

1.1 AFP surveillance & case detection

Active Case Search

A total of 37 Community mobilizers (CMs) in Garissa, Lamu and Mandera County, conducted Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) active case search, and no case found at the 744 Households visited. In Lower Juba, Somalia, 9 CMs conducted AFP case search along the border villages, and no suspected AFP case found after visiting 340 Households with approx 3695 individuals. It is worth mentioning that surveillance officers screened a convoy of refugees returning from Kenya and no case of suspected AFP was detected.

AFP Community Sensitization

In Mandera County, community sensitization on AFP case detection and reporting were conducted by CMs at border villages along the Kenya Somalia villages targetting community members, pastoralists and hard to reach a population

In Marsabit (Manyatta Gilgilla) 12 women, Forole community unit 20 men and Bori community unit 65 women from 4 women group of ACK church sensitized on AFP (signs and symptoms, mode of transmission, prevention, and reporting mechanism) should a case be detected. Community Health Volunteers (CHVs) meeting was also held at Badanotas village targetting 23 CHVs on AFP surveillance.



Figure 1: Men in Forole being sensitized on AFP. Photo Credit PO Marsabit)

On the JOB training (OJT)

In Wajir, the facility in-charges conducted OJT on AFP reporting procedure in two (2) health facilities along the 16 border facilities. The lower Juba region team during the support supervision conducted OJT on AFP to 7 CMs and 15 HF's staffs at Dhobley, Diff and Kulbiyo.

Measles Surveillance

In Wajir, 10 suspected cases of measles reported in Wajir North Sub-county, the surveillance officer collected samples from 5 patients and sent to Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) laboratory for further investigation. Two cases of suspected measles also reported in Dadajabulla and plans are under to collect and ship the sample to KEMRI.

1.2 Strengthening Routine Immunization

Outreach Services

In Mandera County, the Project Officer (PO) supported 3 health facilities along the Kenya Somali borders conduct their monthly outreach sessions. Ten (10) border villages, 3 pastoralist sites were visited and a total of 108 children under the age of five (5) years were vaccinated.

Turkana County: An integrated outreach service conducted in Loima 5 sites under Lokiriama and Locherlomala dispensaries. Forty-five (45) children under the age of five years reached with life-saving vaccines.

In Wajir, A total of 15 immunization scheduled sessions conducted by health facilities in Wajir, with health promotion sessions on the importance of immunization services during the outreaches. Four (67%) facilities out of the six (6) supported health facilities supported conducted 8 EPI outreach sessions out of which a total of 104 children under the age of 5 years were vaccinated while in Garissa the team conducted 3 outreach session in Bulogolol, Barkin, and Kiwanja villages, a total of 76 children under the age of 5 years vaccinated.

In Somalia lower Juba Region, 8 CMs supported three health facilities to conduct EPI outreach, and 2 hard-to-reach sessions at Dhobley-Deg-Elema, Tulo-Burwaqo and a total of 187 children were vaccinated.

Health Promotion (Marsabit County)

At the El-Hadi community unit, 15 lactating mothers, Waye Godha community unit 20 church women group members and Heilu community unit 16 lactating mothers sensitized on the importance of immunization

The CM from Butiye community unit organized a meeting which was attended by 28 mothers and 7 men to sensitize on the importance of immunization.

Immunization Defaulter tracing



Figure 2: Lactating mothers in Hellu session on importance of immunization. Photo Credit (Jenipher Oduor, PO Marsabit)

In Damballa Fachana community unit in Marsabit, the CMs traced 5 (83%) out of the six children from the list provided by the health facility staff. The sixth child could not be located as the family relocated to another area. CMs at Yaballo community unit managed to visit 15 households in Yabalo Goda village and traced 7 immunization defaulters and referred them to the health facility. The Nana community unit community mobilizers were also able to traced 5 (33%) out of the 15 from the list provided by the nurse at the facility.

1.3 Cross-Border Coordination

Lamu County, cross-border health Committee meeting was held in Lamu island on Monday 27th August 2018 while information sharing on surveillance and immunization between Kenya team in Mandera and Somali Gedo region is ongoing, and the mode of communication is mainly through a phone call and email. The collaboration covers both routine immunization and surveillance.

