



Second Quarter Progress Report

Section 1. Programme & CSO overview		
1.1 Programme reference	UNICEF Office	UNICEF Somalia country office
	Progr. Title	Improving maternal, infant, and young child feeding practices through social and behavior change communication in Central South Region of Somalia
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1.3 Programme information	Progr. Duration	3 months
	Start date	July 2022
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1.4 Budget information	Programme budget		
	UNICEF contribution		
	Funds received to date		% of total
1.5 Partner Contribution made to date			
1.6 Signature of Authorized Official			Date:

Background

The drastic socio-economic and political conditions alongside the long-lasting conflicts and the emerging drought led to higher displacement in some areas such as Lower Jubba, Middle Shabelle and Hiran provinces. Most of the IDPs are mainly nomadic and rural households who are illiterate and got stuck to cultural beliefs and customs that challenged the humanitarian responses. The Campaign in Box project piloted in the three regions in Somalia is one of the most suitable means to reduce the illiteracy level on matters pertaining to IYCN and maternal care.

There is high number of IDPs coming to Bandir region, Deynile is one of the districts that host large number of IDPs and many others are coming daily. This increased the underlying factors causing malnutrition. The necessity for the community sensitization through SBC became vital. And as BPHCC team, we managed to tirelessly mobilize the affected population.

The underlying factors causing malnutrition are more widespread in rural outreach areas. When this people move to an IDP camp they can easily be changed through SBC practices because most of the camps are located in urban areas with people of different life-setup. We, therefore, doubled our effort to reach as many people as possible.

The table below shows the service delivery achievements

S/N	Indicator	Daynile		Baidoa		kismayo		Total	
1	# children screened	M	1459	M	415	M	313	M	2187
		F	1756	F	463	F	326	F	2545
2	#Mothers Trained on the proper use of MUAC and screening children(Mother led-MUAC)	1549		286		1127		2962	
3	#PLWS receiving at least one individual counseling on appropriate IYCF/IYCN	2262		172		1311		3745	
4	# of children 6-23 months receiving Micro nutrient Powder(MNPs)	M	1744	M	0	M	0	M	1744
		F	1842	F	0	F	0	F	1842
5	# Pregnant and lactating mothers (PLWs) receiving multiple micro nutrient tablets	1373		83		0		1456	
6	# pregnant women de wormed in the 2nd and 3rd Trimester	0		146		0		146	
7	# of social mobilizers (Male/Female) trained to deliver Health information and Nutrition Services	M	10	M	5	M	2	M	17
		F	12	F	17	F	20	F	49
8	#Mother support group sessions conducted in the target districts	75		37		72		184	
9	#Mother support group established in the district	26		13		23		62	
10	#Community action plans developed	74		66		81		221	
11	No.of household in the targeted Communities receiving services from social mobilizers	1563		1199		2419		5181	

Achievements

During this reporting period 4732 children were screened, and many were referred for treatment. There are very many parents specially the new IDPs who never knew where to take their children to. We managed to give them counseling and referral slips. We also conducted regular follow-up visits to measure their improvement. This led to instant change in the condition of very many malnourished children, among them is Fatima Adan Ali, whose success story is shared below.

During the second Quarter of our pilot project, we succeeded to conduct Focus Group Discussions FGDs for mother-to-mother support group, which led to marvelous uplift in the awareness of the caregivers on IYCF and maternal care.

We also distributed MNPs to many children through mobilizers, who made house-to-house visit and won a big milestone in child health and nutrition.

We also made regular visits to health centers in order to supplement the awareness service to the beneficiaries of the OTP and TSFP and other nutrition programs such as: BSFP. This made the nutrition program successful, because the person accesses both the specific nutrition program and the sensitization program at the same time. That resulted proper integration of humanitarian services.

The Success Story of Fatima Adan Ali

Fatima Adan Ali is a mother with 2 children, she lives in Mogadishu Daynille district, Bandir Region, specially Degan IDP areas.

Saied Ibrahim Abdi, 14 months old, is her second child. His health has not been steady and with poor night sleep, and poor eating, we gave Fatima counselling and Micro-Nutrient Powder Vitamin, a few days later we visited Fatima at her house, and she told us that her son has changed, and he is better than the day we met her as he has gained Weight.

She was very happy with Saeed as benefited from the service and his MUAC Measurement this Month progressed to 13 cm.

The different photos attached below identified before and after!



This is a picture of Saied taken the first time they met BPCC staff.



This is a picture of Saied taken after improve his health.

Challenges

- The newly displaced people, which most of them are illiterate and never trusted the sensitization project, were one of the obstacles. They regard humanitarian assistance as distribution of items and voucher cards only.
- Some of them have unique norms and do not accept change. They believe in their cultural customs more than the social workers. Convincing them to catch up with the setup is very challenging.
- MNP and MNT was out of stock, and we couldn't reach some areas due to stock-out.
- Influencers: there are people who lower the awareness projects especially elderly people and nomadic people. They show negative reception and attitude to mobilizers and even if the mobilizer tries to outdo them, they advise the beneficiaries after the mobilizers leave the field. We tried to solve this by conducting frequent visiting of the same households so that the message is not lost.

Program Photos

