

Reporting and Evaluation Form

Dear grantee,

We are happy to partner with you in the meaningful work you are doing! As we strive to get to know you better and to evaluate our grant making, your input is valuable to us.

- Use the questions that are relevant to your organization and to the project that was funded.
- If any of the information is already available in your own reporting format there is no need to duplicate.
- Let us know if there is any area that you would like to discuss.

Name of Organization: Cabrini Ministries Ethiopia

Date/period: May-October 2024

Project: INTEGRATED MALNUTRITION PROGRAMME - DUBBO, ETHIOPIA

1. Was the grant for general operations, a specific project, or expansion of an existing project?
The grant supports the ongoing malnutrition support program.
2. Were the funds utilized as described in your proposal? If not, what are the changes and why?
Funds were used to cover the planned expenses, however, the current unstable economic situation in the country, with fluctuating inflation, caused an increase in prices of services and commodities and in the cost of living. Because of this, our expenditures were higher than expected, especially for salaries (which were increased to match the cost of living), fuel for transport to outreach stations, and medicines.
3. Briefly describe the implementation, what worked well, any unexpected outcomes, challenges, modifications.
Implementation was conducted as planned, however, in recent months the shortage of therapeutic milk (F-75 and F-100) in the local market affected the capacity of BJCL to provide care to as many children as planned. An epidemic of Malaria in the area also required staff to dedicate more time to malaria awareness, thus reducing the time they could dedicate to malnutrition screening and health education.
In spite of the challenges, the program is being successful in reducing the number of relapse cases among children who received treatment at BJCL, which nearly halved compared to the same period last year.
4. What are the learnings from this project? Will it be repeated, is it ongoing, does it need to be modified?
The project is ongoing and will continue as a pillar of our mother and child health program. Given the situation in the country and in our region, where food insecurity remains a priority to address, addressing malnutrition from both medical and social perspective keeps making a difference. However, more needs to be done to help communities be self-sustainable. Thus, we shall improve our

prevention component, adding more topics to our community health education sessions to improve the awareness of mothers and caregivers about their own health and the health of their family members. We shall also expand our social services to families to give them additional tools to improve their employability and capacity to generate income, e.g. by providing adult literacy training. We shall also provide additional training to BJCL staff in Early Childhood Care and Development (ECCD), for them to be able to provide education support to children admitted to BJCL even before they reach the school age, so as to set good foundations for their physical and cognitive development.

5. How is the community where the work is done involved in the ideation, implementation, and evaluation of the work?

Cabrini Ministries develops its programs and interventions based on needs assessments which are conducted on a regular basis within the communities CM serves. Staff holds regular meetings with community members and key stakeholders (community leaders, religious leaders, etc.) to map needs, plan for interventions, and gather feedback on activities. Representatives of the communities are also invited to participate in CM strategic planning meetings to inform shaping the organization.

6. What evaluation method are you using to measure outcome and impact?

Hospital and BJCL registers are used to track children's admissions and recovery. Regular field visits report cards are used to screen children and to track their improvement.

Monitoring reports are kept for the livelihood programs, based on their attendance to trainings, saving reports, and visits to the families.

Follow up visits to families to monitor their health and economic status will be used to assess the long-term impact of the intervention.

7. Have you noticed any change over time in the communities or regions you are working in?

8. Going forward how can we best support your work?

Given the extreme poverty on our area, only long-term support would allow us to keep serving our communities, and deliver quality services to empower them and improve their lives.

Counting on a regular flow of funds for two to three consecutive years would be beneficial to sustain the program and ensure its continuity.

9. Please let us know of any major change in your organization, your philosophy, your strategy that might impact how grants are used.