



Global Health
Development

Outcome to Impact; supporting Public Health Empowerment Program - Surveillance for Polio Surveillance Officers (PHEP-SPO) Projects in Sudan

Project Information

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

OBJECTIVES

Support projects of PHEP-SPO cohorts graduates addressing local challenges facing the sustaining of Polio eradication and RI activities at district levels in Sudan. As well as assist in expanding the technical capacity of Polio/EPI program staff to fill gaps in manpower in various public health priorities and implementation of polio transitional planning.

BENEFICIARIES

The Sudan Federal Ministry of Health. In specific, the ministry Polio and RI staff at district and locality level who graduated from the PHEP-SPO.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

GHD in collaboration with CDC and Sudan Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) supported from 2017 – 2019 conducting four cohorts of PHEP-SPO and graduating 112 surveillance officers serving at 16 states out of 18 states total in Sudan. In continuation to this support with the aim to reach an impact, GHD and CDC in collaboration with FMOH supported priority projects developed by graduates that is addressing polio and RI related challenges and proposing means to solve existing problems at the district level.

More than 50 projects ideas were suggested, and a Project selection committee is formed to review these projects, prioritize them based on their scope and support the implementation of the top ranked ones using the mini-grants approach. Supported projects must come under one of three categories: Strengthening Surveillance System, Demand Creation for Immunization, and Capacity Building Projects. GHD used robust and diversified technical and management expertise to ensure an effective and quality selection and monitored the implementation plan of each selected project.

REGIONS OF WORK

This project was implemented in Sudan

PROJECT PHASES

Phase 1: Form a Projects' Selection Committee: A joint committee with members from GHD, CDC, FMOH and technical committee at EPI was formed to review and select projects.

Phase 2: Projects of the PHEP-SPO graduates was reviewed based on a selection criterion developed by the Projects' Selection Committee.

Phase 3: The selected top ranked, and priority projects was supported through mini grants to be implemented.



Project Start and End Date	October 1, 2019 – April 30, 2021
Partner Organizations	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Sudan Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH)
Funded by	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Currently . . .

The efforts to eradicate Polio and control/ eliminate Vaccine Preventable Diseases in Sudan have come a long way. However, gap in sufficient numbers of trained manpower especially at district levels and existing of many local challenges related to surveillance and demand for immunization among others continue to be present. The PHEP-SPO 3-month mentored training program allowed building the capacity of trainees as well as identifying key problems at locality levels through the projects presented by graduates.

What's next . . .

The suggested critical projects received, make it essential to strengthen PHEP-SPO impact through supporting priority Field Projects in selected Districts. These projects will assist the FMOH in meetings the local needs and respond to polio/RI chronic challenges.

The selected and approved projects will run in parallel in different states and localities under the direct supervision of FMOH and GHD to assess projects meeting their established monitoring and evaluation indicators.

By the Numbers

More than 50 projects suggested by trained officered that are considered critical to solve the Polio and RI local challenges at local levels.

PHEP-SPO projects identified problems in 67 to 80 localities, as some projects cover more than one locality

8 PHEP-SPO projects, were supported as those projects were reviewed and selected based on four defined criteria: project importance, impact, quality and feasibility

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