

Dollo Ado Weekly Health Update 3 October – 9 October 2011

General

As a result of the excellent work done by the health partners in Dollo Ado we are happy to report that the CMR in all camps is finally below emergency threshold of 1/10,000/day. More specifically, this week the CMR calculated from grave counting was **0.3/10,000/day** in Kobe and **0.4/10,000/day** in Hilaweyn.

Following many deliberations and discussions to expand the target age group for measles vaccination from to 30years, we are happy to report that we have finally received the authorization from the Federal MOH of Ethiopia to vaccinate all refugees in Dollo Ado, from 6 months to 30 years of age. MSF-H, agency responsible for screening new arrivals at reception centre, will as of Monday, 10th October, expand vaccination to include all new arrivals from 6 months to 30 years of age. Further guidance will be provided this week regarding catch-up vaccination campaign at camp level. Currently we have been vaccinating all new arrivals between 6 months and 15 years and we have also conducted mass vaccination in all camps for the same target age group.

Mortality

The graphs below show the mortality rates over time in the new camps (Kobe and Hilaweyn) where grave counting has been going on.

In the last 2-3 weeks the CMR in Kobe based on grave count has been almost similar to the community-based reports. In the coming week the technical experts will review the mortality reporting system and make a decision on when to stop the grave counting in Kobe and move to reporting CMR based on the community-based mortality reports and other existing triangulation methods.

Grave counting will continue for some weeks in Hilaweyn. MSF-H has recruited additional CHWs to improve community surveillance system.

Figure 1: Kobe refugee camp mortality estimates, 24 June – 07 October 2011
 (Source: Grave counts)

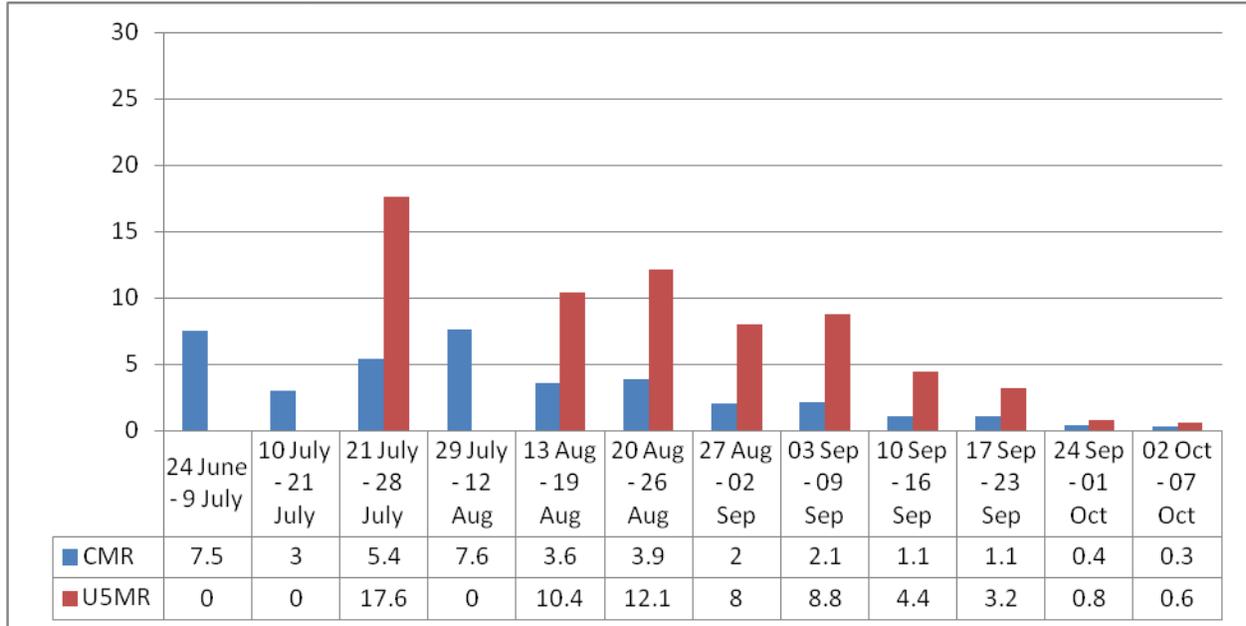
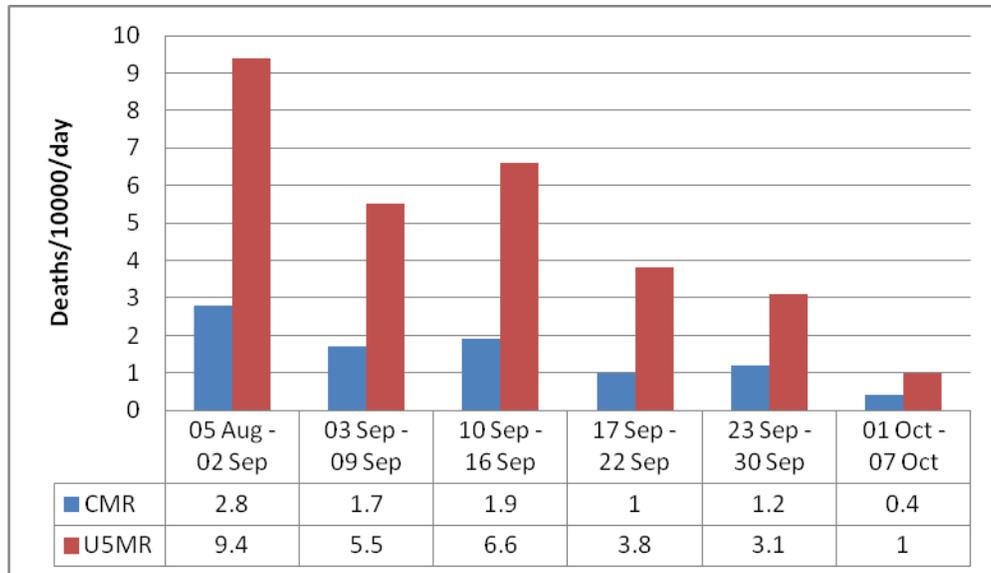


