



Global Health
Development

Scale up Public Health Empowerment Program for EPI supervisors in Yemen

Project Information

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

SCOPE OF WORK

The main objective of the Public Health Empowerment Program (PHEP) is to build the epidemiological capacity of the supervisors. Activities will include training the supervisors on performing tasks that support immunization surveillance and outbreak investigation and response in addition to report writing, management and leadership. In this project, GHD will support Yemen MOPHP to conduct two cohorts of the PHEP Program

REGIONS OF WORK

The project is being implemented in Yemen.

BENEFICIARIES

The project's main beneficiaries are the EPI supervisors at the governorate at the district level.

PROJECT PHASES

This project involves three phases as the following:

Phase I – Preparations: Customize PHEP-SPO curriculum and training material as per a last year's evaluation report.

Phase II – Implementation: Conduct the two PHEP-SPO cohorts.

Phase III – Closing: Conduct closing ceremony.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

GHD will support Yemen Ministry of Public Health and Population (MOPHP) in conducting two PHEP-SPO cohorts. The objective of the PHEP program is to build the epidemiological capacity of the supervisors. The supervisors will be trained to undertake essential tasks that support the immunization, surveillance, outbreak investigation and response, writing supervisory reports, management, and leadership, communication, and motivated supervision. The project will start by customizing the PHEP-SPO curriculum and training materials to suit a new target group of supervisors at the governorate and district level as well as based on the recommendation provided in the PHEP Evaluation report that was conducted last year. GHD will support the MOPHP in conducting 3-day mentorship training for each cohort for around 10 mentors. The mentorship training will be followed by the first workshop that focuses on public health surveillance for five days, followed by 4-week field work. The second workshop focuses on the outbreak investigation and leadership and management, will be for ten days and will be followed by 4-week field work. The last workshop will be for 5 days; this workshop aims at providing the opportunity for the participants to report and present their second fieldwork.

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Collaborators	Ministry of Public Health (MoPH)



Currently . . .

Between the years 2017 and 2019, three PHEP-SPO cohorts were conducted in Yemen and over 50 EPI officers were graduated. The training aimed at enhancing the EPI Officers skills to complement their current roles of supporting the MOPHP's efforts in sustaining polio eradication and strengthening routine immunization.

However, the evaluation provided information about the program effectiveness and efficiency. By the end of the assessment, the MOPHP and GHD were aware of the effectiveness and success of the PHEP trainings and agreed that it achieved its desired objectives, and they identified the needed actions to enhance the program, improve its effectiveness, and make informed decisions before conducting future cohorts. Consequently, achieving the goals of the training program in building the capacities of (EPI) staff in areas of disease surveillance and public health management.

What is next . . .

The success of introducing PHEP training in Yemen was acknowledged during the previous years to the senior health officials. Thus, it was agreed that GHD will support Yemen MOPHP in expanding the PHEP trainings to include two cohorts, targeting the EPI supervisors at governorate and district levels. Each cohort will be attended by around 25 participants.

OUTCOMES BY NUMBERS

Two PHEP-SPO cohorts will be implemented in the Southern and Northern Governorates of the Country.

25 EPI supervisors at governorate and district levels per cohort will be graduated.

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