

PROGRAM REVIEW MEETING OF THE GUINEA WORM DISEASE
ERADICATION PROGRAM IN SOUTHERN SUDAN
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Recommendations

- Give priority to ensuring optimal quantity, quality and distribution of supervision in endemic areas of the four Focal Areas (Greater Tonj, Greater Kapoeta, Ayod, and Awerial / Terekeka). (SSGWEP)
- Define GW-free payams in Southern Sudan and the respective roles of the GOSS MOH/SSGWEP, UNICEF, WHO and TCC in GW surveillance and in assisting GW interventions.
- High political and program leaders of GOSS should give sustained public support for the program by visiting endemic areas, speaking out about the program, actively monitoring the status of the program, etc.
- The MOH, including the SSGWEP, and partners need to maintain the existing sensitive and specific surveillance system for endemic villages and gradually integrate this system into IDSR and EP&R systems for formerly endemic and all other non-endemic villages that can report, investigate, and rapidly respond to all rumors and confirm cases.
- Engage Village Development Committees in endemic villages to improve borehole maintenance and repair, surveillance, and response. (SSGWEP)
- Encourage GWEP task force to work with government, water agencies and partners such as UNICEF to improve support of drilling supervision in four focal areas.
- Increase overall rate of case containment to 100% in 2009. (SSGWEP)