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**A Field Trip Report from Nancy McGaughey serving in South Sudan**

**Bor – Pariak – Mingkaman**

**29 April – 1 May**

**Wednesday, 29 April** – Obtained clearance at Juba Airport to transport staff salaries to Bor. Flew from Juba to Bor. After going to the IMA office in Bor and handing over cash to the office, we travelled with SMC staff Malual Abijok and Auyen to Pariak PHCC to see the ANC prefab.



The clinic has been installed but not yet in use as they are planning an official opening to be held soon. To get photos of the clinic in use, women who had come for ANC care were brought to the prefab to be seen. 16 chairs came with the prefab; only 6 were in this area. Staff said there is still a lot of furniture in the container, but the key to the container was in Bor.



There are 4 rooms, registration/waiting area, delivery room, examination room and store room. There was only 1 bed (for recovery) and that is in the examination room. The delivery room did not have a delivery bed or tray/table for equipment.

We returned to Bor, where I met with James Geu Kiunthony, Director of Administration and Finance, Bor State Hospital. I later met with Dr. Kwai, Director General and James together to discuss someone travelling with me to Mingkaman the following day for a meeting being organized by Dr. Michael, UNFPA. It was agreed that James would represent Bor Hospital in the meeting. I met informally with some of the doctors at Bor Hospital and had a short tour of maternity unit.

**Thursday, 30 April** – We met James at the IMA office and travelled to the riverside, where we met SMC staff. Travelled to Mingkaman. Upon arrival we went first to the Reproductive Health clinic. The meeting with CHD, commissioner, UNFPA representative, Bor Hospital Representative and I was to be held at commissioner's office. During the trip there Tereza received a call from Dr. Michael that he was not in Mingkaman at that time, and the commissioner was not in his office. We proceeded back to the Reproductive Health Clinic.

I met with Tereza to discuss the following:

- Incentives – Money for April incentives was given. The need to have staff sign in each day they work was reiterated. Also, South Sudan Labor Laws concerning casual labors was discussed. The implication being that one of the cleaners who has been working as casual labor needs to be replaced. Tereza to take necessary action.
- Bid selection for repair of fence, flooring of ANC waiting room and GBV tukhel was discussed. JK Construction needs to submit bid for 4 x 4 meter tukhel (as opposed to 5 x 6). Tereza to get new bid and send to Juba. Pajamugun Construction selected to repair the fence. Tereza to talk with them regarding advance needed to start work and contract will be prepared in Juba.
- Staff was asked to write down their sizes for raincoats and Nancy will try to access funds for their purchase.
- Staff tents were looked at and plans are to replace at least some of them. This will be done after contracts for other renovation work is signed so we know how much is left. Nancy to follow up.
- Two of the big tents need to be replaced. Dr. Michael said he is working on getting replacements. Dr. Michael to follow up.
- PSI program for net distribution has ended. Remaining signatures for distribution were collected and will be given to appropriate staff in Juba. Dr. Michael to follow up with UNICEF to get nets through them. Nancy to assist from Juba if needed.
- Staff IDs were given. Name/title on 3 was incorrect. Nancy to make new ones in Juba as well as ones for 3 staff not present for picture taking the last visit.

Supplies provided to the clinic as follows:

- Oxytocin – 50 ampules

- Bleach – 6 bottles
- Laundry soap 5 buckets
- Bar soap – 1 carton
- Registers - 2 birth registration, 1 delivery
- Ink pens – 50
- Notebooks – 12
- Trash bags – 3 packages

The staff has been very busy. 7 postpartum women and their babies were in the clinic. Hard work of the staff, especially the midwives, was noted.

**Recommendations:**

- Electrician needs to be sent to Pariak to connect outlets to power source.
- Fans are needed as the prefab can become quite warm.
- Delivery bed is needed.
- Inventory of furniture remaining in container should be done and plans for distribution made.
- Follow-up on renovations for Mingkaman needs to be done a.s.a.p. so this is completed before the rainy season starts.
- Bed nets to be obtained for distribution to first-time visitors to ANC in Mingkaman.
- Dr. Madit to follow up with Bor State Hospital regarding medicines/supplies needed this quarter.

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Busy Postpartum unit in Mingkaman



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