



### Malaria GF Programme Community Dialogue / EVENT REPORT

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Date(s)	06/11/2023	# 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	MCH

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 Puntland of somalia, 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.

Date when the meetings were held 06/11/2023, It was expecting 20 persons from social groups to be attending, but **35** persons were benefited this gathering. These included; women's groups, Youth, community committees including IDPs and host community.

#### Methods

- Presentation IEC materials
- Brain storm
- Discussion

### Any other materials shared during the meeting?

• Participants filled attendance sheet

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 debated their role on preventing and controlling malaria in their area of origin. After discussion, they granted 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

- ✓ Stagnant water is around Garowe.
- Fear of El nino with heavy rain expecting in putland.

#### Recommendations

ISDP will accelerated the community awareness on malaria and El nino storm.





## Community Dialogue.

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# List of Participants.

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