



AFRICA/SOUTH SUDAN - Despite the truce, clashes continue: aid, medicines and therapeutic food are needed

Yirol (Agenzia Fides) - In the aftermath of the truce signed in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, between representatives of the Government of Southern Sudan and the rebels led by Riek Machar, fighting continues and there remains much skepticism concerning the real end of the conflict. A statement issued by a doctor of the NGO Doctors with Africa Cuamm, who has been there since the beginning of the clashes, says "even here in Yirol the news of the signing of the ceasefire between the government and the rebels of Machar arrived, however, there remains much skepticism among the population. 60-70 km from Yirol fighting still goes on and since the beginning of January the wounded continue to arrive in our hospital from different areas especially from the area of Jonglei".

"The flow of trucks loaded with household goods and people passing through Yirol, heading to the north-east of the Country also continues – says the doctor - a stronghold of President Salva Kiir, of ethnic Dinka, in search of greater security". Meanwhile in Juba, the capital, things are better. "The Cuamm team operating in the hospital in Lui (Western Equatoria) and in Yirol (Lake States) are working in extremely precarious conditions. Medicines for the treatment of malaria, pneumonia, diarrhea, as well as therapeutic foods such as vitamins, antibiotics and painkillers are desperately needed. Cuamm has been present in the African country since the outbreak of hostilities and has always given its support to hospitals in Lui and Yirol. Currently in Yirol and Lui there are in all 9 volunteers present who work with a team of over one hundred local operators. (AP) (Agenzia Fides 07/02/2014)