

Memorandum

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From: WHO Collaborating Center for Dracunculiasis Eradication, CDC

Subject: GUINEA WORM WRAP-UP #298

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**SOUTH SUDAN:
MINISTER OF HEALTH VISITS ENDEMIC AREA**



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Ms. Yolanda Awel Deng Juach led a visit to Lafon in Lopa/Lafon County of Eastern Equatoria State on Monday, April 24, 2023. Lopa/Lafon

Guinea Worm Eradication Program (SSGWEP) reported in 2022 year, on July 27. The

Mr. Samuel Makoy Yibi, The Carter Ms. Paige Alexander, Vice President Craig Withers, Guinea Worm Program Director Adam Weiss and Deputy Director Sarah Yerian, and Country Representative Jim Niquette, among many others including national, state and local government.

With World Health Organization (WHO) support, the SSGWEP held a planning workshop on May 18-19, 2023 to sustain the Guinea Worm Community-Based Surveillance System in counties transitioning to Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR) and in cross-border counties. The workshop included participants from Central and Eastern Equatoria, Jonglei, Lakes, Warrap, and Western Bahr El Ghazal

States. Dr. Andrew Seidu Korkor
updates/orientation on the revised criteria for certification.

South Sudan has reported no Guinea worm case or infection in January-April 2023.

ANGOLA: MORE DOG INFECTIONS

Angola has reported 18 confirmed Guinea worm infections in dogs

CHAD AND SOUTH SUDAN MINISTERS ATTEND GW MEETING AT WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

Representatives of Angola, Central African Republic, Chad, and South Sudan participated in the unofficial meeting on Guinea worm eradication hosted by The Carter Center at the John Knox International Center in Geneva on May 23, 2023, during the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly. Representatives of Angola, Central African Republic, and Chad presented at the meeting and the

were represented by strong delegations, including Minister of Health Yolanda Awel Deng Juach, Director-General for Preventive Health Services at the Ministry of Health Dr. John Rumunu, and National Program Coordinator Samuel Makoy Yibi of South Sudan, and Minister of Health Dr. Abdel-Madjid Abderrahim Mahamat and Secretary General Dabsou Guidaoussou of Chad. Angola was represented by Secretary of State for Public Health Dr. Carlos Alberto Pinto de Sousa and Central African Republic by National Neglected Tropical Diseases Program Coordinator

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