

GF Malaria BCC Quarterly Narrative Report April- Jun 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 two (April to June 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 district 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 two 2022. The planned accomplishments of this quarter were to carry out three Community Dialogue, Continuous Participatory Household Education, conducting social mobilisers refresher training, participation of quarterly supportive supervision. ISDP in collaboration with MOH/ National malaria control programme and UNICEF conducted the following major activities:

2. MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS for QTR 2

Community Dialogue: A total of **87** participants have attended a community dialogue meeting held at in Bosaso, Armo and Galdogob 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: 7,537 households were visited by the Community Educators through continuous participatory education to pass malaria key messages and ensuring LLINs usage. **8,273** persons were benefited these events.

Community dialogue:

April 25th, May,12th, and June 21th 2022, ISDP organized and conducted one-day of monthly based community dialogue in this quarter targeting areas under Bosaso and Galdogob Districts.

A total of **87** (**12** males and **75** 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, Ufayn, Iskushuban, Qandala, Burtinle, Harfo and Galkaio districts.

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.

Quarterly support supervision (29 may-02 June 2022).

ISDP malaria BCC project coordinator and Health/Nutrition officer has been carryout the Support supervision visit to Burtinle, Harfo and Galkaio and the support supervision visit was taken 5 days from 29 may-02 of June 2022.

Supervision (16-23th April 2022).

As planned ISDP malaria BCC project field coordinator and ISDP senior Health Officer has been conducted the Support supervision visit to Ufayn, Iskushuban and Qandala district and the support supervision visit for 7 days from 16-23th April 2022.

During field visit we met with Health facilities staff of visited locations in Bari, and Mudug 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 two 2022).

During this visit 100 mothers in Galkaio asked questions on malaria prevention 85% showed they have a basic knowledge on malaria diagnosis, Treatment, prevention and control.

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.

There is many stagnant water in galkaio that can help increasing mosquito breeding sites which can cause malaria outbreak at galkaio.

Photo taken during supervision may 2022.



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 Two-April-June 2022, a total of **7,537** households has been visited and provided key messages on malaria prevention by 86 community educators in Fifteen targeted malaria prone districts. **8,273** persons participated in Household Malaria sessions. **158** of Community meetings has been organized by Community Educators, that **1,783** of persons benefited community meetings/Dialogues.

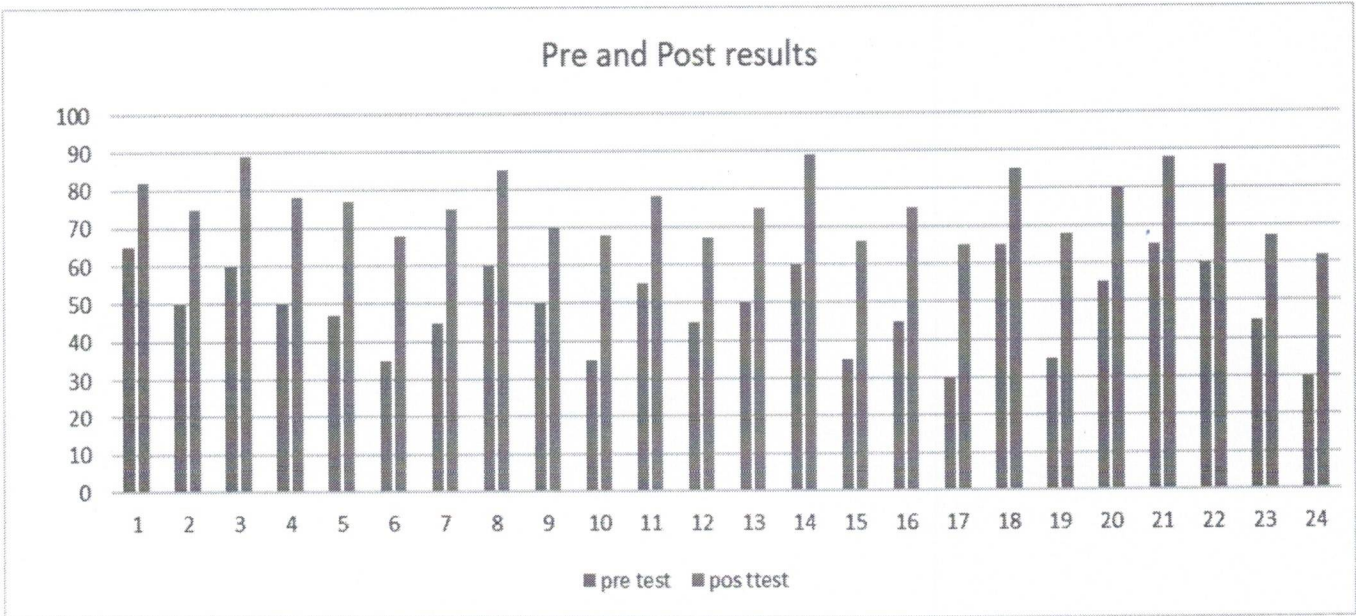
Social Mobilisers refresher training.

