

GF Malaria BCC Quarterly Narrative Report Jan - March 2022

1. BACKGROUND

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Malaria BCC is one of the Current on-going projects - that targets pregnant mothers and children <5 yrs. The Information, education and communication (IEC) on Malaria Diagnosis, treatment, prevention and control. All the Malaria BCC Activities are community/facility based and have a very strong community outreach component. The community Educators Conducts Door to Door visit and educate the Household member to Malaria Diagnosis/ treatment and prevention knowledge using special IEC material (Chart set) at community and household level. The community-based malaria control program UNICEF Somalia's GFATM program seeks to reduce the spread of malaria in communities. The Community-Based Malaria Control Program focuses on equipping community volunteers with the skills, knowledge and tools they need to educate the public about malaria prevention and treatment. Currently ISDP implements malaria BCC / IEC in targeted 15 districts in Mudug, Nugaal and Bari regions.

ISDP following and adopting the National Malaria Strategy document will target the implementation of proposed malaria interventions to the communities in all project regions of Bari, Nugaal and Mudug. Therefore, ISDP followed and adapted the National Malaria Strategy as targeting the implementation of BCC/IEC to the communities in 15 districts in three Regions as mentioned above.

One of key objective for Malaria project related to Behavioral Change & Communication is to increase the access to LLINs among the population living in Malaria BCC project Areas/districts.

Objectives:

By the end of 2023, at-risk population including nomadic, hard to reach and special population groups (IDP, refugees) will know signs and symptoms of malaria and timely seek health care:

1.4 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is summarising the major activities conducted between Quarter One (Jan to Feb 2022) by ISDP as Sub-recipient of Malaria Grant 2021-2023 on strengthening malaria control and health system through BCC interventions in the 15 targeted districts: Bosaso, Gardo, B/Bayla, Qandala, Alula, Iskushuban, Ufayn, Garowe, Dangorayo Eyl, Burtinle, Gakkaio, Harfo, Galdogob and Jariban as per the planned activities for this quarter One 2022. The planned accomplishments of the quarter were to carry out three Community Dialogue, Continuous Participatory Household Education, participation of

monthly & supportive supervision. ISDP in collaboration with MOH/ National malaria control programme and UNICEF conducted the following major activities:

2. MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS for QTR 1

Community Dialogue: A total of 97 participants have attended a community dialogue meeting held at in Bosaso and Burtinle district, during the community dialogue the participants discussed and shared their perceptions, belief and understanding on malaria causes, signs and symptom, transmission, diagnosis, treatment and prevention methods.

Household Visit: 8,277 households were visited by the Community Educators through continuous participatory education to pass malaria key messages and ensuring LLINs usage. **8908** persons were benefited these events.

Community dialogue:

January 24th, February, 16th, March and 26th 2022, ISDP organized and conducted one-day of monthly based community dialogue in this quarter targeting areas under Bosaso and Burtinle Districts.

A total of **95** (2 males and 93 female) participants from all parts of the community attended and discussed the importance of recognizing malaria symptoms and prevention as well as seeking treatment behavior. Facilitators used inter action and learning centered approach such as, brainstorming, asking questions, experience sharing etc. major topics covered were malaria prevention, importance of LLIN proper use and hang, malaria signs and symptoms, diagnosis and seeking treatment.

Supportive supervision:

ISDP Malaria BCC project staff Conducted supportive supervision conducted at areas under project: Bosaso, Gardo, Dangorayo, Garowe, Ufayn, Iskushuban, Hiriro and Kobdhexad.

Quarterly support supervision (18-22th March 2022).

ISDP malaria BCC project Field coordinator and Health/Nutrition officer has been carryout the Support supervision visit to Iskushuban, Ufayn, Kobdhexad and Hiriro and the support supervision visit was taken 5 days from 18-22th March 2022.

Supervision (23-29th March 2022).

As planned ISDP malaria BCC project coordinator and ISDP senior Health Officer has been conducted the Support supervision visit to Gardo, Gardo, Dangorayo, Garowe and Armo and the support supervision visit for 7 days from 23-29th March 2022.

- **Objective: of support Supervision Field Visit.**

This opportunity is to take coordination to the Community Educators efforts at regional level and ensure improved information sharing and flow among the Regional/District health Officer and primary health care officers at regional level.

- Review performances of Community Educators aspects of Malaria routine activities and approaches for implementation.
- to share information about malaria in Puntland in general particularly Bosaso to the community Educators in visited sites.

During field visit we met with Health facilities staff of visited locations in Bari, Karkar and Nugaal regions.

ISDP team meet local Health staff, Malaria BCC outreach staff and updated on Malaria situation in Puntland in General, Bosaso in specific. The continue to Assessment performances of Community Educators aspects of Malaria routine activities and approaches for implementation. During field visit we met with District Health Officials of visited Districts and we discussed how to improvement community Awareness on Malaria Diagnosis, Treatment and prevention and control in Health Facility level.

Key findings from the Field visit (Quarter One 2022).

During this visit 100 people from the community asked questions about malaria prevention 89% showed an increase in community knowledge on malaria prevention in the community.

The community has decreased their fear of COVID-19, and you can see that the community is not taking the basic steps to prevent Covid-19.

Community Educator's Monthly home visit data

The community educators mandated to do continue malaria education sessions and monthly home visits to each targeted 15 districts of Under Bari, Nugaal and Mudug region. The purpose is to provide key information/messages on malaria prevention and control to the LLIN beneficiaries in order to increase their knowledge on malaria through regular BCC activities. During the household visit, community educators were used monthly BCC report forms along with malaria chart sets. Once each form filled properly, all the forms have been submitted to ISDP.

In the reporting period of this quarter one Jan-March 2022, a total of **8,277** households has been visited and provided key messages on malaria prevention by 86 community educators in Fifteen targeted malaria prone districts. **8,908** persons participated in Household Malaria sessions. **276** of Community meetings has been organized by Community Educators, that **1,830** of persons benefited community meetings/Dialogues.



Workshop for Message Development.

ISDP conducted workshop for message development at Bosaso on 6-7 April 2022, 35 persons from University students participated

Workshop session for Day One

Mr. Mohamed Moalim then took up the session by providing pretest of IEC in order to evaluate the capacity of their level of malaria activities.

as a brainstorm we asked a questions on IEC material use to prevent and control of malaria disease, the answers of participants were 60% right and 40% were new therefore not got a right answer. question related malaria were asked to participants also at starting workshop.

Day Two

The session began with the Recap of the Previous of day one and we divided in four group and every ground are presented different malaria intervention and every group select one person to present it what they have discussed.



Recommendation of Workshop

Every participant responded that s/he was leaving the workshop with new skills. Likewise, all respondents indicated that attending the workshop was a valuable experience; that they will be able to apply what they learned to their respective community; that meeting other grantees was a valuable experience, and that they would like to continue interacting with others.

It is clear from the majority of responses that the workshop was a success. It met its goals for skill building,

The following comments were made from different participants

- modify flyer images to include visual images
- to add picture of an open Berkads
- to change the image of the mosquito net to make it more visible
- to add picture for renovated Berkads

3.Challenges

- 1.Lack of Motivation of outreach staff (Community Educators).
- 2.the biggest challenge that have existed was the fear of covid-19 in the community

4. Recommendations

- Malaria community awareness will accelerate to reach all beneficiaries.
- Provide personal protection Equipment among outreach staff.
- Motivation of malaria BCC outreach staff.
- Using different approaches on delivering key health messages on malaria case management and prevention contribute increasing awareness.

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