



Malaria GF Programme Community Dialogue / EVENT REPORT

| Partner | ISDP | Venue | Waaberi Host community |
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| Facilitator(s) | Yasmin Shiekh Doon & Xamdi Abshir Jamac | District | Garowe |
| Date(s) | 21/06/2023 | # Of Days | One day |
| Type of Event | Community Dialogue | Training Other: (specify) | |
| Objective / Subject | Community Dialogue gathering | | |
| # Of participants * | 35 participants were attended this meeting | # & type of facilities | Community House |

Description of methodology (methods, tools & material used, etc)

Introduction:

- Since 2015, ISDP has been implement a Malaria behavioural change communication program with the support of UNCEF/GF that is anchored on the Malaria Communication Strategy which aimed at supporting BCC for Malaria prevention, diagnostic and mitigation services in targeting population at risk in 4 districts in Mudug, 4 districts in Nugal and 7 districts Bari in Puntland. The ultimate result of this proposed project is to achieve by 2023, at least 85% of at-risk population in Puntland will adopt the chosen health seeking behaviour, demand malaria protection and treatment commodities as a right and use the available malaria prevention and treatment services.
- The proposed project activities will directly contribute to the Somali National Malaria Strategic Plan 2021
 2025 taking in to account that Somalia is an oral society hence oral communication approaches with community dialogue being the preferred at community level with BCC as a key element of both prevention and case management.

Objectives of Community Dialogue session:

- to improve the health-seeking behaviour of the community with regards to public health facilities services, including increased use of LLINs.
- to increase the capacity of communities to fulfil their roles and responsibilities in Malaria prevention and control.
- to improve collaboration between the community and health workers in identifying issues related to Health service delivery and to improve action regarding constraints in access to or quality of care. Garowe is a capital of Nugaal region the ISDP with this importance the malaria BCC program Team was held community Dialogue session which were invited the influential people in the community such as women's association, youth association, religious scholars and community leaders at Garowe, after welcoming the participants and encouraged them to take gain of this essential meeting of Community dialogue and ask them to discuss and share their experiences about malaria disease seeking Diagnosis, treatment and prevention measures at community level, and how they play an important role for community awareness on malaria diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control in their locations.

Dates when the meetings were held 21/06/2023, It was expecting 20 persons from social groups to be attending, but **35** persons were benefited this session. These included; women's groups, Youth, community committees including IDPs.

Methods

- Presentation IEC materials
- Brain storm
- Discussion

Any other materials shared during the meeting?

Share registration forms of the participants that attended

Community dialogue is a chance that draws participants from as many parts of the community as possible to discussion information face-to-face, share personal stories and experiences, honestly express perspectives, clarify viewpoints, and develop results to community concerns.

How to prevent Mosquito breeding sites in your Home/Village.

(No breeding sites - No Mosquito)

- To protect yourself from mosquito bites at home it is best to prevent mosquitoes getting into your house
- Always sleep under treated mosquito net.
- Maintain fly screens on windows, doors, vents.
- Remove stagnant water around the house so mosquitoes cannot breed.
- Change pet drinking bowls and vase waters at least once a week.
- Change the water and brush the inside of Barkads and water barrels at least once a week.
- As little as one teaspoon or bottle cap of water standing for more than one week is enough for mosquitoes to breed and multiply.
- . These top mentioned topics has been deeply discussed during Community Dialogue session and after all participants agreed:

Deeply discussed topics:

- ✓ Increased knowledge among community members of signs, symptoms of malaria.
- ✓ Increased discussion about health beliefs, decision-making, gender roles, norms and values, leading:
- ✓ Increased acceptance of benefits of early treatment seeking behaviour. During the community Dialogue meeting participants explained that Community Dialogues helps dispel the misconception that Malaria illnesses were caused by Mosquito, as well as exploring the consequences of delayed treatment-seeking, and that as a result, complicated Malaria which is difficult to treat it.
- During the community dialogue, participants discussed their role on preventing and controlling malaria in their area of origin. After discussion, they agreed that they should take an important role to play on the fight against malaria in the community by raising public awareness in the public meeting including social groups meeting and advocating for the increasing utilization of health services.

Constraints

Participants complained of heat during the meeting because the summer season had begun.

Recommendations

Rains in some areas due to stagnant water could lead to malaria outbreaks, so it should be monitored -COVID-19 prevention measures should be acknowledged all levels.

Photos taken during community dialogue session





Community Dialogue.

List of Participants.

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