

Somali Young Doctors Association (SOYDA).

Monthly Progressive Narrative Report.



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1. Background and Humanitarian needs

More than 2 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance in Somalia. The country also has a high number of IDPs and refugees who have left the country, with more than 3.6 million who have been displaced by conflict, insecurity, forced evictions, droughts, and floods. Clan disputes, protests, the weakness of the national forces, the gradual withdrawal of the African Union Mission in Somalia, Islamic State and continuing Al Shabab attacks cause insecurity and instability across Somalia.

The insecurity, along with displacement and limited WASH interventions, has complicated the health crisis. Essential primary healthcare is largely unavailable. Vulnerable groups include female-headed households, children, the elderly, people with disabilities and marginalized communities. 2.6 million people are estimated in need of protection. There are around 34,000 refugees and asylum-seekers registered in Somalia, mainly from Ethiopia.

Food security and nutrition are deteriorating, particularly in northern and central Somalia. Rainfall levels through mid-April are expected to be the lowest on record since 1981 and the deficit is forecast to continue into May. The water shortage is already resulting in increased commodity prices, deterioration of livestock and agropastoral conditions, and internal displacement of people. As a result of the deteriorating humanitarian crisis, the number of people in Crisis (IPC Phase 3) and Emergency (IPC Phase 4) levels of food insecurity is now projected to reach approximately 2.2 million by July. An estimated 903,000 children under five years are likely to face acute malnutrition in 2019, including 138,200 with severe acute malnutrition (SAM).

Urgent treatment and nutrition support are required for approximately 963,000 children under the age of five years (total acute malnutrition

burden), who will likely face acute malnutrition through December 2020, including 162,000 who are likely to be severely malnourished.

However, SOYDA have been providing integrated package of nutrition, Food Security, Education, Civic Education, Youth empowerment, WASH, protection, and health intervention in Benadir, Southwest and Jubbaland State of Somalia.

SOYDA shall however, continue its program implementation to enable reduce the vulnerability as well as provide improved lifesaving Health, Nutrition, WASH, Food Security, Protection and Education services.

i. ***Program effectiveness.***

The overall program management was assured by strong capacities in planning, implementation and monitoring through a very qualified and well-organized team and leaderships in Lower Shabelle and Benadir region. It worked through integration of health programs in which SOYDA was also in partnership with SHF, DFID, WFP and UNICEF Somalia.

The program produced important immediate results that show high prospects for larger impacts. Within its limited scope, the program reached vulnerable households as well as enabling equitable access to essential health and nutrition services. During the program implementation, the community members expressed their satisfaction, and it was clear their relationship was very good. The community nutrition education improved health and nutrition seeking behaviour of the communities, through the effective community health workers engagement on daily screening and referral as well as the traditional birth attendance who have visited the homes time to time in order to ensure the pregnant mothers deliver safely at SOYDA facilities. SOYDA conducted workshop on Promoting Youths Civic Education Knowledge, Attitude, Practice and Understanding through good governance, democracy, sports for peace and development in Merka district, Lower Shabelle region of South West State of Somalia

Through the community health workers, the project was able to reach the community members and provided the services to their doorstep, this has led to decreased in AWD/cholera related disease reported high before the initiation of the project.

i. Program activity achievement.

The following were some of achievement recorded in this month of May 2020, they include:

- SOYDA did health workers training on creating awareness and prevention for preparedness response training report on COVID-19 Pandemic for our staff, during the training, we demonstrated proper prevention practices and outlined precautions to follow during medical field.
- A total of 14,198 number of crisis affected women, children and Men in emergency was reached with improved life-saving primary health care services, However, integration of nutrition, WASH, protection and health have helped the community members have better lifesaving nutrition and health services with easy access to the facilities and mobile sites.
- Through the facility and outreach program sites SOYDA was able to reach a total of 3,349 children under five boys and girls for vitamin A supplementation to enable enhance the vulnerable children nutrition status. This has since be able the program to reach more than 88% of the monthly coverage under five children thus indicating greater progress to the set indicators within the program.
- SOYDA Conducted political and election participation workshop for youths from IDPs, marginalized and minority groups in Mogadishu in order to enhance their knowledge and understanding of their political and election participation.

- SOYDA continuously conducting routine immunization in all the project target sites for health and nutrition however, in this reporting month, it was able to reach Routine measles immunization in both the facility base as well as outreach mobile services hence the program has been able to reach a total of 2,458 children. This has since improved the quality of the target beneficiaries in all the program areas.
- Skilled delivery is the core of primary health care services thus the project was able to record success in both facilities and at home visit for the traditional birth attendance hence encourage facility delivery and passed knowledge and information to the mothers in the target areas for safe motherhoods hence this reporting month a total 478 safe deliveries were conducted in SOYDA health and Nutrition facilities. This improvement was also attributed closer coordination between the program outreach team as well as community traditional birth attendants in the project areas.
- The project was able to attend to a total of 1,452 pregnant and lactating mother's antenatal care (ANC 1st visit) in this reporting period and has since completed all the 4 comprehensive ANC visit. The program has recorded success in all reaching the vulnerable mothers with improved maternal health care services in both facilities and outreach sites program.
- On the same reporting period a total of 1,365 women of reproductive age have received T1-T5. The community health workers are continuously conducting community sensitization and education in the project areas.
- Through this reporting monthly a total of 2,198 <5 children received penta 1-3 in both the mobile outreach project sites as well as the facility base program sites, this has since provided the target beneficiaries enhance access to feasible emergency integrated nutrition and primary health care services.

- 329 Children and PLW were provided acute malnutrition treatment and also provided IYCF and NHHP counseling during this reporting period.
- 79 Hygiene kit distributions were done to the target IDPs.
- Provided 112 solar lanterns to improve safety for women and girls in IDP communities and provide opportunity for school children to study after work. Lanterns reduce the risk of fire and the negative impacts of burning kerosen indoors.
- On GBV responses, 109 cases were provided STI treatment, basic emotional support and psychosocial support.
- 103 dignity kits were provided to GBV risk and survivors in Mogadishu IDP and Lower Shabelle Region IDPs.

Field Photos









Creating Awareness and Prevention for Preparedness Response Training on COVID-19 Pandemic to SOYDA Field staff.