Figure 2: Hilaweyn refugee camp mortality estimates, 5 August – 07 October 2011
 (Source: Grave counts)



Measles Update

This is the first week to have zero reported cases of measles. No death reported as well.

Outbreak Preparedness and Response

Following the incident where we could not collect a sample for meningitis due to unavailability of the Woreda IDSR officer, a meeting was held yesterday with the woreda office, ARRA and WHO and it was agreed as follows:

Woreda to assign at least two IDSR focal persons and authorize them to always be on standby for outbreak response. This will ensure no gap in case one of them is away from Dollo. In addition, ARRA will assign 2 IDSR focal persons in each camp and Woreda health office will officially authorize them to fill the gap in case the Woreda IDSR officers can't make it to the camp. They will oversee collection of the respective sample and fill the IDSR forms after which the woreda will sign and stamp the documents for onward transportation to the national laboratory in Addis Ababa. This means that the storage of the sample collection media will also be decentralized to the camp level under the responsibility of the respective health partner in each camp.

Clinical staffs of ARRA in Melkadida and Bokolmanyo were trained on Cholera case management. Humedica, IOM, WHO and UNHCR supported in providing trainers, logistic support and funding for the training. MSF-S and MSF-H has already provided a similar training to their staff in Kobe and Hilaweyn respectively.

Dollo Health Centre

The final MOU between MSF-H and regional health bureau to provide EMONC services in Dollo Ado health center was signed this week. MSF-H expects to have the operating theatre up and running, along with safe blood transfusion, by first week of November 2011. This means that obstetric and other surgical emergencies will be managed at Dollo Ado level and not have to be referred to Filtu hospital (240km away) or Mandera (across the border, in Kenya).

MSF-H plans to support the whole facility with both drugs and medical supplies/equipment, clinical supervision and staffing. UNFPA will also provide MSF-H with medical supplies and equipment to run the EMONC services.

Decentralization

Camp	Health	Nutrition	Comments
Bokolmanyo	ARRA has fenced the site for the decentralized health post. They have also recruited additional	-Construction of four (4) SFP/ BF sites is expected to be finalized in less than one week's time	Humedica and IOM have offered to support with staff and medical supplies

	staff to work at the health post	-Discussion ongoing on handover of OTP from MSF-S to SCUS.	
Melkadida	ARRA has fenced the site for the decentralized health post. They have also recruited additional staff to work at the health post	-2 decentralized SFP/BF sites operational. - Decentralized OTP site to be opened by mid- October	Humedica and IOM have offered to support with staff and medical supplies
Kobe	1 static health team (UNICEF)	-2 decentralized SFP/BF sites operational -Decentralized OTP site to be opened soon	
Hilaweyn	1 static health team (UNICEF)	-3 decentralized SFP/BF sites operational. -Decentralized OTP site to be opened in a few days	

Food and Nutrition

Preparations to conduct Nutrition survey in Dollo Ado refugee camps are at the final stages. The survey is planned to start on 15th October 2011 in Kobe and Hilaweyn and later in Melkadida and Bokolmanyo.

WASH

- Drilling of wells underway, so far, two new wells completed by NCA/LWF in Hilaweyn over the week and drilling of additional one is ongoing. A total of 23 well sites also selected for drilling in Buramino, Kobe, Melkadida & Bokolmayo.
- Oxfam to put 3 additional water distribution points in Hilaweyn (to make the total 15).
- Two excavators (Backhoes), supported by UNICEF through UNHCR are deployed, 1 in Bokolmanyo to accelerate the trench digging and the second one to Hilaweyn to support latrine construction in addition to the excavator already provided by UNHCR.
- UNHCR & THW to start construction of latrines in Bokolmayo and Melkadida. So far, selection of propriety zones conducted & waiting for delivery of construction materials.
- Additional IEC materials received from UNICEF which will be used in Kobe & Hilaweyn for hygiene promotion activities.
- Following the decision by ARRA and UNHCR to handover hygiene and sanitation from ARRA to IMC in Melkadida camp, discussions have been made with IMC to start latrine construction/completion by end of next week.

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