



Training of health workers in AWD preparedness in Wajid, Bakool Region

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Despite ongoing security concerns in the Region, WHO trained 18 health staff in AWD case management in Wajid

As part of AWD preparedness activities, WHO are continuing to train key health partners, working in areas where the risk of outbreaks of communicable disease is high.

On 28-29 October, WHO and World Vision trained 18 health staff in Wajid working in mother and child health centres and cholera treatment centres in Bay and Bakool regions on case definitions for AWD, early detection and reporting, case management and prevention of AWD.

During 2009, Wajid has been difficult for humanitarian agencies to access as a result of ongoing conflict. Therefore through the training it is

hoped that information is cascaded by participants to their colleagues across the Region.

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 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 Wajid, Bay Region, South Central Somalia

