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Obama Inn Fire Displaces Female Sex Workers (FSWs)

Bor, Jonglei State –14th March 2024

A fire broke out at 11:20 PM late last night at the Obama Inn, located in Bor Town.



Figure 1: Obama Inn outside view after the blaze.

Thankfully, there have been no reports of injuries or deaths associated with the incident. However, the fire has displaced 6 Female Sex Workers (FSWs) who have lost their belongings including shelter, clothes, and other personal effects. The FSWs require urgent humanitarian

support as their livelihood is disrupted and shelters are destroyed with shelter materials, clothes, WASH items, and food as they go through this situation.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation. The Obama Inn management is working closely with local authorities to determine the blaze's origin.

"Our top priority is the well-being of our peers [female sex workers] who were affected by this fire," said Dr. Garang Awuoldit, Key Population Project Officer at Bor Site for Yo' Care South Sudan.



Figure 2: Destroyed Obama Inn by the fire.

"We are committed to supporting the displaced female sex workers during this difficult time. The

livelihood of the FSWs is anchored on their sex work which is done mainly at their congregation joints such as the Obama Inn. The FSWs are an important key population in societies and are most vulnerable. The displacements add to the existing dire economic situation for these groups. We are working to provide them with temporary accommodations, essential items, and emotional support," he continued.

The Inn's activities on 14th March 2024 will be focused on assisting displaced female sex workers.

About Yo' Care South Sudan

Established in 2009, Yo' Care South Sudan is a national healthcare and research organization focused on health, nutrition and WASH operating in Central Equatoria, Jonglei, Lakes, Unity, and Western Barh El Gazal States. Yo' Care has been working and supporting the key populations (female sex workers and their clients) since 2010. Yo' Care stands in solidarity with the key population community in Bor and will support them as they go through this unwarranted displacement.

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