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# Support the MOH in Priority Countries to Update Routine Immunization Micro-Plans and Mop-up Activities in the Context of COVID-19 to Sustain Immunization Coverage-Sudan

## Project Information

- ◆ Department: Public Health Programs
- ◆ Unit: Polio and Immunization

## SCOPE OF WORK

The main objective of this project is to maintain the immunization coverage and limit the impact of COVID-19 on Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (VPDs) immunity in Sudan.

## BENEFICIARIES

The project's main beneficiaries are Locality Immunization Officers and Health Facilities.

## REGIONS OF WORK

This project was implemented in Sudan targeting the 18 states.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

During this project, immunization officers at the local management level were trained on the Microplanning in the 18 states. Furthermore, micro-plans were updated/developed to respond to the coverage enhancement requirements targeting hard-to-reach areas and high-risk districts. The update/development of the micro-plans was based on a situational analysis that was conducted in the area where the polio cases are reported, and frequent outbreak of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (VPDs) are reported. Once the micro-plans are updated, a quality review of the micro plans generated took place versus the situation analysis.

<b>Project Start and End Date</b>	<b>October 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021</b>
<b>Partner Organizations</b>	-
<b>Funded by</b>	<b>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).</b>
<b>Collaborators</b>	<b>Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) Sudan, WHO.</b>



## PROJECT Phases

The project involves Four main phases:

**Phase I: Planning:** Planning and coordination with Sudan FMoH and in country partners such as WHO, to ensure synergism of activities in addition to situational analysis of the current Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) data at the health facility level.

**Phase II: Development of materials:** Based on the situational analysis findings the micro-planning training curriculum, manual and materials will be developed.

**Phase III: Implementation:** Microplanning TOT workshops targeting the locality immunization officers from the subnational level at the state and locality levels to develop micro-plans.

**Phase IV: Quality Control:** Quality review of the micro plans generated versus the situation analysis.

### Currently . . .

COVID-19 negatively affected the immunization program functions in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) as there was a significant decline in the immunization activities during March and April of the year 2020. In May and June of the same year and after the availability of WHO guidelines, countries Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), and provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), the immunization programs started to resume their work but still the catch-up on activities are challenging. Sudan is one of the priority countries that experienced polio outbreak exacerbated by COVID-10 pandemic and led to a significant decline in the immunization rate.

### What is next . . .

Under this project, micro-plans will be generated at the health facilities level, targeting areas where polio cases and frequent outbreak of VPDs are reported, in Sudan. The development of micro-plans will be based on the situation analysis of the current EPI services. The updated micro-plans will result in sustaining the immunization coverage and limit the impact of COVID-19 on VDP immunity in the country because immunization services are a critical component of health services and should be maintained in line with COVID-19 response measures.

## OUTCOMES BY NUMBERS

320 locality immunization officers trained on Microplanning TOT.

18 updated states micro-plans.

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