

Project Title: Community-Based Nutrition Interventions

Project Cycle: 12 months

Starting Date: 11 November

Donor (s): UNICEF

Project Location: Taiz

Geographic Coverage: Habashi mountain ,Alma'afer and Almawasit

Partner(s): Ministry of Public Health and population

Beneficiaries: children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women

i) Background:

Goals :To contribute to the reduction of morbidity and mortality caused by acute malnutrition among under 5 boys and girls

Overall (Goals): Contribute to improvement of nutrition status of U5 year's old children (boys and girls) and pregnant and lactating women, and raising the knowledge among the targeted communities through the provision of curative and preventive services in three (3) targeted districts of Taiz Governorate in addition to awareness raising componen

A) Specific Objectives:

- 1- To prevent malnutrition, micronutrient deficiencies and common childhood illnesses through promotion of appropriate breast feeding practices, ANC, improved complimentary feeding, Vitamin A and micronutrient supplementation, routine MUAC screening, vaccination, care giving and care seeking practices at the family and community levels.
- 2- Assist the Government in improving the design, management including monitoring at field level, delivery and effectiveness of national programmes in nutrition with special focus on community involvement and beneficiaries' participation.
- 3- Support appropriate and durable solutions towards provision of community based nutrition interventions cantered on an integrated approach in targeted communities

ii) Project Contribution to SOUL Strategic Goals:

It achieves Soul's strategy by looking after children under 5 years and pregnant and lactating women.

Expected Outcome (FINAL Results):

1. Enhanced capacity of local authorities, district health management, and the network of community volunteers of their responsibility to provide an enabling environment for better caring capacity and health seeking practices particularly to U5 children, pregnant and lactating mothers .
2. 90% of the U5 Children in the project sites were reached with a minimum integrated package of health and nutrition interventions (Deworming tablets, Vit A supplementation, routinely screened for SAM using MUAC, reached with EPI outreach services and home based management for diarrhoea, pneumonia and malaria)
3. 75 % of the general population, focusing particularly on young people, caregivers, women and disadvantaged groups, were reached with relevant information necessary for adopting safer, healthier practices and behaviour change with special focus on promotion for exclusive breastfeeding and hand washing.
4. Volunteers from the targeted communities are supported, motivated and promoted. Volunteers become active players for implementation and delivery of services at the community level, with support of community leaders and local governmental health officers.

iii) Monitoring & Evaluation: (please describe here how do you plan to monitor and evaluate the project)

- iv) Through the monthly reports that will be received from the team in Taiz ,
- v) through the intensive communication with the team .
- vi) Through the field check from now and then .

vii) Current Status (as of-----):

- We are so late because the MoPHP has delayed the training of the CHVs .
- We are also late because the UNICEF hasn't transferred the second installment .
- The kits are ready but we cannot get them because of the shortfall in cash.
- DVI and the E&M specialists are not assigned yet because of the financial matters .