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- Strengthening Health Information:
 - Two NPOs and data manager recruited to strengthen IDSR (one of the NPOs is yet to report)
 - 8 issues of weekly bulletin produced and disseminated, the 9th issue will be out this week.
 - District health profile compiled for 28 sub Zobas. Edition work completed. The current drafts to be circulated this week for inputs before consensus building.
 - Six district assessments completed and results disseminated.
 - Data analysis completed for the household IMCI survey. Interesting findings observed and first draft report expected next week.
- Co-ordination:
 - Secretary, driver, finance clerk in place to strengthen co-ordination. Office space and furniture available. Orders for equipment (Vehicle, computers and printers, solar panels) still pending.
 - Regular consultations ongoing on priority activities with the members of the health cluster.
- Filling gaps:
 - Emergency kits procured including 3 NEHKs, 2 Diarrhoea kits, 40 UNFPA kits and 1 trauma kit. Distribution plan made based on rapid assessment results.
 - Measles and vitamin A supplementation campaign conducted nationwide targeting about 500,000 children less than 5 years. 95% coverage for measles and vitamin A achieved nationwide with regional variation. Coverage survey planned.
 - Outreach immunization conducted in Foro sub Zoba. Detailed report is being awaited. Plans for SOS completed in NRS and SRS.
- Capacity Building:
 - IDSR surveillance officers sensitized and their operational guidelines produced.
 - 74 clinicians sensitized on IDSR.
 - 28 health workers so far trained on IMCI from NRS and SRS.