

Support Strengthen EPI microplanning skills at state and district levels in Somalia

Project Information

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

OBJECTIVES

This project goal is to support Somalia in achieving an increased and equitable immunization coverage through improved Routine Immunization (RI) microplanning. In specific, the project will strengthen the knowledge and capacity of the Expanded Immunization Program (EPI) staff at selected states to generate updated micro-plans.

REGIONS OF WORK

The project will be implemented in targeted states and districts of Somalia.

BENEFICIARIES

The targeted beneficiaries are 25 EPI state supervisors in addition to 60 participants.

PROJECT PHASES

This project involves two phases as follows:

<u>Phase 1-</u> Planning and Preparations: to agree with the Ministry of Health and Human Services in Somalia on the priority states/districts and facilities in Somalia and adapt microplanning training curriculum.

Phase 2- Implementation:

- GHD will support conducting one 4-day ToT training workshop for 25 EPI state supervisors.
- Afterwards, as a pilot activity, GHD will support conducting four 3-days workshops, each targeting 15 participants, to provide technical and logistic support for the development of health facility based microplans combined in district microplans in two states.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Building on GHD experience in microplanning, this project aims to support the national Somalia EPI program in strengthening the skills of its state officers in developing routine microplanning via strengthening the knowledge and skill of vaccination workers on strategies to deliver immunization services and developing realistic micro-plans through an indepth understanding of the immunization barrier. GHD will support adapting the microplanning training curriculum to meet the needs of EPI staff and will provide RI microplanning training sessions for 25 EPI state supervisors. This will be followed by four workshops targeting a total of 60 participants to provide technical and logistic support for the development of health facility based microplans combined in district microplans in two states.

Project Start and End Date	08/1/2022 - 07/31/2023
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Collaborators	Ministry of Health and Human Services at the Federal Republic of Somalia

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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.

What's next...

Through implementing this project, the EPI staff at in the targeted health facilities will be able to develop, regularly update RI micro plans to support EPI team in reaching target population with immunization services targeting areas where the polio cases are reported, and frequent outbreak of cVPDs are reported.

By the Numbers

25

EPI state supervisors trained on RI microplanning 60

EPI staff district and health facility vaccinators trained on RI microplanning

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