

Good communication and TB Treatment

Mr. Akol Akol, aged 42 years was suffering from cough, high fever, headaches and generalized body weakness for about 3 weeks. He was straddled on a way forward, since he had relocated from one state to another and so decided to call AAA program manager at Head of Office for advice.

While in communication with the program manager, he said, he was calling from Aweil and therefore DR referred HIM to Aweil TBMU for more investigation and management. Mr. Akol Akol, on arrival to the unit, introduced himself as one who had been referred to the unit, by one person from Nairobi (following his phone call to Nairobi) for further management.

The TB nurse was already expecting him, as the program manager had communicated, he was then asked of his past health history and he is quoted as;

“I was diagnosed of TB 3 years ago, in Warap State cured and then discharged, 2 years after I developed the same symptoms and I went back to the same facility for management. I was tested and then I was put on medication again, I completed 8 months of TB medications and I felt better, never fallen so sick and weak like then in a long time, until 3 weeks ago, that is to why I had to look for the telephone contacts of the people who cured me when I felt so sick then to cure me again, and so here I am”

The TB nurse then collected his present health history, he was then sent to the laboratory for further investigations.

The genexpert was run on him, and he was found to be negative and he was referred for further investigation in the OPD, and asked him to return back with the findings.

He was diagnosed with typhoid and malaria from OPD; He came back to the facility with the findings, given medication and left for his home.

Weeks after, he came back to the facility very happy and grateful to AAA. “Thank you very much for the advice, I know if your people had not cured me years ago, I would not have come

to the hospital, I would have remained in village taking my herbs, maybe I would have died, so thank you AAA for saving me again, I am now fine”

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