Between August 27-31, 2018 a joint cross-border meeting in Kapoeta East state, South Sudan was conducted between Kenya and South Sudan. The Turkana County Director of Health led the Kenyan delegation. Other team members included; Turkana West Medical Officer of Health, the County Trachoma Coordinator, the IRC's field Manager, Security officer, a driver, and the CGPP manager. The first meeting was between the Turkana delegation and the State Governor for Kapoeta East, the area Member of Parliament, the State Minister of Health and Environment and the Minister for Information at the Governor's office. This was meant to familiarize them with the meeting objective and request for official permission to interact with the health team and also to orientate them on the cross-border initiative and its role in achieving global polio eradication. The second meeting was held with the administrative and health officials in Narus County that immediately borders Turkana West Sub County. In attendance was the County Commissioner, the County Director of



Figure 3- Kenya Delegation meeting the state governor for Kapoeta East, during a joint cross border meeting in South Sudan..
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Figure 4- The Turkana delegation meets with the state minister for health (the lady), the state director for health (3rd on left row), and the leadership of American Refugee Committee and the Carter Center who support the state in health programming. Photo Courtesy of Henry, CGPP PO Turkana

Health, the County EPI focal person, the County Public health officer and the CGPP coordinator for the County.

1.4 Supplemental Immunization Activities (SIA): No reported SIA activities in the project areas.

1.5 Social Mobilization

Garissa County: Nine (9) Community Mobilizers carried out social mobilization on Routine Immunization and AFP in the border areas and nomadic settlements and managed to reach 267 households.

Lamu County: Six (6) CMs supported social mobilizations on AFP reporting and Routine immunizations in 6 villages at the project sites. Community dialogue sessions conducted in 4 health facilities and 82 individuals reached.

Mandera County: Social mobilization on RI continued during the reporting week in the 10 border settlements and 3 pastoralists settlements. This was done through CMs reaching 387 persons with RI information, AFP case detection, and reporting mechanism.

Turkana County: The CMs and CHVs conducted social mobilization at the static health facilities on the importance of routine immunization services and AFP surveillance at the cross-border health facilities reaching approximately 12,097 beneficiaries.

Wajir County: The CMs conducted Sixteen (16) social mobilization sessions on AFP surveillance across the 16 border health facilities, and 122 villages reached during the week.

Lower Juba: Seven (7) CMs conducted 4 community dialogue sessions on Routine Immunization, AFP detection at Dhobley, Diff, Ras-Kamboni, and Kulbiyow and managed to reach 530 beneficiaries. The CM mobilizers were also able to reach 160 Pregnant and Lactating mothers on Routine Immunization & Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) messages.

1.6 Effective partnerships/Meetings

Secretariat: Coordination meeting with WV-Kenya CGPP team at WV-K office in Nairobi.

Lamu: Meeting held between the Program Officer and the County Disease Surveillance and EPI focal persons on how to strengthen immunization and surveillance activities in the project areas.

Lower Juba: Monthly Health & Polio cluster coordination meeting held at Dhobley.

Turkana: The GCCP project team supported Kibish Sub County in convening their monthly health facility in-charges meeting on August 29-30, 2018 at Kaikor. The support included hiring and fuelling a vehicle to transport staff from cross-border health facilities.

1.7 Training, Workshops, and conferences

Marsabit: Community-based surveillance training on AFP and notifiable diseases were conducted in Butiye community unit targeting 30 CHVs and 3 CHAs.

1.8 The security situation and other challenges

Lamu: Insecurity still stands as a significant factor affecting CGPP operation in Lamu and another area. In Lamu (Boni Forest) a roadside IED suspected to have been planted by Al Shabab insurgents struck security forces vehicle killing five KDF officers while 10 other soldiers were injured. This incident marks the third attack against security forces in Lamu county in less than a month.

Lower Juba: Public demonstrations were reported in Dhobley after a civilian was killed by the security forces in Dhobley border town and Fear of Insurgency and IED Ambush by Al Shabab groups.

Other challenges: In Turkana, flash floods in Kapoeta East led to the collapse of bridges and impassable roads.

1.9 Key Planned Activities, Week of 03-7th September 2018.

Secretariat: Marsabit County coordination visit, IGAD bOPV planning meeting at Disease Surveillance and Response unit, Support Garissa County Data review and training and support Acute flaccid paralysis data Harmonization meeting in KEMRI between the program and the Lab.

Garissa: Routine Immunization session, social mobilization on Routine Immunization and AFP and Data review training.

Lamu: Support EPI outreach session, AFP case search and reporting, routine Immunization social mobilization through community mobilizers and review and planning session for the upcoming bOPV campaign.

Mandera: Active case search for suspected AFP cases within the 22 health facilities by Community mobilizers, support peripheral health outreaches for hard to reach population, attend a planning session for September bOPV SIA and plan for cross-border synchronization of sept SIA

Marsabit County: CMs Review Meeting in Marsabit on the 5/9/2018

Turkana County: Conduct integrated outreaches in Todonyang.

Wajir County: Measles cases follow-up.

Lower Juba (Somalia): Conduct Community dialogue session/FGDs, attend Monthly cluster coordination meeting and participate in the mOPV2 SIA Planning meetings.