



The first training course for community health workers (CHWs) on caring for the sick child was conducted in Yemen in Dhamar governorate from 6 to 11 November for 24 CHWs. The course, technically supported by WHO and with participation also of UNICEF staff, used the malaria version of the materials developed by the Regional Office, adapted to reflect the national guidelines. Based on their performance during the course, after the training most CHWs will be allowed to treat sick children for common conditions (malaria, pneumonia and diarrhoeal diseases) while the remaining will be allowed only to identify and refer sick children for treatment at the health facility and assess and counsel on feeding practices. After the course, a plan was reviewed with the national and governorate counterparts for implementation of the CHW strategy beyond training, including follow-up of the trained CHWs and health system elements, such as orientation of health facility staff supervising them, kits for CHWs, delivery of medicines to CHWs, registration of basic information on cases seen, regular meetings at health facilities, and supportive supervision including periodic review of case recording forms. The CHW strategy adds to other initiatives implemented in Yemen to reach out to communities to increase their access to child care such as the integrated mobile teams.

Clinical practice

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Case recording form

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Respiratory rate

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RDT

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MUAC

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Amoxicillin

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ORS

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Group work

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Feeding counselling

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Role play

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Move a step forward game

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Questions and answers

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