessions, there is a lot to  
do for prevailing on the  
community to abandon  
the traditional beliefs and  
fatalism about women's  
health problems.*



## KACUAT – Primary Health Care Unit



*She is Ajak Mabnoch, 25 years old.*

*She arrived at Kacuat PHCU on 3 December, 2008. Early in the morning the CCM staff found her lying on the ground in front of the delivery room.*

*She was copiously bleeding because of a miscarriage at 12 weeks.*

*The CCM midwife immediately took care of her and performed a curettage.*

*Later, she could take rest and treated with antibiotics and pain killers.*

*Without the PHCU this woman could die of hemorrhage or serious infection.*

*Miscarriages are very common among pregnant women due to: high number of pregnancies, hard work and malnutrition.*

## KACUAT – Primary Health Care Unit

### **EPI**

*The father takes his child to Kacuat PHCU for immunization.*

*More and more Dinka people are appreciating the value of preventive care.*



## KACUAT – Primary Health Care Unit

*After registration  
babies are  
vaccinated.*

*The CHWs are  
trained in EPI  
techniques to  
guarantee  
quality service.*



## KACUAT – Primary Health Care Unit



*The new Kacuat PHCU construction is underway. The new permanent clinic will be ready soon, thanks to the community participation.*

*The Consultation Room, the Delivery Room and Pharmacy are currently organized inside a traditional Tucul built by the community with mud and straw in 2006.*

## KACUAT – Primary Health Care Unit



### **Pharmacy**

*The Pharmacy is supplied monthly with drugs, stationary and others medical items.*

## KACUAT – Primary Health Care Unit



### **Nutritional surveillance**

*is one of the main projects activities, as Greater Tonj is still plagued by recurrent famine.*

*An average of 4,500 children were screened with MUAC, quarterly.*

*About 3.5 % children showed severe malnutrition.*

## KACUAT – Primary Health Care Unit

### **Health education**

Every morning the Community Health Workers carry out health education session.

Since the beginning of the Programme there has been an increase of consultations due to improvement of technical skills of local staff and community sensitization. An average of 30,000 consultations was registered quarterly in 2008.



NGABAGOK Primary Health Care Center  
Payam: Ngabagok, County: Tonj East



**Registration and visits at the Nbagok care center.**

*This Center is properly equipped and by a Radio System the referrals are assured 24 hours/day.*

*Unfortunately, the Laboratory, though well set with reagents and equipment, is not functioning, as the Lab Tech. trained went away, maybe to find a better job opportunity. The brains drain is a serious issue in Greater Tonj.*

## NGABAGOK – Primary Health Care Center

### **Pharmacy**

*Arkangelo,  
the pharmacist, says:  
the PHCC is supplied on  
monthly basis and  
no drugs shortage  
was registered  
during the project.*



## NGABAGOK – Primary Health Care Center



### **Consultation Room**

*The Health Workers have been trained on: data collection, common diseases detection and treatment, endemic diseases prevention and control, STI syndromic approach, rational use of essential drugs and pharmacy management.*

## NGABAGOK – Primary Health Care Center

*Mother and  
child just  
after the  
visit and  
vaccination*

*It is very rare to  
see smiling  
children in  
South  
Sudan...*



PALIANG – Primary Health Care Unit  
Payam: Paliang, County: Tonj East

**Pharmacy**

*Paliang PHCU  
permanent  
building was  
constructed in  
2008.*



## PALIANG – Primary Health Care Unit



### **Child Health** **“On the job Training”**

*Milcha, Kenyan midwife, visits a child affected by pneumonia.*

*On the job training and formative supervision are essential to strengthen local staff technical skills.*

## PALIANG – Primary Health Care Unit

**ANC**  
**" On the job training"**

*Seven months pregnant woman.*

*Checking the heart beat of the baby.*



## PALIANG – Primary Health Care Unit



*Romania,  
the trained Traditional  
Birth Attendant is  
able to perform  
antenatal  
consultation and  
to detect high risk  
pregnancy. She is  
checking the  
oedema.*

## MOBILE CLINIC



*On a weekly basis CCM staff carry out immunization campaign.  
People come on foot from all over the rural areas.*



## MOBILE CLINIC



*The Vaccinators register all the children and pregnant mothers; all of them receive a vaccination card.*

## MOBILE CLINIC

ORAL POLIO VACCINE



## MOBILE CLINIC



### **TT Vaccination**

*After the child is time to vaccinate the mother.*

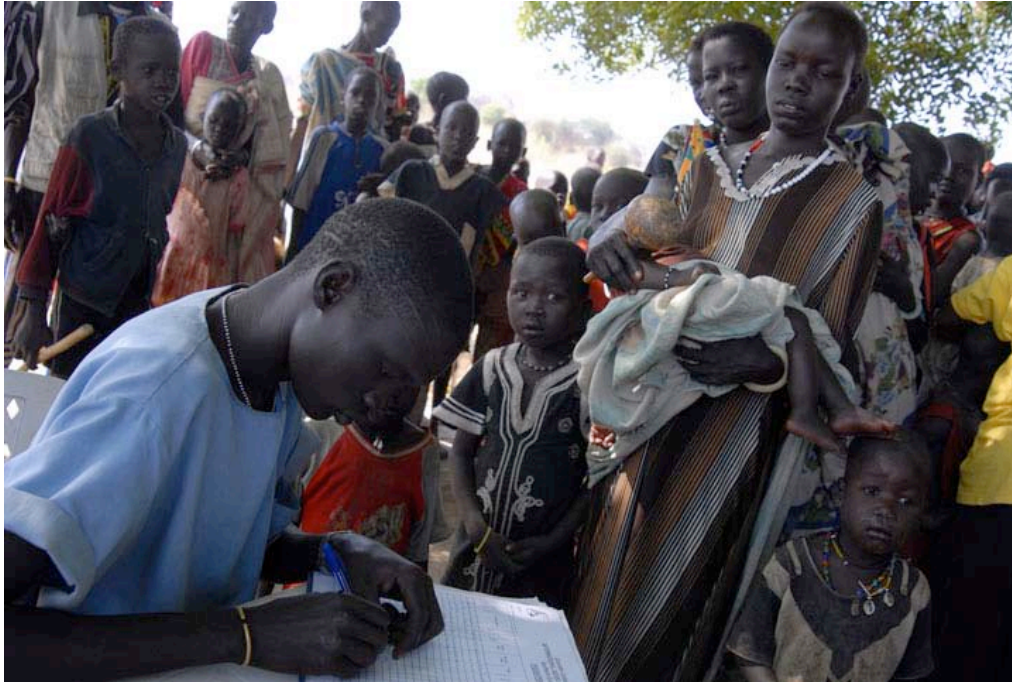
## MOBILE CLINIC

### **Growth monitoring**

Angela, the CCM nurse weighs a baby. Growth monitoring involves screening all children in order to identify those who are underweight.



## MOBILE CLINIC



People always arrive in large number, it is difficult to keep order.

## MOBILE CLINIC



*Sometimes, children arrive alone, without parents, and wait in line their turn for vaccination.*

KUELUCUK – Primary Health Care Unit  
Payam: Paweng, County: Tonj East



**Consultation Room**

Peter Bath is a Community Health Worker, almost every week he receives casualties wounded by bullets.

Kuelcuk is a village near the border between Dinka and Nuer territory, since long time the two tribes use to steal cows each other.

Peter loves his job, he hopes to receive more technical training on health care.



*Thanks to BSF/DFID and CCM I am an healthy child!*



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