



HOLY TRINITY PEACE VILLAGE KURON NEWSLETTER JULY 2022

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Bits and Pieces

Happy Mothers Day—July 04
Happy South Sudan Independence Day— July 09
July 10 Eid El Adha - July 30th Martyrs Day

The rains in 2022 have been very disappointing. Although the Toposa women and men worked hard in the fields and in fact, cultivated more land than previous years, the prolonged drought has withered the crops, there is little to harvest for this season and there is already food shortages.

The people are worried.

TOPOSA FARMER: *The rains did not come. Our crops are gone. We don't know what will happen. Our children will cry.*

The Monthly Department Heads meeting was held early in the month.



Above: UN Mission Chief of Staff Mr. Paul Egunsola, addresses the Secondary School students and staff.

A large delegation from UNMISS visited on 14.July.2022 Mission Chief of Staff, Mr. Paul Egunsola, was able to see the Secondary School built by UNMISS. Among others who accompanied him were: Ms. Hazel de Wet, Civil Affairs Director and Ms. Caroline Waudu, UNMISS Torit Field Office Head.



Human Resources held an Induction meeting for 7 new staff.

On July.08.2022, AVSI distributed school requirements to over 150 children which they are sponsoring in Kuron. 12 children in nursery, 136 in Primary and four in Secondary school. The items include Lockers, mattresses, bed nets, bed sheets, soap, utensils, school supplies, clothes, shoes, buckets, toothpaste. Needless to say, these children were very happy.



Mrs. May de Welt, Mr. Juliuos Yuga, and Mr. Victor Eriga from Stromme Foundation visited twice this month to work with staff on program assessments, Visiting ECCE centers, meeting with Bonga (adolescent girls) and Community Managed Savings Groups (CMSG) and preparation for Secretary General's visit on 10th August. They were involved in these discussions.

Left: Mr. Okori Emmanuel addresses the Stromme Delegation while Bonga Girls listen.

Comment from UN MISS Chief of Staff, Mr. Paul Egunsola,
"I thank you for this opportunity. It is good for us to see the reality on the ground. This is a wonderful school. We will do what we can to continue to support you."

**Comment from Ms.Hazel de Wet
Director of Civil Affairs in Juba:**
" I am so happy to see so many girls in school. My hope is that someday one of you will be standing in my position."



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Infrastructure
The construction of the Secondary School continues at a rapid pace. The foundation, walls and floors are completed. We are waiting for supplies from Juba to complete the project.

A problem with contaminated fuel damaged the fuel injector systems of several vehicles and HTPVK was forced to transport said vehicles to Kapoeta on lorries for repair. **(left)** This seriously compromised the logistical capacity this month.

The Hand Pump in Matara was repaired. The lighting in the Health Centre was improved.



Right: 3 Classrooms at Secondary under construction.



Above: Lack of rains has led to most crops in the Kuron area drying up

Ms. Caroline Waudu UNMISS Head of Torit Field Office:
...convey my heartfelt message to the Archbishop, community members of Kuron Village, teachers of St. Thomas Secondary school and their students for the warm welcome they accorded to us. That was a very moving experience to me and I am grateful for that opportunity.

Peace Building

There was an attempted cattle theft with Toposa youth raiding a Murle camp north of Kuron area. No cattle were stolen, but several people were injured. The Peace Dept. is following up on this issue. There have also been some thefts of food in the area and this can be attributed to the current hunger resulting from the prolonged dry spell. The Peace department conducted a radio talk show on peace and conflict issues and a follow up of two abducted girls.

Right: Elders contributing their experiences during a Local Leadership and Religious Catechist Training which was held on Wednesday 20.July.2022. There were more than 20 Participants.



TOPOSA ELDER SPEAKING AT A WORKSHOP IN HTPVK: I am an old man. But I see the benefits for the younger people in these workshops. Let them learn and take charge. It is their time. Just don't forget to respect the elders.

MS. ELLEN SPEAKING AT A WORKSHOP IN HTPVK: We women can add to the input. We know something too you know. We have two feet to stand on like the men. We are not afraid to speak.



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MR. LINO LOMORU: We are impressed with what these Karamojong Farmers are doing. They can use their animals to plow and this saves time and energy. I want to try this in my field.



MR. JOSEPH LOPEM: My eldest son is paying attention to these new ideas and methods of farming and income generation introduced by HTPVK. He will be successful one day, I am sure.

Livelihoods

The Livelihoods Department organized an Exposure trip to Uganda for six community members. (photo above) The participants saw animal ploughing, tree farming, and many new foods and crops. They returned with renewed vigor and enthusiasm to try some of these things in Toposa land. This month also saw follow up on beekeeping, ploughing, training of animals and Community Managed Savings Group (CMSG).

BONGA Girls held a meeting in Matara to follow up on general organization issues. (Photo below) Stromme Foundation met with the group of the Community Managed Savings Group and with the BONGA Girls.

Primary Health Centre Statistics for July 2022

Total Outpatient	(estimates)
Under 5	423
Adult	572
Total Inpatient	350
Lab Tests	650

One gunshot wound from cattle raiding was treated.
One baby death due to late arrival to clinic.



Primary Health Care Centre



Mr. Amvelio Lotabo Lootuk (Left) returned to Kuron Peace Village after completing his studies for a degree in Nursing at Community Health Training Institute in Wau.

