



# Enhance Immunization frontline workers Performance through Supportive Supervision and Monitoring System in Somalia

## Project Information

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

## OBJECTIVES

The project goal is to strengthen immunization coverage through strengthening EPI supportive supervision through providing support to Somalia Ministry of Health (MOH) to reinforce well-functioning supportive supervision system.

## REGIONS OF WORK

The project will be implemented in Somalia.

## BENEFICIARIES

The targeted beneficiaries are the state and regional EPI staff.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Years of conflict have disrupted the health system infrastructure in Somalia. This has substantially decreased the immunization coverage in the country. To contribute to strengthening immunization coverage through strengthened EPI supportive supervision, GHD will support Somalia to reinforce well-functioning supportive supervision system. EPI supervision desk review will be conducted. Furthermore, GHD and a national consultant will conduct two days' workshop to develop supportive supervision improvement plan followed by two days meeting to review & update the supervisory checklist.

Also, GHD will support Somalia to conduct ToT training on EPI supportive supervision for the state and regional EPI staff. this training will be rolled out into 4 training workshops for the EPI focal points at district level. The supervisors will be trained on attributes of a Strong Supervisor, how to plan for supervisory visits, implementation of motivated supportive supervision in the field and using the supervisory check list & writing a supervisory report. Each workshop will be for five days. The materials will be developed based on WHO Mid-Level Management (MLM) supervision and motivated supervision guidelines.

## PROJECT PHASES

This project involves two phases as follows:

**Phase 1-** Planning: Develop supportive supervision improvement plan followed by two days meeting to review and update the supervisory checklist.

**Phase 2-** Implementation: GHD will support Somalia to conduct ToT training on EPI supportive supervision for the state and regional EPI staff. Then GHD will be conducting 4 training workshops for the EPI focal points at district level.

<b>Project Start and End Date</b>	<b>08/1/2021 – 07/31/2022</b>
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<b>Collaborators</b>	<b>Somalia MOH</b>

## Currently . . .

Years of conflict have disrupted the health system infrastructure in Somalia, and limited its capacity. The immunization coverage in Somalia is low and the drop-out rate remains a concern. Somalia is continuously affected by outbreaks of VPDs like measles, cholera, and cVDPV2. The fight against COVID-19 has put an additional strain on health care resources and is stretching the ability to respond to multiple health threats at the same time.

Finding of studies from different countries revealed that provider-based interventions such as supportive supervision can have independent positive effects on immunization program indicators. Considering the current challenges facing the workforce of the immunization program in Somalia many health staff are left unguided which negatively affects their performance. It is important that the supervisors are themselves well equipped with needed competences, updated relevant information. Moreover, the supervisors often lack the technical, managerial & supervisory skills needed to effectively perform the supervisory visit. Accordingly, the implementation of the supportive supervision system initiative is one of the most significant initiative in the meantime.

## What's next . . .

This project will contribute to strengthening immunization coverage through strengthened EPI supportive supervision in Somalia. GHD will support Somalia to reinforce well-functioning supportive supervision system.

This will ensure high quality of immunization services, regular supportive supervision to monitor the immunization performance, identify gaps and correct any prospected problems.

## By the Numbers

### Around 25

EPI Staff at the states level will be trained on supportive supervision

### Around 80

EPI Staff at the districts level will be trained on supportive supervision

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