



Training of health workers in AWD case detection and management in Mogadishu

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Between 8-9 November, WHO in conjunction with Banadir University in Mogadishu, trained 28 health workers in acute watery diarrhoea (AWD) case detection and management. The training was particularly important since health facilities in the region serve a large number of IDPs living at a high risk of AWD and other diarrhoeal diseases. Over 520 000 people are living in makeshift settlements in the Afgooye Corridor in Greater Mogadishu.



There are currently over 520 000 people displaced in the Afgooye Corridor as a result of conflict in 2009

Training aims

The main aim of the training workshop was to build the capacity of health workers in diagnosing AWD/cholera and ensure that staff follow recommended guidelines for case management.



Training participants

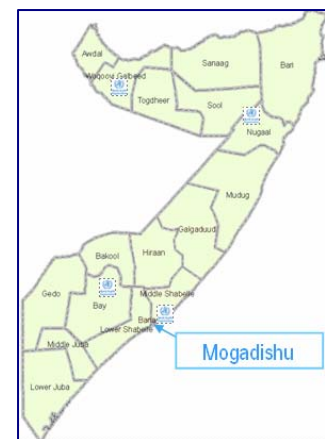
Participants included 24 qualified and 4 auxiliary health workers from Banadir Hospital (6), Somali Red Crescent Society (7), Muslim Aid (5), SOS Hospital (2), Hawo Abdi Hospital (2), Forlanini Hospital (2), Afgooye MCH (2) and SOYDA (2). These facilities serve a high proportion of internally displaced and conflict-affected people including those living in the Afgooye Corridor.

Training content

Core training topics included disease pathology, case definitions, surveillance, detection and management of patients with cholera/AWD including treatment protocols.

Training outcomes

The health workers participating will return to their duties at facilities and cascade information in light of the difficulties in humanitarian access. As a result of the training, health staff will be better prepared to detect and respond to AWD and cholera during the current period of high risk of outbreak. The training complements other ongoing activities in preparedness for possible outbreaks of AWD with the onset of the rainy season, including contingency planning and pre-positioning of essential supplies.



Location of Mogadishu, South Central Somalia