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HOW TO SLAY A DRAGON

WENESDAY, APRIL 9

12-1 PM ON ZOOM

IN 1986 THREE AND A HALF MILLION CASES OF GUINEA WORM WERE REPORTED. NOW, WITH ONLY A HANDFUL OF CASES LEFT IN THE WORLD, WILL THIS DISEASE THAT HAS PLAGUED HUMANS FOR MILLENNIA FINALLY BE ERADICATED? THE NAME "DRACUNCULIASIS" IS DERIVED FROM THE LATIN "AFFLICTION WITH LITTLE DRAGONS" BECAUSE OF THE PAINFUL FIERY BURNING SENSATION EXPERIENCED WHEN THE WORM EXITS THE BODY. THE WORM'S PRESENCE HAS BEEN RECORDED AS FAR BACK AS ANCIENT EGYPT. MAKOY SAMUEL YIBI IS THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF SOUTH SUDAN'S GUINEA WORM ERADICATION PROGRAM. HIS JOB HAS BECOME MORE EXPENSIVE AND MORE DIFFICULT AS THE NUMBER OF INFECTIONS HAS DWINDLED, AND AS CASES HAVE SHOWN UP IN THE MOST REMOTE CORNERS OF SOUTH SUDAN.

THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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