

SUCCESS STORY 1.

IHO saves life of a Pregnant Mother and the baby in Ajok Boma with the referral services.

Mary Dut Garang 26 years old, a mother of 2 children pregnant (Gravida3 para2) was brought to the mobile clinic by her parents from Ajok at around 11am after she had labour pains for more than 2 days with mild vaginal bleeding without progress at home being attended to by local birth attendants.

Ajok is a boma in Ayat centre payam in Aweil west County which is one of those areas that are affected by floods and have limited access to health services. Actually a person has to move almost 6 hours on foot to reach the nearest health centre.

Mary had never attended any ANC service because of the long distance she has to travel on foot to access the services

What saved Mary is to be brought to the mobile clinic where the IHO midwife examined her and found out that she was in a critical condition that she actually needed a referral to another high level health facility that is equipped with better maternity services

. According to her attendants, IHO team was informed that it could take the attendants 6 hours on foot to reach a nearby facility that offers maternity services.

The team referred Mary to Malalbai PHCC accompanied by a midwife where she was immediately admitted on maternity ward, examined and finally put on oxytocin intravenous and at around 7pm she gave birth to a baby boy who according to the attending midwife needed resuscitation due to fetal distress. Both mother and child were discharged after two days in good condition.

Mary is primary three school dropout and doesn't have any source of income and depends on her husband Lino Garang who works in Aweil Town. She says during rainy season she does some farming though on small scale. Mary is one of the very many people from communities with limited access to health services who have benefited from integrated health services provided by impact health organization in Aweil.



Figure 10. Mary being brought to the mobile clinic (left) and on the right hand side photo of Mary at the time she came for postnatal care services at IHO mobile clinic.

“I am so grateful for IHO team and staffs of Malalbai PHCC for saving my life and the baby, i don’t know how we would have managed (me and my parents) during this critical time without IHO team, but glory be to God who brought you to Ajok in the right time. May be i would be dead by now because i wouldn’t be able to walk all that distance to the facility. Many women go through similar challenges here in our village where even there is no mobile net work to call for any help but me I have been lucky and surely I will never forget the help IHO and staff at Malalbai gave to me.” Says Mary as she narrates her ordeal and appreciation.