



Global Health
Development

Provide logistic support to polio eradication activities and measles surveillance, with a focus on surveillance data management in Somalia.

Project Information

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

OBJECTIVES

This project aims to provide logistic and technical support to polio eradication activities and measles surveillance with a focus on surveillance data management in Somalia. GHD will contract a consultant for 12 months to provide the needed technical support for polio eradication activities and measles surveillance. The consultant will be based in Kenya at WHO office.

REGIONS OF WORK

The project will be implemented in Somalia.

BENEFICIARIES

The targeted beneficiaries are Rapid Response Teams (RRTs), Households (HH) and guest children.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A logistical operational guideline/manual that can be adopted by EMR countries was developed. Taking into consideration the rapid needs assessment tools and guidelines available for countries during emergencies. Taking into account the potential obstacles in the field. GHD will contract a consultant who will provide technical support for polio eradication activities and measles surveillance in Somalia, with a focus on surveillance data management. To prevent the spread of VPD, strengthen routine immunization, and guarantee that all children are vaccinated, Somalia will receive the logistical support for polio eradication and measles surveillance, with an emphasis on surveillance data management.

Logistical support will also be provided to the consultant as he will be based in Kenya at WHO office and is expected to conduct two to three trips to Somalia to support Vaccine preventable diseases (VPD) surveillance data management.

PROJECT PHASES

Phase 1 Specify the need: Conduct rapid needs assessment during the raised emergency or based on the country request of support.

Phase 2- Development of guidelines: A logistical operational guideline/manual was developed for EMR countries.

Phase 3 Contracting: Signing a contractual agreement with the selected personnel or institutions that will provide the needed logistical and/or financial support.

Phase 4 - Implementation: GHD|EMPHNET will oversee the progress and interventions in the target areas.

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| Project Start and End Date | 08/1/2022 – 07/31/2023 |
| Funded by | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) |
| Collaborators | Somalia MoH |

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.

The humanitarian crisis in the country continues due to the ongoing conflict, violence, and increasingly frequent drought, therefore, limited access to essential needs including vaccination.

Therefore, Somalia is in dire need for support to battle any potential disease outbreaks and effectively respond to VPDs outbreaks.

What's next . . .

In Somalia, logistic support will be provided to polio eradication activities and measles surveillance, with a focus on surveillance data management to stop transmission of vaccine-preventable diseases, strengthen routine immunization and ensure all children are reached with vaccination.

By the Numbers

GHD|EMPHNET Information: Global Health Development (GHD) and Eastern Mediterranean Public Health Network (EMPHNET) works at achieving its mission by responding to public health needs with deliberate efforts that allow for health promotion and disease prevention.

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