

Upper Nile Trip Report 17 – 21 November 2014

Monday, 17 November – Was to travel to Malakal but WFP flight cancelled.

Tuesday, 18 November – Travelled to Malakal. Due to lateness getting out of Malakal, we stopped in Wau



Shilluk before proceeding on to Kodok. The RH tent from UNICEF has been set by the riverside and is being used for all departments. There were many patients waiting to be seen and Elizabeth was busy with EPI, so I went to see the old clinic site. It is still under water.



From there I proceeded to Wau Shilluk PHCC to meet with Nyago Nykuec, midwife who is volunteering there. There is a need for ANC cards and delivery kits at this clinic.

I returned to the mobile clinic and met with Elizabeth. Space for ANC is very limited. The clinic has all the supplies needed. Misoprostol was given. I also met with Clinic In-Charge and we discussed moving all of the tents to one location. He said community elders are willing to give land in a dry place, but want three new staff hired (of their choosing). I asked for a meeting to be arranged for Thursday to discuss this with them. Dhagee to arrange for Thursday afternoon.

We proceeded on to Kodok and lodgings at UNMISS compound.

Wednesday, 19 November – We travelled to Kodok Mobile Clinic in the morning, where I met with the midwife Mary. She says overall attendance at ANC is up (due to ultrasound being available) although many people are gone for harvesting at this time. A review of her register showed a problem computing EDD (she does not like to use pregnancy wheel) so we worked on that. She also was not filling in a risk factor because the print at bottom of register was too small for her to read. A new, larger list was made for her. Of 57 ANC patients seen so far this month, 33 have received ultrasounds. All of the needed supplies and medicines are available.



Ultrasound gel was handed over to Clinic In-Charge. He

requested: 4 chairs, 3 tables, surgical blades, autoclave, bleach and more ultrasound gel for the clinic.

After finishing at Kodok we went to Lul. The new tent from UNICEF has been erected and arranged.

Mary William has arranged the tent nicely, dividing it into ANC waiting area, ANC exam area, recovery/inpatient area and delivery area.



This month 4 deliveries have been conducted at the clinic and they have done 7 home deliveries. The home deliveries are not being reported in the monthly report.

Supplies needed here include bed sheets, plastic covering for deliveries, gumboots for staff to wear in delivery, and solar light. This clinic has not received UNFPA kit 6 A & B, which would provide needed equipment and supplies. (An attempt to reach Millicent, UNFPA Malakal, for these was made, but she was out at this time.) We also spent some time discussing some of her recent cases (? neonatal jaundice?) and women's

response to misoprostol. She has also seen some cases of home deliveries where the cord was not well tied and there was bleeding. A supply of cord clamps to use in such situations would be helpful. Miso is well accepted, she said, because it reduces bleeding and also as it saves them money (they do not have to pay a magician a goat when there is a complication). Misoprostol and cord clamps were given.

I also met with the pharmacist/storekeeper. He is requesting a form for tracking daily consumption of medicines. He did not understand how to use stock cards, so time was spent with him explaining that. We then proceeded on to Malakal.

Thursday, 20 November – Travelled from Malakal to Ogot. We then took a local canoe inland to near the clinic.

The midwife for this clinic was in Juba for a workshop. The tent for ANC provided by UNFPA has been erected, but not set up for use. Supplies brought from UNFPA on the last visit were in storeroom. Dr. Oleny and I went through the boxes and removed magnesium sulfate and calcium gluconate. He will give these to a doctor in Wau Shilluk or Kodok. Some duplicate forceps were taken for Kodok and one vial of urine test strips will be sent to Lul.





A review of the registers shows no deliveries since July.

A new incinerator has been installed since the last visit.

While Dr. Jenny was meeting with OPD staff, I observed dressing and EPI staff. Note was taken regarding some less than ideal practices and these were later discussed with Dr. Oleny. He will take them up with staff.



We then travelled to Wau Shilluk to drop off supplies and meet with the community. The Clinic In-Charge's wife was ill, so he was not there. Village elders had gone for harvesting but said they were willing to give more land where the clinic is now operating at the riverside. Two families (blue and orange tents) would have to move for this, and IMA would need to compensate them. Clinic staff will meet again with elders to discuss how much this would involve and let Juba staff know next week. We then returned Malakal.

Friday 21 November – Returned to Juba by WFP.



Recommendations:

1. Purchase of supplies requested by Kodok Mobile Clinic

2. Purchase of supplies for Lul ANC
3. Obtain from UNFPA Malakal: Kit 6 A & B x 2 (for Lul and Wau Shilluk)
Kit 2 A x 2 Safe Delivery Kits
4. Move tents in Wau Shilluk to one area
5. Print Daily Pharmacy Consumption Sheets
6. Training for dressing staff – decontamination/sterilization, first aid for burns
7. Incorporate home deliveries done by staff in monthly report
8. Consider putting Alajeeza in charge of HIV/AIDS response for Upper Nile clinics and getting someone else for ANC. While she knows and is good at ANC, her interests are more in HIV area and it would fill gap in mobile clinic services.