REPORT ON HEALTH SENSITISATION, MOBILISATION AND PRACTICAL SERVICES CONDUCTED IN SOROTI DISTRICT

LOCATION

The Community outreach was conducted in Aboket which is found in Kamuda, under Kamuda Health Centre III, Kamuda Sub County, Soroti County, in Soroti District. While in Soroti Town, Aboket is in western part of Soroti town about 25KM from Soroti town.

ACTIVITIES

- **Immunisation**: 63 Children of age between 1month to 5years were vaccinated out of expected 115 Children according to one of the Health workers from Health Centre III.
- **HIV testing and Counselling**: 86 people tested for HIV out of the expected 200. 53 people tested were female and 33 were male both adults and Children.
- **Family planning**: with the support from our partners of TESO SAFE MOTHERHOOD and Health workers of Kamuda Health III, we were able to sensitise the community on the important of family planning and we encourage the family members who were around to be talking to their spouses who were not around what they have learnt.
- **Malaria control [testing and treating]**: The Community were sensitise on the important of using mosquito net and the danger of keeping water log containers, bottles and potholes containing water to avoid providing breeding ground for mosquito.

CHALLENGES

- The communities still believe in traditional culture of witchcraft not the existence of malaria.
- Distance to the health unit from their respective places. Some communities fear to move a distance of 5km to seek services from the health unit.
- The community prefer going for garden work early in the morning with their breastfeeding Children even during coldness hence, exposing them to Malaria and/Anaemia
- Communities fear to know their status
- Lack of sensitisation to the Community
- High expectation of gift by the community when they hear about NGO and/ any activity in the area.

ACHIEVEMENT

- Community were sensitised and educated about the danger of malaria and were encouraged to be taking their children for immunisation to a near by Health Unit.
- There were free testing and counselling both malaria and HIV unlike in Clinics.
RECOMMENDATION;

- There is need to involve men on female and Children Health issues.
- There is need to advocate for regular integrated Community outreach services

**NB;** The services were conducted effectively in collaboration with patterners from TESO SAFE MOTHERHOOD, SOROTI CDC, HEALTH WORKERS from the district and MACIS.

THANKS.

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