Introduction:

This is an assessment report carried out in eight remote villages of Kapoeta State:

In Kapoeta I went to meet H.E. the State Governor about the situation in his State regarding security and hunger. He sponsored and directed me to some villages south of Kapoeta Town to carry out an assessment as a case study.

We went to Kanagatuny Boma in Longelia Payam.

The team comprised of the following:
1. Bishop Bernard Oringa
2. Bishop Isaac Deu Chol
3. Rev Abraham Thiong
4. Mr Clement Lokwar a representative of Community Based Organization who was also our guide and interpreter.

We visited 8 villages and these were our findings.

In each village we were alarmed by the situation in which each person we asked expressed the desperate need for food. The people were living on fruits called, ‘Ngideffalla’ and ‘Nyebei’, which they boil and eat. At the time of our arrival most able people had left the villages in search of food only children and the very weak ones were left at home.

At this time all the fruits were finished and the trees are shedding leaves.

The stories:
1. The first family we visited
2. Elia Lokole

Hunger has destroyed our strength. We cannot cultivate because our strength is gone. We need urgent help to enable us prepare for the coming cultivation period. Food is nowhere. Fruits are finished from the trees. We cannot live for another one month.

3. Lorimoi (A woman).
We are happy to receive you bishop. We have hope that your coming will rescue us from this hunger. I am weak and cannot walk. Unless you hurry to help us, we shall all perish. I cannot feed my children now. All the fruits we lived on are finished there is no more hope.

4. Lodiko Lohurot (A woman)

Express similar story and added that they sometimes mine gold but now they are too weak to mine Gold. They need help otherwise they will have no hope for life

5. Lokwamoi (a woman who was too weak to come out of her hut)
Lokwamoi said that if no food is brought within two days from now, she wishes good bye to the rest and appeals that those who are able should assist those who will survive.

6. I checked the grinding stone if any grain was grinded, but it showed no sign of grinding for a very long time.