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# **AQUA-NEWS**

#### **ZOOM TO ACTION!**

On the afternoon of April 8th, Executive Director Buey Ray Tut had the honor of presenting to students of the Omaha Street School. Rather than the traditional inperson presentation, however, Buey conducted his talk electronically via Zoom to a group of enthusiastic students.

As part of the organization's mission to bridge cultural gaps, Buey compared his past experience of living through a civil war to the present Coronavirus experience. The anxiety, fear and uncertainty inherent in both experiences presented an opportunity for discussion. Buey not only shared his story but invited the students to share theirs as well.



In addition to Omaha Street School, Buey has had the privilege to present and connect online with UNO students, Center Sphere members and Rotary clubs. During this difficult time, Aqua-Africa will continue its outreach efforts to "Bridge cultural Gaps" via teleconference using Zoom. The organization is reaching out to youth organizations, schools and clubs to engage as many people as possible with a message of togetherness and perseverance.

## WATER IS BACK!

For the past three weeks, Nzara community's Village Supplier water system has been out of order. The system being down meant that over 2,500 people in the community were left without access to clean drinking water. Working with the established water committee, Aqua-Africa performed several diagnostic tests before determining the submersible water pump had failed.

On Tuesday April 7th, a new pump was delivered from Juba to replace the nonfunctioning pump. After a successful installation, the pump is again providing clean drinking water to the community. As



part of their agreement, the community will contribute 50 % of the maintenance costs.

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### **SOUTH SUDAN COVID-19 UPDATE:**

As of April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the government of South Sudan has officially announced four Covid-19 infections. To contain further spread, the government has moved to close the international airport, suspend domestic flights, restrict in country movement and has established a curfew. Presently, virus testing capabilities only exist in the capitol city of Juba. The national government is also working with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to roll out additional virus testing throughout the country.

## **2020 PHOTOS**













