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## **Our Vision:**

The Buckeye Clinic will improve the health of persons living in Piol. Twic East County, South Sudan, and surrounding villages with a primary focus on maternal and child health.



Yambio state where the outbreak of

**Outbreak** of malaria

occurred this year in Yambio. Hospitals were overwhelmed by the number of cases and with the rainy season more cases will occur. Malaria is the leading cause of illness and death in children under five years. Almost 95% of South Sudan is endemic of malaria, with a high transmission in the country throughout the year. The staff at the Buckeye Clinic were extremely busy giving treatment this summer. Staff member David Chol reported some very unfortunate news. A 14year-old girl died despite the efforts of the staff.



## **AUGUST 2019**

## FROM THE SUDAN TRIBUNE

South African delegation donated food items to South Sudan. With the severe drought and continued violence, 8.7 million people in South Sudan and Somalia are facing severe food insecurity. Food items donated were 130,000 units each of sorghum, beans, cooking oil, and salt for 130 households.

HIV/Aids infection rates now stands at 2.9% compared to 2.7% in 2018. Authorities attribute the sure to many years of conflict. Of the 2.9% infected with the disease, only about 25,000 are currently on treatment.

Severe food insecurity continues in South Sudan largely because of the more than five years of conflict. South Sudan remains one of the greatest food-insecure countries in the world with about 7 million people affected. Reports estimate that almost 21,000 people are living in famine conditions. This affects the children in dramatic ways. With 860,000 children suffering from malnutrition this year alone.

Promise of oil production to finance South Sudan's budget. South Sudan is working with Kenya is cooperating to build a joint pipeline to Kenya's coast and reduce its need to depend on Sudan for all its oil export. South Sudan oil production has increased by 6,000 barrels. The total output is now over 180,000 barrels per day.

Preparing for Ebola. In 2004 South Sudan suffered with an Ebola outbreak with 20 report cases and five deaths. The country's health minister has made an appeal for \$12 million to help in its Ebola preparedness in the wake of the outbreak in Uganda. No cases have been reported so far in South Sudan.

Over 120 health workers have been trained on cholera prevention. There have been frequent seasonal outbreaks of cholera with the last reported one in June 2016 and over in February 2018. Cholera is spread in the drinking water. Only 50% of the people have clean water. The many displaced people in camps are at areater risks. Having access to clean water is essential in preventing cholera. Good hygiene practices like hand washing can help prevent people from getting sick.

Job Fair held in Bor town thirty miles from the Buckeye Clinic. The event was filled with information for young people to learn about local employment opportunities. There was job coaching and advice on how to network with entrepreneurs