Somali Young Doctors Association (SOYDA).

Quarterly Progressive Narrative Report.

October-December 2019.
1. Background and Humanitarian needs

Flooding caused by heavy rains in Somalia and the Ethiopian highlands has affected 539,888 people in Somalia, of whom 370,000 have been displaced from their homes. Farmland and infrastructure have been destroyed and livelihoods disrupted in some of the worst-hit areas since the flooding started on 21 October. At least 17 people have died, including 2 children. Livestock losses have also been reported.

The flood situation can be categorised into three - the Shabelle river overflow, the Juba river overflow and flash flooding.

The overflow on the Shabelle river has flooded Belet Weyne district in Hiraan region, displacing 231,000 people. More than 10,000 hectares of cropland has been damaged in Jowhar and Mahaday Weyne in Middle Shabelle. Flash floods have also damaged crops and houses in Janaale, as well as over 200 hectares of farmland in Marka, Lower Shabelle. Apart from homes, schools and farms, the road between Belet Weyne town and Ceel Jaale (the key displacement/evacuation area) as well as the local airport were affected by the floods but have re-opened to traffic.

Flooding from the Juba river has displaced 55,000 people in Baardheere in Gedo region, Jubaland. Furthermore, 30 villages along the Juba river from Bu'ale to Gobweyn have been affected by river spillage. There are reports of displacement and movement of people to higher ground. According to the Lower Juba governor’s office, 2,500 to 3,000 households have been affected by the floods. Prior to the flooding, the population of Bardheere was already facing water quality problems, with 75 per cent of households relying on unprotected water. Additionally, over 76 per cent of the population does not have access to latrines, making the communities vulnerable to outbreaks of water-borne diseases, especially during floods.

Another estimated 30,000 people, many of them women and children, have been affected by heavy rains and rainfed flooding in Berdale district in South West State. In addition, three quarters of Berdale town (60 km west of Baidoa) is submerged under flood water. Most roads are impassable. Those who were affected by the floods have moved to
higher grounds but need immediate WASH, food, shelter, health and nutrition assistance.

The forecast for the week starting 17 November indicates little or no rainfall in the two river basins which could bring some relief to areas that are flooded or that currently face increased flood risk. However, there is a high level of ground saturation and additional flooding is a possibility during the reminder of the Deyr rainfall season.

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 Luq District, Gedo Region, Jubbaland 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 Quarter of October-December 2019, they include:

- **SOYDA Launched 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 for this year is “Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands against Rape,”** 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. It’s time to galvanize action to end violence against women and girls.

- **SOYDA Celebrated Universal Children's Day, 20 November 2019,** in our project sites in Mogadishu and Afgoye corridor IDPs. It is all
about treasuring children; praising and encouraging them to lead a fruitful life that is full of new experiences and adventure.

- **SOYDA conducted 5 day’s workshop on Promoting Youths Civic Education Knowledge, Attitude, Practice and Understanding through good governance, democracy, sports for peace and development in Luq District, Gedo Region, Jubbaland State of Somalia**

- A total of 49,897 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 11,233 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 94% of the quarter coverage under five children thus indicating greater progress to the set indicators within the program.

- A total of 29,840 of under five children and 9,367 PLW were provided TSFP and MCHN service in Benadir and Lower Shabelle region.

- SOYDA continuously conducting routing immunization in all the project target sites for health and nutrition however, in this reporting quarter, 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 9,813 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 quarter a total 893 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 6,380 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 3,191 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 quarter a total of 4,667 <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.

- 2,872 Children and PLW were provided acute malnutrition treatment and also provided IYCF and NHHP counseling during this reporting period.

- 332 Hygiene kit distributions were done to the target IDPs.

- Provided 428 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, 457 cases were provided STI treatment, basic emotional support and psychosocial support.
- SOYDA Conducted Community Training and Awareness on Gender Based Violence for GBV Prevention and response for 80 participants in Mogadishu and Lower Shabelle Region IDPs.
- 308 dignity kits were provided to GBV risk and survivors in Mogadishu IDP and Lower Shabelle Region IDPs.
- SOYDA conducted 7-11 November 2019 training of Clinical management of Rape (CMR) protocol for our project staff.
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