



Salama Medical Agency

ANNUAL REPORT YEAR 2023

Purpose of the Annual Report

This annually report to provides a situational overview and updates on the humanitarian programs of Sexual Reproductive Health -SRH in South West regions – Somalia. The aim is to increase continuous information sharing and collaboration among humanitarian partners.

Highlights

- **Community awareness and dialogue:** SAMA conducted SRH awareness sessions in Baidoa. These sessions benefited more than 12,000 people on prevention and risk mitigation of GBV and enhancing referral pathways including pregnant and lactating women.
- **Maternal health:** 12,960 Pregnant mothers were provided RH service and 2,635 safe deliveries done and Insecticides Nets (LLINs) provided upon discharge.
- **GBV program:** 1,657 GBV related cases reported in November. This was an increase in cases reported and handled at Bayhaaw Hospital, Berahnoy MCH One stop centres and outreach activities in Bay region.
- **Challenges:** The RH and GBV programs remain over stretched i.e more people in need than the project can cater for. El Nino rains have exposed more people to health risks.

Introduction

SAMA is a humanitarian non-governmental organization operating in Somalia. Both the Federal Government and South-West State where most projects are implemented register SAMA. In South West Somalia SAMA has projects in Bay and Bakool Regions.

Through funds from UNFPA, SAMA implemented emergency Health (SRH) and protection (GBV) projects that provided essential life-saving services for the drought affected vulnerable populations in Bay and Bakool regions. These interventions targeted the most

vulnerable i.e. IDPs, host communities, PLWs and newborns. These projects have been implemented through facility based (fixed sites) and mobile approach which roves and covers areas most affected by AWD and drought.

Due to limited access to essential basic health services, population in SouthWest State, particularly those in the rural areas remain under-served. Children, pregnant and lactating mothers are the most vulnerable due to lack of access to services and other preexisting factors e.g. conflict, harsh climatic conditions. Most of the challenges faced by this group include acute malnutrition, child mortality and maternal mortality as well health problems.

Immediate lifesaving services and risk mitigation to GBV survivors for vulnerable women and girls IDP settlements and host communities through provision of Clinical Management of Rape Survivors (CMRS), Psychosocial support (PSS) to the beneficiaries through existing GBV one-stop centers and women girl's safe space in Baidoa town.

In this year 2023, Somalia people has experienced significant emergency situations including droughts, disease outbreaks and El Nino a long with huge flash floods that caused damages of property and loss of life.

Southwest state region was one of the areas severely affected by these emergencies. The IDPs have already been straggling many problems due to the lack of adequate access to humanitarian services from aid organizations such as health, nutrition and WASH. These problems have been severely affected by vulnerable people such as children, women and the elderly.

In response to the El Niño situation in Southwest state of Somalia. SAMA in collaboration with UNFPA has launched a new SRH and GBV program for the vulnerable community in Baidoa district of Bay region, through strengthening, accelerating and maintaining the existing SRH and GBV services run by SAMA in Baidoa, this programme is targeted and benefited to the most vulnerable population in the IDPs, who have been affected by the El-Nino circumstances hit in Baidoa for the last two weeks.

Activities implemented in 2023.

In 2023, SAMA in collaboration with UNFPA successfully implemented SHR and GBV activities alongside outreaches in Bay region mostly targeted remote villages under Baidoa district of Bay region.

Two GBV stop centers and EMoNC / BEMoNC centers were supported that successfully operationalized within Bayhaaw General Hospital and Barhanooy MCH within IDPs in Baidoa town.

