

Supporting the finalization and roll out of the operational plan, guidelines and SoPs for  
IDSR and implementation of the Frontline FETP in Somalia

## Final Consultancy Report

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## Introduction and Background

For a duration of 4 months; 3<sup>rd</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, WHO Somalia provided technical support to Somalia federal ministry of health and human services (FMOH) to roll out Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR) and implement the Somalia Frontline Field Epidemiology Training Program (SOM-FETP-Frontline). The technical support was framed around 8 Terms of Reference (ToRs). These are;

1. Review and validate the draft operational plan, draft guidelines, draft tools and draft SOPs for strengthening surveillance and response in Somalia
2. Submit the validated operational plan, guidelines and SOPs to the Somalia FMOH for approval
3. Finalize the development of training materials for the implementation of the operational plan, guidelines for strengthening surveillance and response
4. Plan a national ToT and cascading of the IDSR trainings to lower levels of the health system in Somalia
5. Measure the implementation of the operational plan for strengthening surveillance and response in Somalia
6. Adapt Frontline-FETP curriculum and training materials to Somalia context
7. Disseminate multiple scientific products arising from data collected during establishment of IDSR and the Frontline-FETP in Somalia
8. Adapt training materials and facilitate trainings on IDSR and Frontline-FETP

Previously, two (2) consultancy progress reports have been submitted both of which are accessible through the google links below.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dgU0pXdKb7oPsDp0g9PMcHYB8M1eSrEr/edit?usp=share\\_link&oid=114290701937184242498&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dgU0pXdKb7oPsDp0g9PMcHYB8M1eSrEr/edit?usp=share_link&oid=114290701937184242498&rtpof=true&sd=true)

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dJJZHuScw823uyOq211LAAgkeMpBaq0V/edit?usp=share\\_link&oid=114290701937184242498&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dJJZHuScw823uyOq211LAAgkeMpBaq0V/edit?usp=share_link&oid=114290701937184242498&rtpof=true&sd=true).

This is the final consultancy report. The report provides a summary on the extent to which each of the eight (8) ToRs was achieved. The report also summarizes key

consultancy deliverables and where necessary provides links to these deliverables. For any terms of reference (ToRs) that were not achieved, an explanation is given.

### The extent to which the consultancy terms of reference (ToRs) have been achieved

Out of the 8 terms of reference (ToRs), 6 were fully completed, 1 partially completed and 1 not done. This translates to a performance of 81%. On ToR 7, which relates to dissemination of multiple scientific products arising from IDSR and FETP related processes, a total of 5 abstracts were developed and submitted to the Frontiers in Public health journal and are currently being developed into full articles. For ToR 5 which relates to measuring the implementation of the IDSR operational plan, it is premature but can possibly be done by end of the year 2023. Apart from ToR 5 which was not implemented at all and ToR 7 which is implemented partially, the remaining 6 ToRs were achieved 100%. This progress is summarized in table 1.

Table 1: The extent to which the eight (8) consultancy terms of reference (ToRs) were achieved

No	ToR	Level of achievement
1	Review and validate the draft operational plan, draft guidelines, draft tools and draft SOPs for strengthening surveillance and response in Somalia	Green
2	Submit the validated operational plan, guidelines and SOPs to the Somalia FMOH for approval	Green
3	Finalize the development of training materials for the implementation of the operational plan, guidelines for strengthening surveillance and response	Green
4	Plan a national ToT and cascading of the IDSR trainings to lower levels of the health system in Somalia	Green
5	Measure the implementation of the operational plan for strengthening surveillance and response in Somalia	Red
6	Adapt Frontline-FETP curriculum and training materials to Somalia context	Green
7	Disseminate multiple scientific products arising from data collected during establishment of IDSR and the Frontline-FETP in Somalia	Yellow
8	Adapt training materials and facilitate trainings on IDSR and Frontline-FETP	Green

Key

Color code	Meaning
	Fully completed
	Partially completed
	Not done

### Key achievements related to supporting the implementation of the SOM-FETP-Frontline

Previously, the Somalia frontline field epidemiology training program (SOM-FETP-Frontline) has graduated 2 cohorts. For the duration 3<sup>rd</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, the 3<sup>rd</sup> cohort of SOM-FETP-Frontline was enrolled. The cohort has a total of 28 participants; 13 of whom are from federal level and 15 from state level. Technical support to the 3<sup>rd</sup> cohort of SOM-FETP-Frontline included; 1) facilitation of workshop ONE of cohort THREE of SOM-FETP-Frontline, 2) field mentoring during field interval ONE of cohort THREE of SOM-FETP-Frontline, 3) preparation for workshop TWO of cohort THREE of SOM-FETP-Frontline, 4) facilitation of workshop TWO of cohort THREE of SOM-FETP-Frontline and 5) field mentoring during field interval TWO of cohort THREE of SOM-FETP-Frontline. All the mentees have submitted their draft deliverables from field interval TWO and are ready for graduation (workshop THREE of cohort THREE of SOM-FETP-Frontline) due sometime in January of 2023. The links to some of the critical deliverables related to implementation of cohort THREE of SOM-FETP-Frontline are shared in table 2.