ISDP conducted Social Mobilisers Refresher Training at Garowe on 14-17 May 2022, 24 persons from Karkar, Nugaal and Mudug regions.

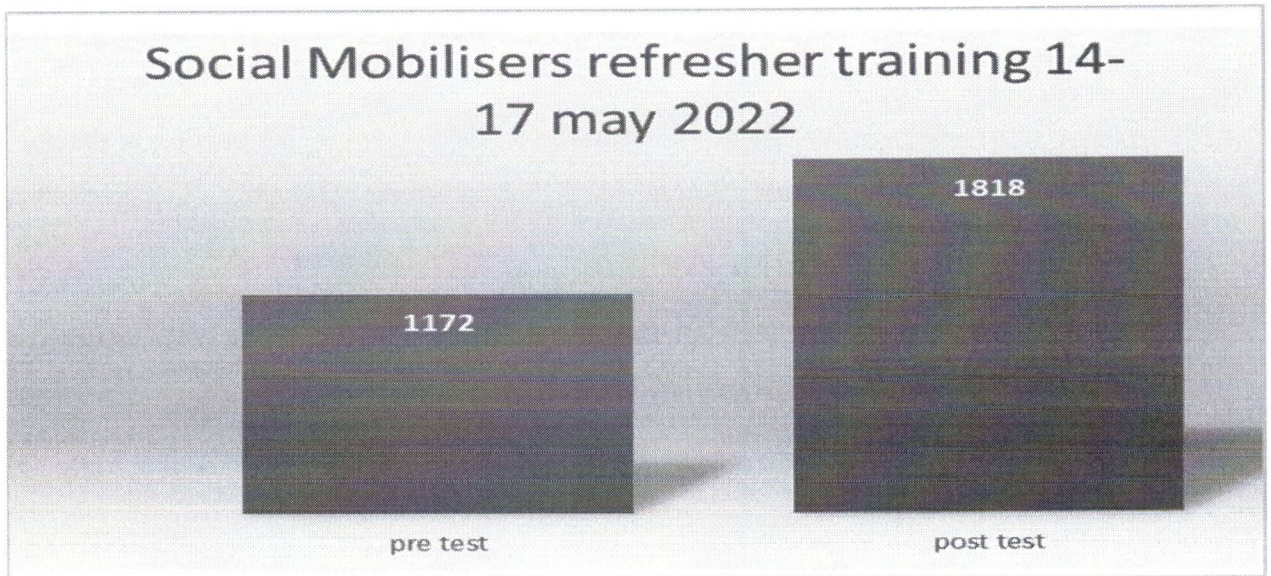
The training sessions:

Dr. Idiris Ahmed Noh was facilitating this training then took up the session by providing pretest of IEC in order to evaluate the capacity of their level of malaria activities.

Pre and post test results



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- Very day before session started the participants Recapped the Previous lesson 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.

Topics covered:

- Malaria is spread by mosquitoes
- A mosquito bites a person who has the malaria parasite in their blood.
- The mosquito now carries the parasite When it bites another person the parasite will go into their blood.

- Mosquitoes carrying malaria mostly bite between late evening and early morning
- Effect of malaria on people
- In this topic the facilitators had to explain the treatment process comprehensively, the facilitators explained the treatment process from the beginning when someone suspect malaria what S/He have to do, the facilitators had to explain this because the trainees' responsibility as community educators is to teach the community the very first steps they should take when they suspect of Malaria, there was to dos and not to dos and they are listed below,
- Visiting health facility specially a public health facility where the testing and the treatment is free of charge.
- Do not go directly to the pharmacy and take malaria doses after you get the suspicion it could be some other disease, if you have been taking those doses for quite some time your Malaria might have become resistant to those doses.
- Follow the doctor's recommendations on how to take the doses and as long as recommended.
- Do not stop taking the doses after the first day when you feel relieved

3. Challenges

1. Lack of Motivation of outreach staff (Community Educators).
2. still there is fear of Covid-19 in the community.

4. Recommendations

- Malaria community awareness will accelerate to reach all target beneficiaries.
- All preventive steps of Covid-19 should be applied.
- 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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