(Right) Nurse Simon treats a gun shot wound patient. The man refused to go to Kapoeta for advanced treatment and left the Health Centre without completing treatment.

The nutritional container was robbed of all food supplies the night of 22.July by male youth. No one was injured.



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St. Thomas Secondary School

At the moment, there are 55 students (13 female) Mid Term Exams were held. Senior 1 has still not joined until further notice. Some local men tried to rob and enter the Girls Dormitory but they were thwarted by quick alarms by the girls. The swearing in of new prefects was done this month. Ms. Lillian Achiro has sewed all the uniforms for the S2 and S3 students and is now working on those for S1 when they arrive in August.

Left: Secondary Students receive lockers and supplies from AVSI.

Right: Br. Francis presides at the swearing in of new Prefects & leaders.



St. Thomas Primary School

There are 410 pupils in Primary, with 72 girls this term. The Primary School Solar system was damaged so the children were given over 300 solar flashlights provided by AVSI. A new inverter was installed and the system is fine now.

Mid Term Assessment Exams were held. AVSI distributed many useful supplies to the new students. The Chicken Pox epidemic begun last month has slowly resided.



St. John Paul II Nursery Schools

Exams were held. Sports and games were held at the end of the term. Mobilization for inclusive attendance of children with disabilities was held in Gumariang. BaBa/Mama club met one time.



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Above Left: Sorghum Field completely burned.

Above Right: Primary Children show off their new supplies provided by AVSI.

Below Right: New Primary Teacher, Mr. Otieno John





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Education Program Impacts and Challenges

A Fruitful Student

“Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding.”
Proverbs 3:13

My name is Hannah Nadapal. I am twenty two years old and the only local Kuron Toposa girl currently attending second year level in Matara Secondary School. My mother’s name is Elizabeth Kuron and my father, who passed away, was called Merii. We are five boys and three girls in the family. I am the second youngest and only the second to attend school. My elder brother, Joseph, graduated from Secondary school and is now working with and Ngo called ACROSS based in Nanyangachor.

In 2010, I was enrolled in the Nursery in Kuron. I started Primary One in 2013. I kept at my studies diligently and eventually earned high marks. My teachers said my English was the best in the class. Those teachers told me to be a good girl and study hard. They wished me to make something of myself. I did miss my mother and family when I was in school but I got used to it and put my head down to study.



My mother always told me that I was clever and should get a good education. She said marriage can wait but first you must learn. However, when I was very young studying in P-6, a boy in P-8 got me pregnant. I was too young

to understand the consequences. I ended up giving birth to two boys by this man. I have left him because he became a drunkard. My brothers were angry because we had to pay back the cows which they received for my marriage dowry. That was a bad time of my life and I don’t like to talk about it.

However, I was determined to succeed, I returned to primary school classes after a few years. My mother is very supportive and takes care of my children while I study. My mother is not a shy woman. She is strong and able to stand up to others. She wants the best for all her children. Even my brothers now agree and support me in my studies.

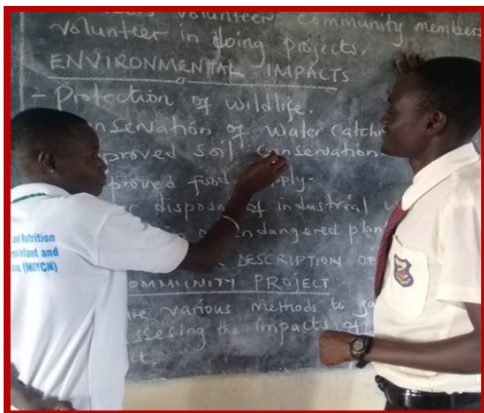


Figure 1 Hannah helps another student with lessons



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Figure 2 Theatre Group of 2013. Hannah, age 11, is first on

In 2013, I was part of the Kuron Theater Group. It was exciting and we made plays and acts for Peace. We even traveled to Kapoeta and Lokichogio in Kenya. We were well known at that time. It was my first time to travel and I found those places so big and so interesting. I discovered the Turkana language has so many words the same as Toposa. They also dressed differently and had some different customs. But we got along fine.

One day some youth came to the Peace Academy (at that time named Youth Academy) and they took all our theatre clothes and belongings. I think they were poor and needed clothing. I forgive them. That was really the end of our Theatre Group.

In 2019 for the primary final exam, I got 359 out of 500 points and passed to Secondary School. I was hired by BONGA program to work with young girls and for a short time to distribute nutritional supplements to pregnant and nursing mothers for 2 months. One thing I discussed with the young Toposa girls was the issue of early marriage and having children. How it changes your life.

Presently, I am in Secondary School and I have many friends. Biology is my favorite subject but I also do well in English. I am Catholic and I like to participate in the Choir singing joyful songs to God. Of course, some of the boys are jealous of me because I get higher marks. You know in our culture, the men

I am praying hard that more classrooms can be built here in Matara Secondary school as I really like it here and want to finish my Secondary Education. I am interested in Nursing.



I have spoken with the Nurses and Midwives here in the Primary Health Centre and they have encouraged me to do my best and maybe someday I will get the chance to become a nurse. My wish is to return here and help my people.

(source: Interviews with Hannah Nadapal edited by Gabe Hurrish)



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