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# CCM-Italy and GF in Somalia

- Since 2004 CCM in Somalia is a partner of Global Fund Programs against Malaria, Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS.
- CCM is one of the sub-recipients
  - HIV/AIDS Program: UNICEF PR → CCM SR
  - Malaria Program: UNICEF PR → CCM SR
  - TB Program: Word Vision PR → CCM SR







# HIV/AIDS Control Program

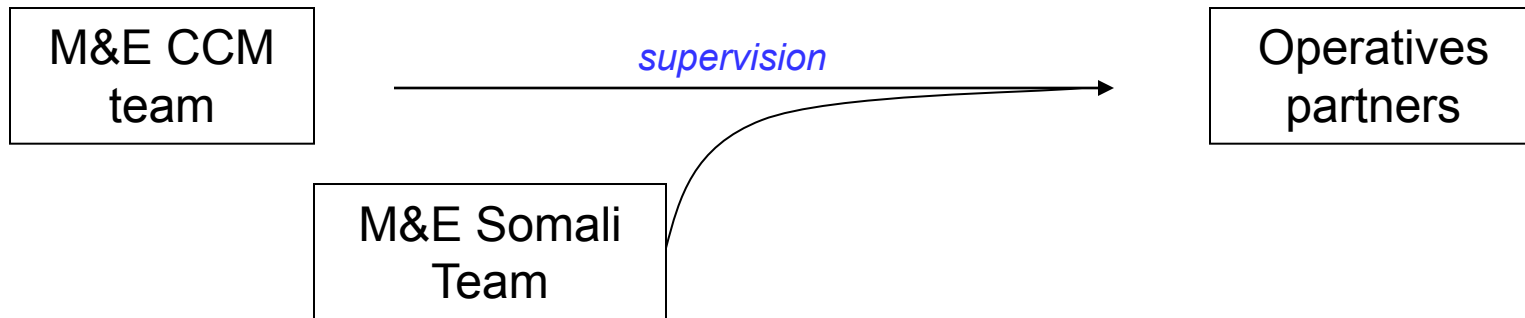
- Period: 2005-2009
- Role of CCM-Italy:
  - monitoring and supervision of grant's Sub Recipients interventions and
  - set up of a Somali-owned Monitoring and Evaluation system within the AIDS commission in the 3 administrative zones of Somalia.

# HIV/AIDS Control Program

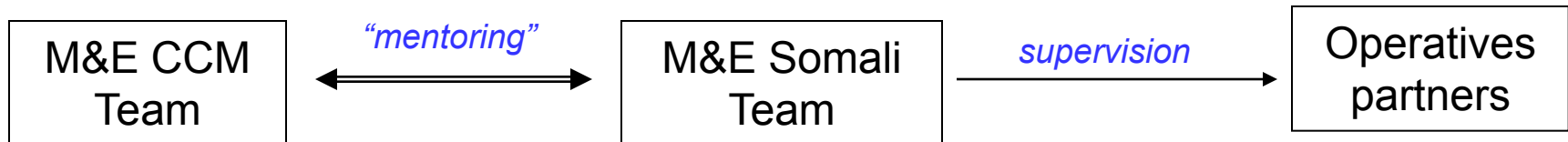
- Activities:
  - CCM-Italy selected and trained 13 M&E officers and progressively empowered them in routine activities of supervision, data collection and reporting on HIV/AIDS control interventions.

# HIV/AIDS Control Program

Year I - II



Year III - IV





# HIV/AIDS control program

- 13 local operators of M&E team have been trained in M&E activities
- Each month the M&E Somali team visit the Organizations that are implementing a project in the frame of HIV/AIDS Control GF Program, collect the data, elaborate the reports for the evaluation commission and for the donor
- M&E CCM team supported the M&E Somali team during 4 years
- At the end of Year 4 the Somali M&E system was setup in the 3 administrative zones of Somalia and, with some variations, able to deliver expected results

# Malaria Control Program

Period: 2008-2012

Role of CCM:

1) Support to Laboratories

2) Strengthening of the Health Information System

# Malaria Control Program

## 1. Support to the laboratories:

### 1.A Two National Quality Control Unit

- During the period 2008-2010 setup 2 national Quality Control Units in Hargeisa and Garowe
- The 2 units take over progressively the function of supervision and quality control of peripheral laboratories implementing malaria diagnostic activities
- The 2 units have been rehabilitated, furnished and equipped

# Malaria Control Program

- In collaboration with local health authorities, CCM-Italy has selected laboratory technicians to be seconded to the Quality Control Units and organized their technical training (in collaboration with AMREF).
- Three lab technicians have been employed in each Unit undertook joint field activities with CCM-Italy technical staff



# Malaria Control Program

## 1.B Laboratories supervision

- CCM-Italy teams ensured regular supervision of 47 malaria laboratories during the first 2 years of the program.
- In 2010 the Malaria laboratories M&E role has been handover to WHO



## Supervision MCH in Berbera





# Malaria Control Program

## 2. Strengthening of the Health Information System (2008-2012)

- Phase I: pilot in **2 Somaliland regions** of Marodi Jeex and Sahil
- Phase II: based on success as well as lessons learned, the implementation was scaled up to all other regions in Somaliland and Puntland (PL)-**10 regions**

# Malaria Control Program

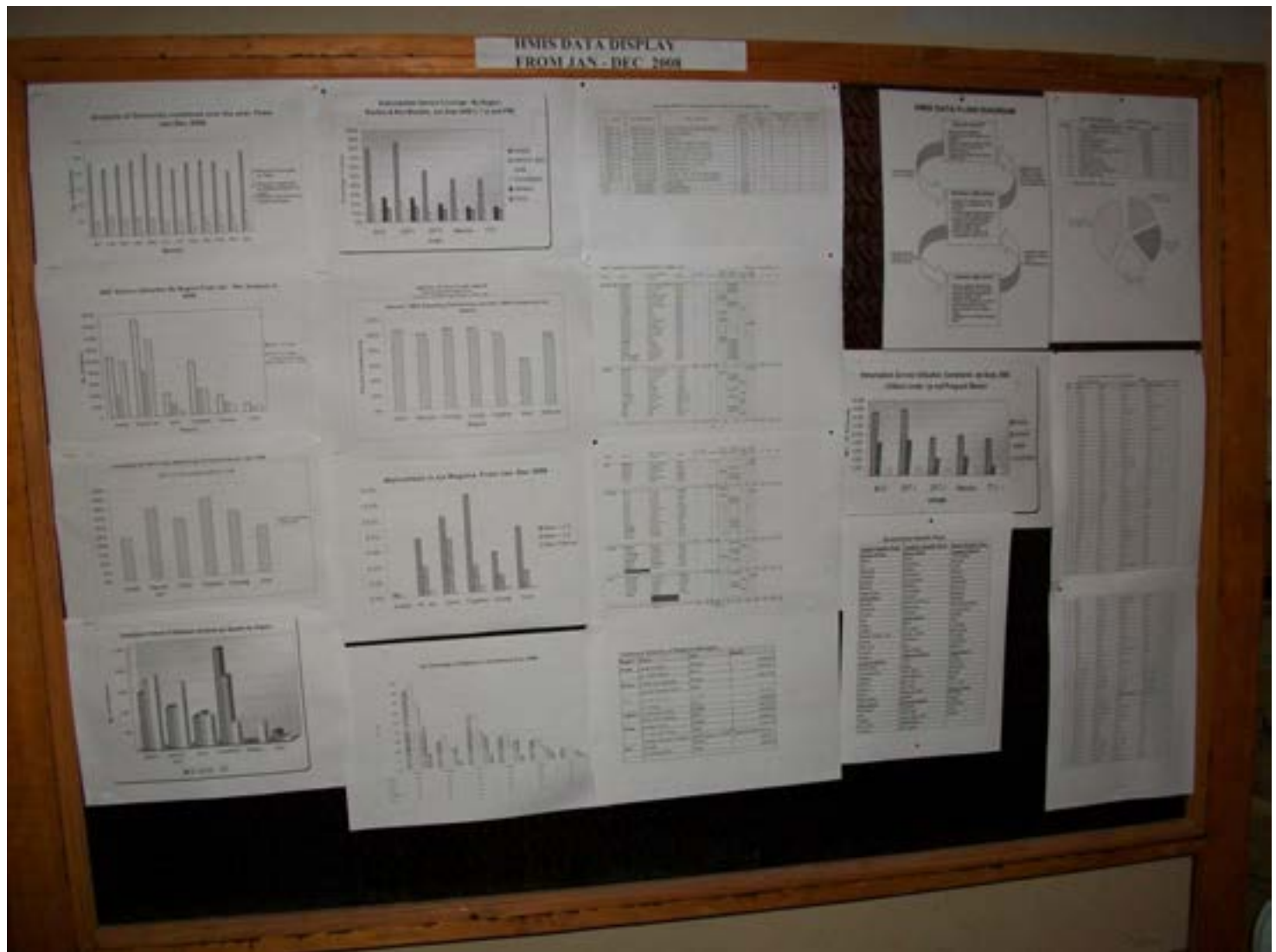
## Activities:

- revision and introduction of new data collection forms for Hospitals and MCHs;
- routine supervision of the procedures of data collection and reporting in peripheral Health facilities;
- feedback meetings on findings/problems detected during the supervision;
- technical, logistical and financial support of HMIS units set up at zonal and regional level;
- production of quarterly and yearly HMIS reports.



# Malaria Control Program

- The activities of the HMIS intervention have been planned, organized and implemented with the complete participation of the Somali counterparts in a logical perspective of staff empowerment and future sustainability, in coordination with UNICEF and other stakeholders' activities.







# TB control program

- **Period:** 2004-2013 (ongoing)
- **Objective:** Monitoring & Evaluation to all the TB centers supported by the GF in Somalia
- **Means:** The supervision team is composed of 2 clinicians and 2 laboratory technologists

# TB control program

- **Countrywide in Somalia:**
  - 41 Centers in South Central,
  - 4 Centers in Puntland
  - 14 Centers in Somaliland



# TB control program

- **Activities:**
  - Supervision of the laboratories (data collection, equipment and infrastructures analysis and staff monitoring)
  - Training on the job: refreshment of laboratories staff training

# TB control program

- **Coordination:**
  - CCM-Italy Team has been working very closely with local TB centers' staff, regional MoH, NTP coordinators in each administrative zone, and local authorities.



# TB control program

- CCM-Italy:
  - Monitoring & Evaluation to all the TB centers
  - Reports the M&E outputs to the Principal Recipient (World Vision)
- PR World Vision:
  - ensure the follow up of M&E outputs and take measures to improve de quality of laboratories services
  - Reports to the donor: Global Fund TB Program





# Success Stories

- In 2012 CCM Italy has had **prime access to areas that have had poor security and inhibiting terrain** to give support supervision over the past years. This was achieved through a mix of experience, composition of supervision team and support of NTP managers.
- **Improved technical capacity of Somalia TB staffs is a great milestone** and an achievement that all partners in the TB control program and CCM-Italy in particular can be proud of. Looking back to the inception time of Round 3, it is not hard to see that the country and the program emerged from a situation of total collapse. Many of the staffs had no post secondary school training in TB and therefore proper induction was followed up with continuous on the job training.

# Success Stories (cont...)

- **The quality of clinical and Laboratory work as well as the overall patient care in the centers has really improved.** This can be attested by the EQA carried out in collaboration with Aga Khan university hospital which showed a very high slide reading agreement rates.
- **The level of DOTs implementation has really improved in all the centers, the level of TB stigma in the country has tremendously reduced** with the implementation of continuous patient's health education in TB.
- **The level of recording, reporting and overall data management in the TB centers has also greatly improved.**

# Challenges

- **Security is the biggest challenge in Somalia.** Reduction of access to many centers especially in South Central Somalia which have remained in accessible notably Gedo and Lower Jubba regions.
- **The emergence of MDR TB** in the country with no management system is a frustration for the program staff and a real danger to everyone.
- **The country's lack of strong government** and the resultant donor dependency is a challenge. This is complicated by the high cost of living and the current low wages/incentives that can result to losing trained staff.