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Memorandum

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From: WHO Collaborating Center for Dracunculiasis Eradication, CDC

South Sudan from August 29 to September 27, 2023. She traveled with Director Makoy to Awerial, Rumbek, and Tonj East Counties on September 1-11 and participated in a two-day workshop in Juba on September 19-20 with Makoy and Niquette to review plans for the remainder of the year and for next Guinea worm season. Carter Center Vice President for Overseas Operations Craig Withers, MBA, MHA was in South Sudan September 19-22, 2023, during which he also participated in the two-day workshop and met with Director Makoy, Country Representative Niquette, other members of the SSGWEP, and other Ministry of Health officials.

We regret to report that SSGWEP Field Officer John Makor Garang died of a snake bite on September 8, 2023. The snake bite occurred in early July but was not reported to the program until September 7. He received some treatment in July but left before completing the full course of therapy. John had worked with the SSGWEP off and on since 2021 as both a field office and an Abate team member. He was stationed at Bunagok, in Awerial County of Lakes State. We extend our sympathies to his family, friends, other relatives, and colleagues.

ETHIOPIA: ONE INFECTED DOG

The Ethiopia Dracunculiasis Eradication Program (EDEP) has reported a confirmed Guinea worm infection in a 1-year-old female dog detected in Atheti village in Gog district of Gambella Region. The dog was detected with a blister on August 7, and the worm began emerging on August 8, 2023. The infection was *contained*, but the *source* of this infection is *unknown*. Atheti village has been a well-known focus of Guinea

Table 1

MALI GWEP LISTING OF ANIMAL INFECTIONS: YEAR 2023

#	Region	District	Health Zone	Village	Ethnicity	Profession	Host	Host name	Probable origin	Date of detection	Date of emergence	Entered water?
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Table 2

Number of Laboratory-

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Wang Y, Perini T, Keskinocak P, Smalley H, Swann J, Weiss A, 2023. Evaluating the effectiveness of potential interventions for Guinea worm disease in dogs in Chad using simulations. *Am J Trop Med Hyg* 109:835-843. <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2023.05.22.23290350v1.full.pdf>

Inclusion of information in the Guinea Worm Wrap-Up does not

In memory of BOB KAISER

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