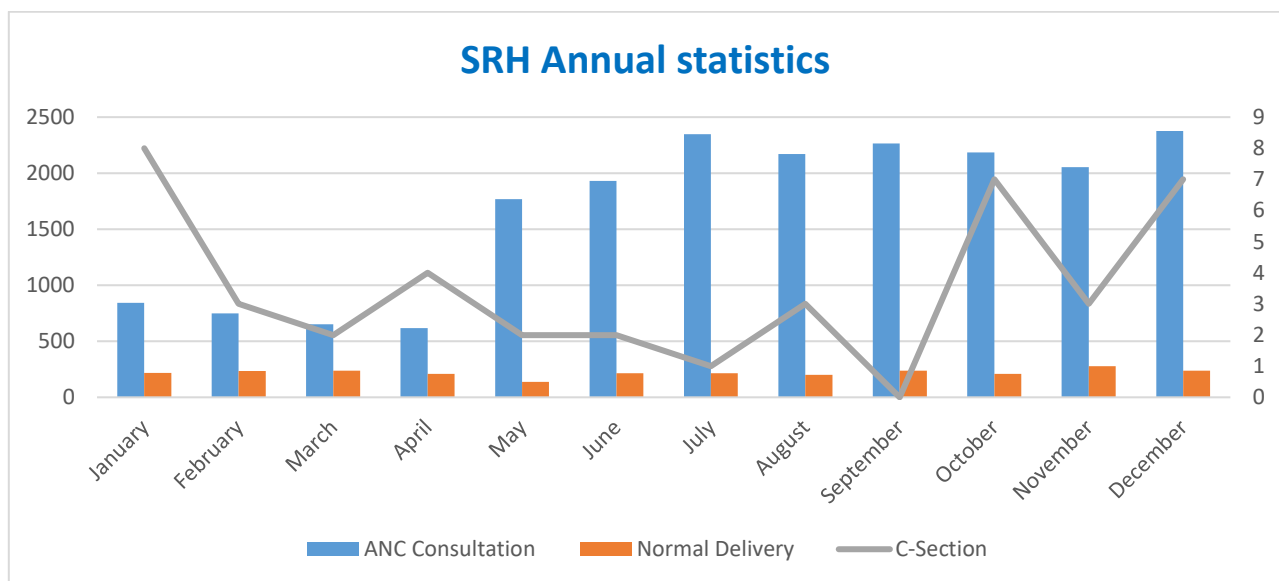
These services benefited 19,960 women who were assisted and provided ANC/PNC, normal delivery, family planning and referral, out of 2,635 mother were normally delivered, 182 referred to Bayhaaw General Hospital in Baidoa and 12,430 women of childbearing age were given awareness on family planning 680 of them were accepted and received

appropriate contraceptive pills. The two GBV stop centers were admitted, 1,657 cases such as rape, physical assault, forced early marriage, attempted abuse of the emotional kind, female genital mutilation, sexual assault, and domestic violence, all cases received the proper management services, such as clinical management of rape survivors and psychosocial support.

SAMA distributed 4,500 dignity and MHM kits for vulnerable women and girls mostly from IDPs in north of Baidoa town, this will contribute enhancing the general hygiene and improve health condition of adolescent girls and women child bearing ages who had not access to such services and not able to buy hygiene items.

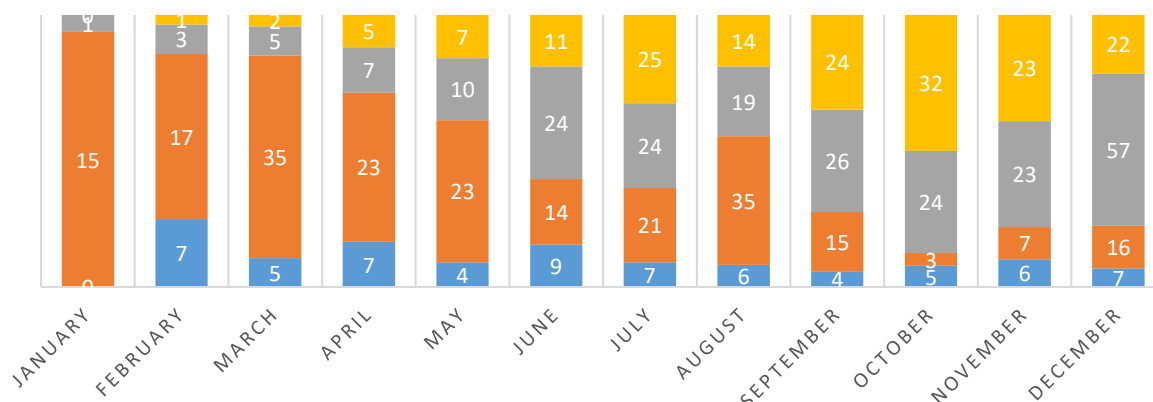
Community awareness session were organized and conducted within IDPs in Baidoa town, these session were discussed and focused on GBV sensitization, improving referral pathways and liaison or close collaboration between key community members in the IDPs and existing GBV stop center within Bayhaaw hospital, the sessions were benefited 12,200 individuals including women, men, girls and boys. 1,657 GBV survivors with various diagnosis were referred to the GBV stop centers, these cases include rape, sexual assaults and physical assaults and were provided appropriate services such as clinical management of rape survivors and psychosocial support.

