



MoH



Community Sensitization Meetings in Bosaso IDPs

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1.0 Introduction

Social and behavior change (SBC) aims to empower individuals and communities, and lower structural barriers that hinder people from adopting positive practices and societies from becoming more equitable, inclusive, cohesive and peaceful. ISDP is implementing a Covid-19 Risk Communization and Community Engagement (RCCE) intervention in Bosaso IDPs.

The direct beneficiaries include children less than five years and pregnancy women living in Bosaso IDPs and poor host population, children under the age of 5, pregnant mothers especially those from poor and marginalized communities who are facing humanitarian crisis Children with special needs such as unaccompanied minors, with disability; orphans etc. will be given special priority.

Drawing on various disciplines (from sociology and psychology, to communication and behavioral economics), SBC encompasses any set of strategies and interventions that influences drivers of change and supports local action towards better societies. It helps development practitioners and policymakers design more effective programmes for reducing poverty and inequity. In addition, it blends scientific knowledge with community insights, most importantly, to expand people's control over the decisions that affect their lives.

Therefore, ISDP programme team planned to conduct three sessions on community sensitization meeting targeting Bosaso IDPs communities on **11th January-2023**. This activity is monthly based activity that will be conducting three session every month for different IDP sites which 40 community influential members will invite them to participate, during the session the participants will discuss and share their experience about on covid-19 vaccine uptake and Hygiene and sanitation session thus among their community and will gain their knowledge necessary for reduction of Covi-19 Mortality, morbidity and Cobd-19 preventive measures.

Community sensitization meeting is a meeting that draws participants from different IDPs camps of a community and creates the opportunity for exchanging information and

perspectives, clarifying viewpoints, and developing solutions to issues of interest to the community.

2.0 Overall objective.

The overall objectives of community sensitization meeting in Bossaso IDPs in each situation needs to be assessed and analyzed separately to identify context-specific characteristics. Assessments should be multi-sectoral in nature to capture all aspects of IDPs Bossaso and their host communities conditions, to explore the full range of opportunities and risks of intervention and to ensure an appropriate intervention. Without a proper assessment an intervention could create greater tensions between and within communities, leading to heightened protection issues. A key consideration should be: what resource transfer approach in a given context would be most effective to address assessed needs, while being acceptable to the target population? Assessments may reveal that families or host communities are coping well without assistance and, in such cases, care must be taken not to distort natural coping. They serve to fill gaps on health among community members, identifying problems and help community to tak

- ❖ The absence of camps in many situations of internal displacement;
- ❖ The opportunity to pursue local integration;
- ❖ The perception of many IDPs that greater opportunities exist to 'go it alone' outside camps and by migrating to towns and cities for work with corresponding opportunities to support family members located elsewhere through remittances;
- ❖ Protection problems for certain IDPs within camps which lead them to seek greater security outside a camp;
- ❖ The simple opportunity of having relatives or friends and other social networks where hosting is possible; or
- ❖ A combination of some or all of the above factors leading some families to split their options, whereby part of the family may reside in a camp while one or several family members migrate to areas where work opportunities are greater, and where they may have host-enabling networks. e collective action for improvement of health practice increase of the Covid-19.
- ❖ Empowered Leadership
- ❖ Coordination
- ❖ Accountability to Affected Populations

3.0 Methodology:

- Introduction
- Brain storming
- Open discussions.
- Experience sharing
- Recommendation/Comments

3.1 Schedule

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Date	SN	Target IDPs	F	M	Total	Meeting centre
11th Dec 2022	1	Waaberi	50	0	50	Waaberi Banadir Shirkow
	2	Banadir	45	0	45	
	3	Shirkow	30	15	45	
Total			125	15	140	

3.2 Scope of meeting

Alternative coping mechanisms, including living with host families in host communities, are the norm for a majority of IDPs. It is often assumed that IDPs in hosting arrangements are located mainly in urban areas and are likely to be more affluent than IDPs in camps - and consequently less vulnerable or in need of assistance. This view is being challenged by studies showing the extent of hosting in rural areas and the growing prevalence of host families and host communities suffering economic strains from sharing already meager resources with IDPs.