Table 2: Google links to key deliverables related to supporting the implementation of SOM-FETP-Frontline

	Document	Google link
1	Concept note for workshop TWO of cohort THREE of SOM-FETP-Frontline	<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KQxHwvqO0pmoFOuHAISUfo7JRXa0oK4L/edit?usp=share_link&amp;oid=114290701937184242498&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KQxHwvqO0pmoFOuHAISUfo7JRXa0oK4L/edit?usp=share_link&amp;oid=114290701937184242498&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true</a>
2	Budget for workshop TWO of cohort THREE of SOM-FETP-Frontline	<a href="https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1v5-bbV9GuHAC4k5Z5XgyXQz0UOR266lx/edit?usp=share_link&amp;oid=114290701937184242498&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true">https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1v5-bbV9GuHAC4k5Z5XgyXQz0UOR266lx/edit?usp=share_link&amp;oid=114290701937184242498&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true</a>

3	Report for workshop TWO of cohort THREE of SOM-FETP-Frontline	<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SYodj8m716KjuuQ10sw9XKTcDBaL6q1w/edit?usp=share_link&amp;oid=114290701937184242498&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1SYodj8m716KjuuQ10sw9XKTcDBaL6q1w/edit?usp=share_link&amp;oid=114290701937184242498&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true</a>
4	Progress monitoring of field interval TWO of cohort Three of SOM-FETP-Frontline	<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sXu0UkZQCrePV3i7QwKkQDAZuh8jgOnD/edit?usp=sharing&amp;oid=114290701937184242498&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1sXu0UkZQCrePV3i7QwKkQDAZuh8jgOnD/edit?usp=sharing&amp;oid=114290701937184242498&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true</a>

**key achievements related the roll-out of IDSR in Somalia**

Since the year 2020, WHO Somalia has supported the federal ministry of health and human services (FMOH) to plan and roll-out implementation of the integrated disease surveillance and response (IDSR) strategy as the major vehicle for improving the performance of the country’s multi-disease surveillance system. For the duration 3<sup>rd</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, achievements related to IDSR strategy implementation include; 1) participating in organizing a workshop to validate the DHIS2 tracker application which is the information technology (IT) platform for supporting IDSR strategy implementation, 2) facilitation of the workshop to validate the DHIS2 tracker application, 3) supporting the FMOH to publish the weekly epidemiological bulletin, 4) participation in addressing the comments related to optimization of the design of the DHIS2 tracker application raised during the validation workshop and 5) finalization of the concept note, budget and schedule for conducting the federal and state level trainings for IDSR strategy implementation. The country is now ready to roll-out IDSR strategy implementation. This will begin a facilitators training due 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and then the federal and state level IDSR ToT from 29<sup>th</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2023. Currently, preparatory meetings are ongoing to have a successful roll-out of IDSR in Somalia. Key deliverables related to supporting IDSR strategy implementation are summarized in table 3.

Table 3: Google links for key deliverables related to supporting the roll-out of IDSR strategy implementation in Somalia

Document	Google link
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1	Concept note for the DHIS2 tracker validation workshop	<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Bn_Thl0jXF2X9RKCjKiJLn0FsobGWh0/edit?usp=sharing&amp;oid=114290701937184242498&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Bn_Thl0jXF2X9RKCjKiJLn0FsobGWh0/edit?usp=sharing&amp;oid=114290701937184242498&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true</a>
2	The first FMOH weekly epidemiological bulletin	<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bMmnv0qskDbYN91v0yFTebY_Yk-ICLRd/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bMmnv0qskDbYN91v0yFTebY_Yk-ICLRd/view?usp=sharing</a>
3	DHIS2 tracker validation workshop report	<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/19mLF7hdw7e0uinPTV8tQaRcHnJRYybgX/edit?usp=share_link&amp;oid=114290701937184242498&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true">https://docs.google.com/document/d/19mLF7hdw7e0uinPTV8tQaRcHnJRYybgX/edit?usp=share_link&amp;oid=114290701937184242498&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true</a>
4	Final concept note for the federal and state IDSR ToT	<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ljKYHuqGSgAxfLpZmDOs0cYEzbcJns8B/edit?usp=share_link&amp;oid=114290701937184242498&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ljKYHuqGSgAxfLpZmDOs0cYEzbcJns8B/edit?usp=share_link&amp;oid=114290701937184242498&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true</a>

### Development of scientific publications from the processes related to IDSR strategy implementation and SOM-FETP-Frontline roll-out in Somalia

A total of 5 abstracts have been developed and submitted for consideration for developing full scientific articles for publication in the special issue “encouraging health research productivity in complex humanitarian crises-Somalia” in the Frontiers in Public Health Journal. Currently, the full manuscripts from these 5 abstracts are being developed ahead of the submission deadline. The google links to the abstracts being developed into full manuscripts are shared in table 4.

Table 4: Google links to the abstracts from IDSR and SOM-FETP-Frontline related processes submitted to the Frontiers in Public Health Research journal

	Working title	Google link
1	Pioneering integrated disease surveillance (IDS) strategy implementation in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMRO); progress, experiences and next steps for Somalia	<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FlajjEMgWXseWrzrR6ZyKtQHLnLdBMf5/edit?usp=share_link&amp;oid=114290701937184242498&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FlajjEMgWXseWrzrR6ZyKtQHLnLdBMf5/edit?usp=share_link&amp;oid=114290701937184242498&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true</a>
2	Public health research prioritization-setting the agenda for generation and use of context specific knowledge for universal health coverage in Somalia	<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yRGTKLm_n1zaziHajtNuwxqInogNcyYx/edit?usp=share_link&amp;oid=114290701937184242498&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yRGTKLm_n1zaziHajtNuwxqInogNcyYx/edit?usp=share_link&amp;oid=114290701937184242498&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true</a>
3	The performance of surveillance functions at health facility level in Somalia; analysis of secondary data collected by the trainees	<a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/16qKYHSHaWOJfZYR7sVt7fz4PU-50A5l/edit?usp=share_link&amp;oid=114290701937184242498&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true">https://docs.google.com/document/d/16qKYHSHaWOJfZYR7sVt7fz4PU-50A5l/edit?usp=share_link&amp;oid=114290701937184242498&amp;rtpof=true&amp;sd=true</a>