In 2023, SAMA in collaboration with UNFPA successfully launched SRH and GBV programmes comprised maintenance of existing GBV/SRH services and establishment emergency shelter tent to facilitate the Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Protection Program for Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). This initiative aims to provide urgent medical assistance and ensure the safety and well-being of vulnerable individuals affected by the floods. Furthermore, the emergency shelter tent provided a safe and temporary living space for displaced individuals affected by the floods of El Niño.



BAYHAAW HOSPITAL FAMILY PLANNING BENEFICIARIES 2023

■ FP - received injectables ■ FP- received Orals pills ■ Inserted on IUCD ■ Inserted Implants



Activities provided by the SAMA SGBV stop centers in Baidoa

GBV Services offered	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-25	Total
Dignity kits and MHM kits	1000	1000	1500	0	0	0	0	0	0	250	350	400	4500
Community Mobilization	1500	3000	3500	1500	1400	300	200	250	250	0	300	0	12200
Pss counselling	500	800	700	200	500	200	250	200	230	380	450	520	4930
All GBV Cases	130	151	193	139	118	173	138	104	150	103	119	139	1657
Rape Survivors	11	8	3	7	6	6	7	3	11	14	13	13	102

SRH and GBV statistics 2023

Months	ANC Consultation	Normal Delivery	C-Section	FP - received injectable	FP- received Orals pills	Inserted on IUCD	Inserted Implants	GBV case
January	844	217	8	0	15	1	0	130
February	748	236	3	7	17	3	1	151
March	652	239	2	5	35	5	2	193
April	618	210	4	7	23	7	5	139
May	1767	139	2	4	23	10	7	118
June	1931	216	2	9	14	24	11	173
July	2348	216	1	7	21	24	25	138
August	2171	200	3	6	35	19	14	104
September	2264	239	0	4	15	26	24	150
October	2185	209	7	5	3	24	32	103
November	2055	277	3	6	7	23	23	119
December	2377	237	7	7	16	57	22	139

Challenges/problems

- Insufficient SRH supply both medical and equipment for the referral hospital in Baidoa.
- Not enough community mobilization activities that might contribute to improve self-referral mechanisms.
- Lack of ambulance for referral communicated cases to the health facilities.
- Due to inadequate of fund for the RH services, the RH intervention has been decreasing in some target location in Bay and Bakool regions.
- The BEMONC centers run by SAMA have been experiencing shortage of medical supplies and lack of RH kits.
- Poor referral mechanism and lack of ambulance for the maternity in hospital contributes decrease the number of referral activities, despite the traditional bad behaviors of the local community contributes that the pregnant mothers and child bearing age women do not visit health facilities for continuous medical checkups and monitoring, most births are carried out at homes by untrained birth attendants.
- Pregnant and Lactating mothers in the IDPs have no access to appropriate shelters that can be protected from the expected heavy rains, as the newborn babies and pregnant mothers have not afford to endure excessive changes of the climate during the rainy session.
- The IDPs have no solar lights in the night that might be risk of GBV occurrence during night while women and girls using latrines and doing some other activities outside of the shelter.

Recommendations

Awareness creation sessions in all programs are necessary for people to understand the need for uptake of services especially GBV and SRH.

Integration of various programs is key for better impact i.e. nutrition and food security project, health and GBV etc.

We recommend to allocate and provide enough medical supplies for the primary health-care facility (BEMONC) as well as Referral hospital (CEMONC) for Bayhaaw General Hospital in Baidoa and these supply will include according to Inter-Agency Emergency Reproductive Health Kits for UNFPA:

- A) Midwifery supplies (A and B) of Clinical delivery assistance known as Kit 6.
- B) Management of complications of miscarriage or abortion – Kit 8.
- C) Repair of cervical and vaginal tears – Kit 9.
- D) Assisted delivery with vacuum extraction – Kit 10.
- E) Obstetric surgery and severe obstetric complications (A and B) – Kit 11.
- F) Blood transfusion – Kit 12.

We recommend providing solar lanterns to the vulnerable IDPs in order to facilitate easily using the latrines and other activity outside of the shelters during the night.

Maintain the current response activities of SRH and GBV for El Nino response in Baidoa and expand this program to the hard-to-reach areas in Baidoa.

Some activity photos



Community mobilization sessions on El Niño response and risk mitigation on El Niño conducted for the key community members from the IDPs in Baidoa



Establishment of new SRH/GBV center with IDPs in north of Baidoa town for El Nino Response

