



Enhance vaccination demand in Sudan low performing localities with a focus on zero dose pockets

Project Information

- ◆ Department: Public Health Program
- ◆ Unit: Polio & Immunization Department

OBJECTIVES

This project's main goal is conducting active zero dose-finding among special population groups to enhance vaccination demand in Sudan low performing Localities.

BENEFICIARIES

EPI focal persons/ vaccinators at the sub national/state level.

General Population at high-risk communities.

Unvaccinated children

REGIONS OF WORK

GHD in collaboration with the national EPI in Sudan will identify high risk communities in the 18 states of Sudan complementing other partners.

PROJECT PHASES

This project involves two phases as follow:

Phase 1 Preparation: The project will start by reviewing home visit manuals to include the reporting of unvaccinated children. Consequently, orientation sessions will be conducted at the sub national level about the updated home visits manual and report.

Phase 2 -Implementation: The updated home visits manual will be printed and distributed. Active zero dose-finding in targeted area will be conducted in addition to health education outreach sessions.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In Sudan, approximately 50,000 children were estimated to be unvaccinated in 2019. Communication and social mobilization are critical components in the EPI to achieve disease elimination and eradication targets. Therefore, multiple strategies should be implemented, especially for the polio end game and measles elimination initiative. Accordingly, the home visits manual will be reviewed, updated, printed, and distributed. Vaccinators will be orientated on the updated manual before the distribution. Further, the national EPI will conduct health education outreach sessions and active zero dose finding.

Currently . . .

In Sudan, approximately 50,000 children were estimated to be unvaccinated in 2019. Myths and misconceptions, refusal, fear of AEFI, low awareness about the immunization benefits and programmatic error are the main barriers to immunization. This emphasizes the need to enforce communication and social mobilization as an integral part of EPI to achieve disease elimination and eradication targets.

What's next . . .

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By the Numbers

4000 Home visit manuals.

+350 Health education outreach sessions.

+ 20,000 Children (active zero dose-finding in targeted areas).

18 orientation sessions conducted at the state level.

+220 EPI focal persons/ vaccinators at the sub national/state level to attend the the orientation sessions

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