



Support operationalizing routine microplanning in Somalia

Project Information

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

OBJECTIVES

The project goal is to build the country's capacities for the smooth implementation of immunization activities.

REGIONS OF WORK

The project will be implemented in Somalia, particularly in Jubaland and Galmudug regions.

BENEFICIARIES

The targeted beneficiaries are the state, regional EPI staff.

PROJECT PHASES

This project involves three phases as follows:

Phase 1- Human Resource Planning: A national consultant will be recruited to conduct a desk review on EPI microplan validation, update and contextualize the microplan validation checklists and tools, and lead with GHD the subsequent activities.

Phase 2- Planning: GHD will support conducting one 3-days consultative workshop to finalize the revision of the microplan validation checklists and tools from the involved partners in the country.

Phase 3- Implementation: GHD will support conducting two ToT training on sessions on the revised microplan validation tools. Then GHD will provide technical and logistic support for EPI state officers to assess the operationalization of the microplans using the revised tools.



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As a follow-up to the EPI microplans developed as part of year 2 activities in Somalia, GHD will support operationalizing routine microplanning in Somalia focuses on updating and contextualizing the EPI microplan validation checklists, that aim to assess the implementation and the operationalization of the developed microplans in a selection of the previously targeted health facilities. GHD will initiate this project by hiring a consultant to conduct a desk review of the validation checklists and tools currently used by EPI and other partners in the country. Next, a revised and contextualized microplan validation tools will be drafted by the consultant and presented for discussion and finalization in Q2 during a 3-day workshop involving 25 participants from MOPH, WHO, UNICEF and other partners in the country, followed by two 3-day TOT sessions on the revised/developed tools. Each session will involve a total of 25 EPI staff at the central level in addition to EPI officers of Jubaland and Galmudug states. Also, GHD will provide technical and logistic support for EPI state officers to assess the operationalization of the microplans using the revised/developed checklists and tool in four selected HFs in each of Jubaland and Galmudug. The data collected will be compiled into a comprehensive report describe the challenges faced in data collection and analysis, gaps in implementation, and identify areas for improvement. The microplan validation tool and report will be presented to FMOH for endorsement and planning of future activities aiming to support operationalization of the developed routine microplans.

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Collaborators	Ministry of Health and Human Services at the Federal Republic of Somalia

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.

In Somalia, the immunization policy document issued by the ministry of health and human services (July 2020) underlines that all regions/districts and facilities shall have their respective micro-plans to guide immunization activities. Nevertheless, microplanning is yet recognized as one of the areas necessitating capacity building and skills development as per the situational analysis conducted in December 2021.

In 2023, GHD supported conducting one four-days TOT on strengthening the skills of 25 EPI officers at state, region and district levels in developing routine immunization microplans.

Additionally, GHD supported conducting four three-days workshops, targeting a total of 60 EPI vaccinators from Jubaland and Galmudug. As a result of the workshop, EPI microplans of 7 health facilities with fixed and outreach strategies in Jubaland and 17 in Galmudug were developed.

What's next . . .

This project will support the operationalization of the developed EPI microplans of the previously targeted health facilities. The microplan validation checklists will be contextualized to the country-specific context. Additionally, the field validation of the developed microplans will be the first ever to be conducted in the targeted states.

This project will contribute overall to ensure high quality of immunization services and monitor the immunization performance, identify gaps and correct any prospected problems. The data collected from field assessment will be communicated with FMOH for endorsement and planning of future activities.

By the Numbers

Around 25

EPI Staff at the central and sub-central will be trained on the updated microplan validation checklists

Around 8

field assessment visits will be conducted for validating developed microplans

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