

## Somali Young Doctors Association (SOYDA).



## Quarterly Narrative Report (October-Dec 2017)

**i. Background.**

Somalia Young Doctors Association (SOYDA) is steadfast in its implementation of health, WASH and nutrition program in Banadir and Lower Shabelle region. SOYDA is currently running a total of 11 health and nutrition fixed and Mobile sites, 8 Mobile outreach Integrated WASH, HEALTH, NUTRITION emergency response teams in Daynile, Bondhere, Dharkenley, Afgooye, Arbis, KM 13, Km15, Lafole, Elasha, Siinka Dheer IDPs. However, in the past months the program progress was in line with the planned activities and indicators set out in the program documents.

Despite improved scale up of health and nutrition activities the target areas in Afgooye district and Mogadishu IDPs still have high number of children with SAM and MAM cases. However, this was attributed to the limited livelihood services that could have otherwise integrated within the nutrition and health programs.

In this reporting quarter, there is a minimal risk of AWD/cholera outbreak compared to the previous months and hence SOYDA shall continue its program implementation to enable reduce the vulnerability as well as provide improved lifesaving nutrition and health services.

SOYDA acknowledges the great support from Ministry of Health, FGS, SHF, UNICEF, and DFID-UK AID for the smooth implementation of SOYDA activities.

**ii. Program activity achievement.**

In this reporting period the following were some of the program achievement between October-December 2017 that is:

- Increased emergency health and nutrition response by reaching a total of 45,689 people in needs. This was through the consultation of health, WASH and nutrition program service delivery where the community members were able to get close and quality intervention.
- Decrease the rampant AWD/cholera cases by 58% through active community health workers engagement with community as well as closer monitoring by the outreach mobile clinic team where the mobile clinic was functional in all the target sites on weekly basis hence provided immediate referral cases to the severe AWD/Cholera case as well as treating the mild cases at the mobile sites thus in this reporting time there were reduced cases of AWD/cholera in most part of the urban areas although there reported cases over the three months period. In this period SOYDA was able to detect a total of 423 case of AWD and all were treated and discharged.
- SOYDA has in this reporting time continuously conducted both routine measles immunization at the facilities level as well as the mobile sites thus this period a total of 5,647 children were immunized and followed up to monitor their progress through the community health workers. Through this the Community health workers were also able to conducts health and nutrition education where the vulnerable community members were able to understand the important of earlier health and nutrition seeking services. This is continuously conducted in both the static health facilities as well as mobile sites.

- Vitamin A supplementation and deworming is a vital to both the children and mothers health however, in this reporting quarter a total of 10,568 children under five (4,787 boys and 5,781 girls) were provided with vitamin A and deworming tablets hence enhancing nutrition and health status of the target population Afgooye and Mogadishu project sites.
- In this period a total of 4,264 children have been able to receive Penta dose 1-4. This is 35% increase from the previous quarterly reports hence showing a greater improvement in the program intervention sites.
- Through the active SOYDA mobile teams as well as the facility services there were increase uptake of the maternal health services where a total of 2,494 pregnant mothers were able to receive focused Antenatal care (ANC) services from 4 SOYDA supported health facilities in Afgooye districts. These include: KM 13, Arbis, and Elasha and Lafole health facilities in Afgooye corridors. This was due to the active community health workers counseling services as well as continuous health and nutrition talk in all the program sites.
- SOYDA has since provided multiple micro nutrient supplementation, iron folic acids as well PNC services to 1197 mothers in all the target emergency project sites hence providing a window of opportunity to the already vulnerable and displaced mothers with poor health status in Afgooye and Mogadishu sites
- Through therapeutic nutrition treatment SOYDA was able to screen, admit and treat a total of 1,345 severely acute malnourished under five children, hence this has improved the nutrition status of the target children in the project areas. There were decreased in the number of children defaulting from the program in reporting quarter reporting less than 1% in the entire project location. This shows and improved follow up as well as correct community mobilization and immediate referral services to the severely complicated cases.

- A total of 45 children under five with severely complicated cases (20 girls and 25 boys) were referred to both Banadir Hospital as well as Afgooye hospital hence providing coordinated life-saving response in the target project location
- 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 852 safe delivery 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.
- SOYDA organized a celebration of **World Children Day** through direct engagement of IDPs in Mogadishu and Afgooye corridor, SOYDA have accelerated its effort in reaching vulnerable reach with improved access and utilization of integrated life-saving Nutrition, Health, WASH, Protection and livelihood in IDPs and host communities, However, the children are happy with available care service as well as the community members appreciating the timely and quality interventions.
- SOYDA Launched today 16 Days of Activism for non-violence against Women and children campaign on 25 November (**International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women**) to 10 December (**Human Rights Day**). The campaign hopes to raise awareness about gender-based violence as a human rights issue as well as giving special consideration to people on special needs including disable people. The theme of the campaign for 2017 is “**Leave no one behind: end violence against women and girls.**” Our campaign started all our health facilities in Benadir and Lower Shabelle Region which aims to raise community awareness and mobilize people everywhere to bring about change through targeting Community leaders, Youth Symposium and Women entities to discuss prevention of GBV and the role of youth and women to GBV prevention. Its time to galvanize action to end violence against women and girls.
- SOYDA organized community IDPs event to mark the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017, **International day of persons with disabilities**, which we aimed to promote empowerment, inclusion and access to reduce inequalities in society. It also seeks to increase awareness of gains to be derived from the integration of persons with disabilities in every aspect of political, social, economic and cultural life.

## ***i. Challenges/Constrains.***

Some of the bottlenecks experience during this reporting period is as follows:

- Limited funding with high number of beneficiaries in the program sites. This is due to the short time program funding, Particularly the end of SHF Nutrition fund in Km15 and Siinka Dheere and also SHF Health Project in Daynile district.
- Due to high number of people displacement from the rural areas led to high demand of both health and nutrition services, this was a threat to the skewed funding with less budget and supply to reach these outside the previously set target
- High number of displaced person from drought affected areas.

## ***ii. Lesson learnt.***

The following were some of the lesson learns during this quarterly reporting period.

- Strengthen and improve nutrition communication and advocacy through National and sub national cluster.
- Supportive supervision and closer coordination with Federal MOH and other humanitarian actors have provided better service delivery as well as improved project staff capacity.



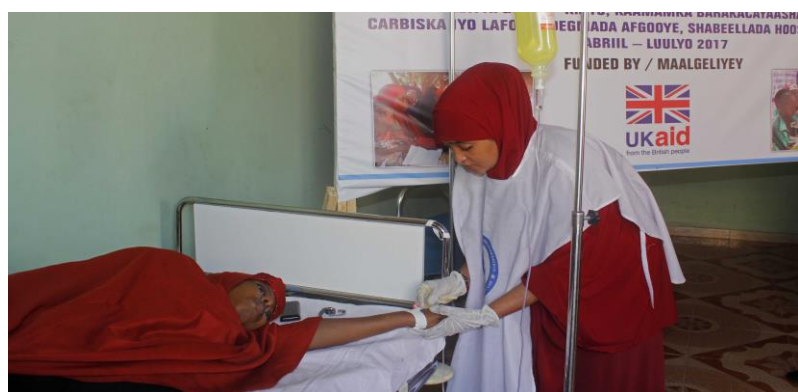
## Project Pictures





















## Project Pictures (World Children's Day, 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 17)





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### 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 International day of persons with disabilities,

