



Save the Children

Terms of Reference for Improving access and utilization of life-saving Health, Nutrition, Child Protection and Food Security (ECHO Project)- Learning Workshop

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INTRODUCTION AND PROJECT BACKGROUND

Save the Children is organizing a two-day learning workshop for ECHO after completion of the project. The project focused on providing life-saving and life sustaining health, nutrition, food security and livelihoods services to the most vulnerable, targeting 184,952 IDPs, refugees and host communities. ECHO was implemented in 28 localities in West Darfur, North Darfur and South Kordofan, as well as in the COVID isolation center in Khartoum. The health and nutrition interventions focused on providing lifesaving essential primary health services as per Ministry of Health guidance, with referrals to high level medical care and non-medical services. This is complemented by Integrated Community Case Management ensuring access to curative services and response to children's severe malnutrition. SC monitored and strengthened the quality of skills of community health care workers and volunteers as well as worked with Community Health Committees. SC improved immunization coverage and strengthened vaccination services through Expanded Program Immunization support. Disease surveillance records were kept and reported Early Warning, Alert and Response Network for early detection, investigation and effective control of outbreaks. SC expanded geographical coverage to four communities bordering SPLA-North controlled area in SK in Dellami to allow vulnerable people from locked areas to access health and nutrition services. In Kalemendo, SC limited facility support while strengthening local authorities and communities' capacity to fully take on health and nutrition services. For Food Security, SC provided value and vegetable seed vouchers in SK and ND to fill the critical food gaps and help families diversify food types. SC worked with local government to ensure the most vulnerable households were part of the national social protection program. Child protection (CP) was mainstreamed across all sectors with protection focal points trained to ensure the most vulnerable and marginalized population were identified and their specific needs met.

A two-day Learning Workshop has been commissioned to capture the learning from the project so that the collective learning can guide the project team and the management for better implementation and performance management of the project.

Targeted beneficiaries:

The ECHO project targeted vulnerable IDPs, refugees and host communities in North Darfur, West Darfur, Central Darfur, South Kordofan and Khartoum

The direct beneficiaries: Gender breakdown includes females (95.435) and males (92.517). Age breakdown includes: 0-59 months (16.771 females and 16.114 males), 5-17 years (30.243 females and 29.099 males), 18-49 years (38.715 37.468) and 50 years and more (9.706 females and 9.836 males).

Project Objectives and Outputs

Overall objective

To contribute to reducing health and nutrition-related morbidity, mortality and permanent disability, and mitigate the effects of COVID-19, at the same time as building resilience among IDPs, refugees and host communities in North Darfur, South Kordofan and Khartoum

Result 1- Health	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of primary health care consultations 2. Number of children who received community based treatment for malaria, diarrhoea and/or acute respiratory infections 3. Number of live births attended by skilled health personnel 4. Proportion of children (age 5. COVID-19 related Case Fatality rate at Khartoum Isolation centre
Result 2- Nutrition	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of children under 5 admitted for treatment of Severe or Moderate Acute Malnutrition 2. Number of health facilities where nutrition programs are implemented 3. Number of days of stock out in OTP facilities 4. Number of mothers attending mother-to-mother support group sessions
Result 3- Food Security and Livelihoods	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of people enabled to meet their basic food need 2. % of vouchers successfully redeemed on a monthly basis 3. Number of households with pregnant and lactating women or under five children growing vegetables
Result 5: Protection	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of persons who receive an appropriate response 2. % of girls and boys who report an increase to their safety and wellbeing because of their needs being addressed 3. % of cases closed with the objectives of the case plan achieved 4. Number of participants showing an increased knowledge on the protection subject in focus 5. Number of persons reached by the implementation of specific prevention measures

Stakeholders and Indirect Beneficiaries: State Governments, Humanitarian Aid Commission, Partner Organizations, Locality Heads and Community Leaders, Community Members (men, women, boys and girls).

Implementing Partner: Sudanese Organization for Relief and Recovery (SORR) and SAEKER

Implementation Challenges:

The slow start of the project, flooding, drought and conflict emerged in some of the targeted localities and that impeded project implementation from time to time. In addition, the political unrest in Sudan from early 2020 to 2021 affected the project activities, movement and safety of both SC and communities. Another major challenge was the economic situation, coupled with the runaway inflation that forced the CO to revise the contractors' pacts many times and to buy some materials, in

particularly, the construction local materials in a higher cost. In addition, to this the COVID 19 caused the schools closure and delayed the activities such as trainings and meetings.

OBJECTIVES AND LEARNING QUESTIONS

Objectives	Learning questions
<p>1. Assess to what degree the project succeeded in meeting the objectives and outputs defined in the project's work plan and reached its planned target groups and numbers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Were the project targets (objectives and activities) achieved? Why? Why not? - What were the major factors influencing the achievement or non-achievement of the objectives and activities? - Were objectives achieved on time? Why? Why not?
<p>2. Assess to what extent the approaches used in the project were relevant for achieving the planned outputs and to identify points for improvement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How did the different components of the intervention (health, nutrition and FS) work together without competing? - Were the programme or project implementation approaches relevant compared to alternatives? - Were the activities and outputs of the programme consistent with the overall goal and the attainment of its objectives?
<p>3. Discuss and assess with the stakeholders their participation in the project activities as well as their feedback on the project and the quality of implementation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Which stakeholders did you interact with? Government officials? Men? Women? Children? PWDs? IDPs? Refugees? - Did these stakeholders give feedback on the project? Why? Why not? - What kind of feedback did they give? Did the project act/work on the feedback received? Why? Why not?
<p>4. Identify enablers and challenges contributing to / hindering the project's success, including possible changes in the political, economic and/or environmental context</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What factors supported/enabled implementation of the above project components health, nutrition, FS)? How and why? - What challenges were experienced for each of the above project components (health, nutrition, FS)? - How were the challenges dealt with?

<p>5. Identify key lessons learned and recommendations improving planning, implementation, and management of similar projects in the future</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What were lessons that were learnt in the following components of the project? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Nutrition o Health o Food Security - What were the 3 key best practices you learnt during project implementation? - What suggestions would you give in management of similar projects in Sudan in the future?
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LEARNING WORKSHOPS METHODOLOGY

A two-day learning workshop will be held to capture the learning in a systematic way. The workshop will be held in Khartoum and will consist of structured sessions of about 10-20 participants. Topics and learning questions have been outlined in the table above. SC staff as well as partner staff (SORR and SAEKER) will participate in the workshop.

The Learning Workshop will use exercises, activities, and discussions that encourage reflection, organizational learning and uncover tacit knowledge. The workshop will utilize both Arabic and English language. The Sudan CO will ensure there is simultaneous translation to encourage interactive dialogue and exchange.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONSULTANT AND SAVE THE CHILDREN

The consultant will be responsible for overall management of the workshop. This includes:

- Hiring/providing facilitators for the workshop
- Ensuring availability of stationary and training material for the participants
- Capturing/documenting all learning exercises- photos and notes
- Produce workshop report

Save the Children will be responsible for:

- Arranging workshop venue and accommodation
- Coordination with internal and external stakeholders
- Arranging food and refreshment during the workshops

EXPECTED WORKSHOP DATES

14th and 15th March 2022, Khartoum

CONSULTANT PROFILE

The following are the main requirements for the consultant:

- Advanced university degree in Masters in Social Sciences or Management or related field;
- Proficiency in Arabic and English languages
- Strong facilitation experience
- Excellent report writing skills