



Health and Nutrition Emergency Preparedness & Response for the War-Affected Population in Rural Areas of Northern North Darfur

Evaluation Report
Period July 2015-January 2016
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A. Executive Summary

SRCS/GRC, ECHO funded project team had conducted a review of the progress made at the end of Project Phase 7 (July 2015- January 2016) of health and nutritional services delivered through health centers of Kitab Shakara, Gharona, Abbbasi, Kindro, Wamma, Kudil, Armal, Hillat Hamid South, Hillat Hamid East, Umjajja and Einaldas.

The main purpose of the review is to evaluate and assess the coverage, efficiency, effectiveness, impact and sustainability of the project.

The project intended to achieve following specific objectives

1. Preparedness & response capacity of volunteers, SMOH and SRCS staff to health and nutrition emergencies is improved at villages and facilities level
2. Quality primary health care and maternal & child health care services are provided and utilized in health units for prevention, control and treatment of diseases by the war affected population of Mellit locality
3. Quality nutritional services are provided and utilized by children under 5 years of age and pregnant and lactating women of Mellit locality for prevention, control and treatment of SAM & MAM

The evaluation used desk review of statistics, field visit observations and report, focus group discussion, progress sharing meetings with staff and lesson learn workshop recommendation (conducted during phase 6, June 2015).

The data as analyzed and interpreted below indicated an intense period of capacity building of CHC, volunteers and staff as well as provision of health and nutritional ser-

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vices activities delivered by all health centers during Project Phase 7 [July 2015 – January 2016]

For all practical purposes there is no doubt that all health centers (provision of health and nutritional services) have performed commendably well during *Project Phase 7* [July 2015 – January 2016] against set indicators. The budget allocations are well planned and calculated for each item showing efficient use of resources.

The project team during phase 6 (July 2014-June 2015) started working more closely with the community, monthly progress sharing was introduced with CHC members to give them more opportunity for learning, an idea of having a coordination body for 11 sites community health committees so a coordination body (comprised of one member from each CHC) was established by the CHC of each facility. The coordination body started more involvement and monthly progress/coordination meetings started at SRCS Mellit office for discussion and defining strategies for sustainability of the project after donor funding.

The project sustainability was addressed through many trainings of CHC coordination body, volunteers and SMOH staff mainly on supply chain management, Basic first Aid, CMAM, cooking demonstration, EWARS etc. In addition monthly progress sharing as well as stakeholders workshop on handover strategy conducted during November 2015, where roles and responsibilities were drafted, agreed and approved by all (mainly, SMOH, Locality, CHC coordination body and SRCS/GRC) which is a milestone for sustainability, impact and resilience .

The CHC in the respective communities and CHC coordination body exercised high degree of commitment to lead the change in their communities and has been registered with authorities as a Community Based Organization (CBO) being a corner stone for sustainability and resilience of the project after donor funding. Therefore, evaluation sees at the committees, CHC coordination and CBO and their trainings on different topics as a major project achievement. The way forward for Project will be to encourage each of the health center to develop their individual overall one year strategic plan translated into annual plan of operations that outline the preventive and curative health and nutritional services to be delivered, their quantitative and qualitative targets, and a monitoring framework that enables their performance to be regularly evaluated.

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