





IYCF PROMOTION SESSIONS REPORT



Basic Information	
Subject	Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) Promotion session
Funded by	SHF
Implemented by	ISDP
Training facilitators:	Farhiyo Osman Ali and Zaytun
Type of training	
	INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING (IYCF)
Target group/s:	
Number of participants:	125 participants.
Location held the sessions	Canjeel, Xijiijle and Unuun health centers
Days of the Training	9 Days each village three days

Introduction:

In Puntland currently, the breastfeeding counseling and promotion services for the pregnant and lactating mothers are integrated with Ante-natal care (ANC) services at health facility level with many gaps. Community-IYCF is more effective in addressing the gaps at facility level because target groups can be reached easily. In response to these challenges ISDP collaboration with Ministry of Health will conducted three days of IYCF promotion session in Bossaso town.

The main strategies for delivering these IYC Promotion session are through the community health workers and mother to mother support groups and advocacy using different channels to reach the target audiences. Based on the action plan, 125 participants attend the IYCF promotion session held on 13th to 21st December 2022 which focused on appropriate breast feeding children 0 -2 years on IYCF counselling, breastfeeding, complementary feeding and mother-to- mother support group and etc.

The participants were selected from the villages under Qandla districts and main sessions materials used for the course was the generic IYCF package developed by UNICEF.

Objectives- IYCF Promotion session

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By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- ✓ List the steps of expressing breast-milk by hand.
- ✓ Describe how to select and prepare a container for storage of expressed breast-milk.
- ✓ Describe how to store breast-milk.
- ✓ Describe how the breast makes milk.
- ✓ Explain proper positioning and attachment.
- ✓ Identify three common challenges of breastfeeding along with their prevention, symptoms, and solutions.
- ✓ Identify the age at which to begin introducing foods.
- ✓ Describe a baby's first foods (local, available, and affordable).
- ✓ Name three popular beliefs and myths about breastfeeding and explain how they relate to optimal breastfeeding practices.

IYCF promotion sessions conducted by trained IYCF counselors in xijiijle, Canjeel and Unuun villages almost 125 beneficiaries where attend the different session facilitaor getting support IYCF counselors provide IYCF promotional sessions the targeting PLWs

and demonstrated the Micro Nutrient powder for U2 year children and Micro-Nutrient tablet for PLWs were provided

Activities during the IYCF promotion session

Practical demonstration was done in the IYCF promotion session before beginning the lessons. session the participants/learners were also give opportunity to discussed the following topics and presented their ideas using wall chats, flip char papers that were fixed on the front wall Participants and facilitators discussed beliefs and myths that affect breastfeeding practices, Participants said they believed in the following:

- ✓ Colostrums should be discarded because it is not good for the new-born baby
- ✓ Mother who is pregnant should not breastfeed
- ✓ Breast-milk is not enough to meet a baby's needs
- ✓ Every baby needs water
- ✓ Do not start breastfeeding until the breasts have milk.
- ✓ Babies who are given formula grow faster, are fatter and healthier than breastfed babies.
- ✓ Babies need more than breast milk especially if they cry a lot
- ✓ A sick baby should not be breastfed.
- ✓ Breastfeeding would cause breasts to sag
- ✓ Once breastfeeding is stopped, breastfeeding cannot be started again.

We made a brainstorming session on early initiation of breastfeeding. Participants were able to learn that early initiation of breastfeeding helps expel the placenta and reduce bleeding. They also learnt that first milk (colostrums) is the baby's first immunization and it contains everything the baby needs. During the brainstorming some participants expressed the belief that a baby cannot live without water for six months. They later came to appreciate that breast-milk contains enough water for infants from 0 to 6 months old and that the earlier you put the child to the breast, the faster the milk comes. They also learnt the benefits of skin to skin for babies immediately after bath especially for low birth and premature babies.

The lessons were started with a brainstorming session on good positioning and attachment during breastfeeding. A demonstration of good positioning and attachment techniques was conducted using dolls.

Participants practiced correct positioning and attachment with dolls. We discussed the fact that breast size of a woman's breast can not affect how much milk is available for the baby. Participants also learnt that the amount of milk produced can be increased through proper positioning and attachment, frequency breastfeeding and by the mother eating and drinking healthy foods. The benefits of exclusive breastfeeding for both the baby and mother were explained. Babies are healthier and are sick very rarely and mothers also benefit by preventing pregnancies. Prevention of pregnancy through exclusive breastfeeding is achieved through delaying ovulation and menstruation during the first 6 months after giving birth. Participants also learned that Mothers who do exclusive breastfeeding are less likely to die in childbirth, Mothers are less likely to miscarry, and their newborns are less likely to die, be underweight, or be born early.

We asked the participants to describe how a mother would express milk. After discussions of their descriptions the following points were presented.

✓ Express as much as you can as often as your baby would breastfeed. This should be at least every three hours, including during the night.

- ✓ If you express only a few times, or if there are long intervals between expressions, you may not be able to make enough milk. To keep up your milk supply to feed a sick baby, express at least every three hours.
- ✓ To build up your milk supply, if it seems to be decreasing after a few weeks, express very often for a few days (every two hours or even every hour), and at least every three hours during the night.
- ✓ To leave milk for a baby while you are out at work, express as much as possible before you
 go to work, to leave for the baby. It is also very important to express while at work to help
 keep up your supply. To relieve symptoms, such as engorgement, or leaking at work,
 express only as much as is necessary

Conclusion

We explained that although breastfeeding is common in Somalia, almost all babies take other foods and liquids in addition to breast-milk during the first 6 months. Feeding of foods and other liquids, it is very dangerous for the baby's health and is a cause of sickness and malnutrition. Babies should not be given any other foods or liquids before the age of 6 months. Almost every mother can exclusively breastfeed successfully, which is why proper positioning and attachment are so important. Later, Participants were encouraged to share their experiences with the community, neighbours. The experiences of participants were then discussed and benefits were derived from each. An example of note was an experience shared by a participant who we will call Fatimo for privacy. Fatimo had a first baby who is now one year old. She said that when the baby was born, she fed her goat milk and water with sugar. Fatimo continued by saying that her baby was always sick. Fatimo expressed her sadness and said that this training has helped her understand the benefits of exclusive breastfeeding and was thankful for the training.

AnnexI Photos:







AnnexII: list of participants







INFANT AND YOUNG CHILD FEEDING (IYCF) PROMOTION SESSIONS

ATTENDANCE SHEET

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