

The Regional Office assisted the National and State Ministries of Health of Sudan in the organization and conduct of the first course for community health workers on caring for , with training of trainerssick children in the community. The course was held in Omdurman hospital from 24 February to 1 March 2012 and was preceded by a two-day participation also of UNICEF staff, to build national capacity.

for community health workers was attended by 22 participants from Khartoum State, who were nurses or community health workers assigned to dispensaries six-day training The or placed in their own communities.

They were trained in communication skills, how to identify main problems in a sick child, how to provide pre-referral care for severe cases and how to manage non-severe cases, including the use of medicines, and counselling on home care, including feeding.

to practise the skills with sick children. The health workers are expected to deliver clinical care, including medicines, toclinical exposures Each participant had an average of 25 patients.

were adapted by the Regional office from the Regional training package for community health workers on caring for sick children in the community to be training materials The
in line with the national guidelines.

The package consists of a facilitator guide, participant manual, facilitator aids, including wall charts and videos, case recording forms, assessment of feeding forms and feeding recommendations cards.

is highly interactive, with very minimum reading—in the form of bulleted and summary items—and much practice, through exercises, role-plays, methodology The video-exercises, games and clinical practice with actual sick children following demonstrations.

