



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

Project Information

- ◆ Department: Public Health Programs
- ◆ Unit: Polio & Routine 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|EMPHNET 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|EMPHNET and CDC in collaboration with FMOH will support 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 project ideas were suggested, and a project selection committee was 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|EMPHNET will use robust and diversified technical and management expertise to ensure an effective and quality selection and oversee the implementation plan of each selected project.

REGIONS OF WORK

This project will be implemented in Sudan.

PROJECT PHASES

Phase I – Form a Projects’ Selection Committee: A joint committee with members from GHD|EMPHNET, CDC, FMOH and technical committee at EPI will be formed to review and select projects.

Phase II – Projects of the PHEP-SPO graduates will be reviewed based on a selection criterion developed by the Projects’ Selection Committee.

Phase III – The selected top ranked, and priority projects will be supported through mini grants to be implemented.



Project Start and End Date	October 1st, 2019 – April 30th, 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

18 PHEP-SPO projects, were prioritized, reviewed and under enhancement by the FMOH national focal point and GHD counterpart for final selection for support

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