

CASE STUDY TEMPLATE

What is a case study?

A case study is an individual's story. It tells the reader how Save the Children's work has made a difference in the life of a child or his or her family.

1. Background: Please provide basic information about the interviewee(s).

Name(s), gender, age:	Hawa Momin, Female, 19
Location – village/town, district/province and country:	Dule Wederkama Kebele, Ewa District of Afar Region, Ethiopia.
Keywords – themes:	[Maternal and Child Health, Malnutrition]

2. Summary: Please describe the interviewee's day-to-day life and environment.

Hawa Momin is a mother of two children who lives in a very remote rural area in the Afar Regional State of Ethiopia. There is no access to basic health care near the area where she lives. As a result, she had to walk for more than three hours to reach to Ewa health centre to get treatment for her sick child.

The newly launched ECHO project run by Save the Children works with the district health office to improve the Health and nutritional status of mothers and children in the area through strengthening and supporting the OTP (Out Patient Therapeutic Program) sites that was established and run by the government in the target district.

3. The story: Interviewee's story in his or her own words. Please use exact words with direct quotes.

My name is Hawa Momin. I'm 19 years old. I've two daughters. The elder, Assiya is four years old and the younger whose name is Sumeya is only one year old now. Two weeks ago, my younger daughter sumeya was very sick; she had diarrhoea and was very febrile. She lost her appetite and even stopped to breastfeed. As a result, she became very weak and was inactive. At the time I was worried very much about her health situation and didn't know what to do.

Though I wanted to take her to the health centre, I couldn't do it due to the long distance to the facility. I rather chose to keep her at home hoping that she would get better. However, after two days without any help, Sumeya's condition didn't show any improvement, instead it got worsened. I finally decided to take her to Ewa Health Centre, which is three hours on foot from our home. The health workers there assessed her condition and gave her a syrup and high nutrient food (Peanut pest) for one week. They advised us to bring her back after one week for her check-ups.

Today, I'm here at Ewa Health center for Sumeya's checkup, since last week, (At the time of this interview on April, 30, 2015) Sumeya's health condition has greatly improved. This time, she is doing very well. She has regained appetite and started to breastfeed. I'm very grateful to those health workers who helped and saved her life. Now I realized that, If I hadn't had

this opportunity I could have lost her.

The problem that we currently face is the lack access to health services in the nearby village. It's a pity that there is no health service in the nearby village. This would force us to travel to faraway places up to three hours on foot to get health service for our sick children and for ourselves.

We wish if a clinic is built here near to our village, so that we can easily access health service whenever we need it.

As a mother, I wish my children grow healthy and be someone who does well to the community and themselves. I want them to finish school and become teachers or health workers, so that they can support me.

4. Wider context

4.1 Program summary and background information.

Basic service provision in the pastoral areas of Ethiopia has historically been problematic, with less than one-fifth of pastoral communities in Ethiopia having access to basic social services such as health care and education; Afar is no exception. In Afar, there are shortages of trained health staff at all levels as well as a basic lack of infrastructure — the fact that there are only 39 health centres and 4 referral hospitals in the whole region (96,707 square kilometres) means families have to cover long distances on foot to reach lifesaving care.

Save the children has recently launched the ECHO funded project that has a component of Health and nutrition interventions and aims to improve the health and nutritional status of mother and children less than five years of age In the target districts of the Afar Region. The project mainly focus on strengthening and supporting the OTP sites through provision of materials, training and equipment's that helps to provide quality services to the target community.

4.2 Follow-up: Is the individual in the beginning, middle or end of an activity/program with Save the Children?

If he or she is still taking part in an activity/program in the future please explain when a follow-up story could be planned i.e.: six months, one year later etc.

Is this a follow-up from an earlier case study? If so, please add a link to the earlier case study.

No it is not a follow up story.

4.3 Family, community leader, health worker, teacher, partner etc. quotes. Please ensure that you have the correct names, (job) title and organisation for each person quoted.

Jemal Ahmed, 24, is a clinical nurse in Ewa health centre and has been working at this facility for the last three years. Jemal says “Here In the under-five clinic we give services such as immunization, diagnosis and treatment of under five years children with common childhood illness, including malnutrition and we also conduct growth monitoring for young children. Among the ten top diseases that affects children here; pneumonia is number one problem

and diarrhoea comes second.

This time the number of children coming to the clinic with malnutrition has increased; this is mainly because of the drought in the area. The other problem that we face here is the lack of essential drugs and medical equipment, there is also shortage of trained medical staffs. Despite all the above, distance is also another factor for low utilization of the available services. We sometimes refer the patients to Woldiya Hospital which is 70 km away from here, for better treatment.”

4.4 Expert quotes. Please ensure that you have the correct names, (job) title and organisation for each person quoted. This is optional as experts may not always be available.

N/A

5. Theory of Change: How we work to create impact for children (not mandatory for humanitarian)

The Save the Children Theory of Change shows how we achieve change for children: striving to create impact for children by being innovative, by acting as the voice for and of children, and by achieving results at scale.

5.1 Overall impact: Please explain how Save the Children addressed the challenges/problem and describe the results.

5.2 Innovation: Does this story include a new solution to address an unmet need of children? Please explain the new processes, products, services, methods of delivery. Only write something if there is a specific example of innovation.

5.3 Voice: Please describe if you have been able to advocate for better practices and policies or ensure children’s voices are heard.

5.4 Partnerships: Please describe if you have been able to cooperate with or build partnerships through this program.

5.5 Results at scale: Please describe if program achievements are occurring beyond a local level at a larger scale. Only write something if there is a specific example of results at scale.

6. Child protection and consent issues

6.1 Please confirm that you have followed Save the Children child protection policies and have completed full consent forms for the child and/or family, and every individual you have quoted and photographed.

Tick box to confirm:



6.2 Protection notes: If you have changed the name of an interviewee or have changed information that could lead to their identification for protection reasons, please outline the reasons.

N/A

7. Case study reference information

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