3.3 SBC Approaches

ISDP together with MOH campaign supports different communities in Bosaso IDPs in improving the quality of health and strengthening the capacity of local administrators and communities that will result in improving the quality of life. The campaign has full package of serial activities that aimed to boost community awareness on health issues particular covid19 also become a powerful response and strategy to facilitate access to protective learning. The best approach to

deliver community awareness is through utilizing different modalities and techniques to engage communities and these include:

- Community Gathering and sensitization meetings: ISDP staff organized meeting with opinion leaders, CHW, parents, women and youth was conducted at the different areas to bring on board to various IDP settlements into one approximate center to sensitize and share experience on health issues generally and specifically to Covid-19.
- Door to door campaign, ISDP contracted with social mobilizers and equipped them all supports needed to facilitate door to door campaign and counselling throughout targeted communities. Social Mobilizers aimed to identify households, based on this, the parents will give them brief information about the importance of health seeking and Covid-19 precautions and vaccine to get them from nearby facilities supported by ISDP or other stakeholders such as SCI.

3.4 Principles of Community Sensitization Meetings

Participation: Enable communities to play an active role in the decisions that will impact their lives through the establishment of clear guidelines and practices on participation and ensure that the most marginalised and at risk are represented and have influence.

4.2 Brain Storm/Sharing Experience

After introduction and setting rules, facilitator emphasized the importance of participant's opinion and it's welcomed. He also informed that in this session we would ask questions and answer question with facts.

Further to that facilitator asked the participants about how many of them heard Covid-19 and its symptoms? Majority of the participant's which was exactly over 40 participants had confirmed that and emphasized that covid-19 is an infection pandemic disease which had erupted recently and effected world population equally. They also stated that this disease reached Somalia earliest day of this covid-10 birth as it was seen the first case in Somalia Mogadishu and later in Garowe.

More to that, facilitator asked how many of the participants have been effected or suffered covid-19? a couple of participants affirmed that and stated that this infection and pandemic disease have affected them differently. One participant reiterated that he developed sever headaches, loss of appetite and sever chest pain and dry cough. In addition to that, participant's listed key symptoms of Covid-19 and below here are symptoms and precautions:

4.3 Action plans

Finally, facilitator with support of ISDP coordinator and MOH focal person requested the participants to work with counselor and social mobilizers as they do in house or door to door counselling, however, communities have made declaration of the following actions to take their social part on spreading health messages to improve the uptake of Covid-19 vaccines

1. Communities to welcome and support social mobilizers and covid-19 counselor
2. participant make declaration to take Covid-19 vaccine and seek any advice from health workers placed at health facilities
3. ISDP to support social mobilizers to provide daily campaign on Covid-19 vaccine

5.0 Conclusion

There is still a huge amount to learn about the impacts of COVID-19, the first priority of communities and health stakeholders must be to reduce virus-transmission rates and protect the health and safety of communities through precaution and vaccines. Community campaigns, sensitization meting related to the current COVID-19 pandemic mean that IDP communities are more at risk of increased vulnerability and the only visible option is to fill the gap to provide vaccination for the potential adults to reduce the impact of COVID'19 on vulnerable communities.

6.0 Recommendations

Health workers will need to focus, jointly with families and the broader community, on the following crucial areas as they move forward:

- Provide routine awareness raising and behavior changes for prevention and management of COVID-19 amongst communities

- Carry out community mobilization of parents and guardians to improve health seeking behavior
- Mass media and community groups will be involved in encouraging parents/ IDP communities on covid-19 precaution measures.
- Ensure availability of safe water, toilets and adequate, accessible hand washing in communities
- Scale up door to door campaigns on covid-19 vaccination.
- provide Covid-19 vaccine outreach plans on monthly and quarterly basis

Annex: Pictures Waaberi IDPs

Annex: I: Activity Photo



Annex: Pictures Banadir IDP Camp





Annex: Pictures Shirkow IDP Camp