

1.1 Key Highlights of the Week

- **Polio cases:** No new polio cases reported this week. The last cases of cVDPV2 were from Kismayu (Two (2) cVDPV2 from 1 AFP case and 1 contact (from a different AFP case) collected from the same IDP camp with the date of onset of paralysis on 29 and 30 of July 2018 respectively. The total number of cVDPVs cases in Somalia are currently 7 (four cVDPV2, two cVDPV3 & one with both cVDPV2 and cVDPV3 coinfection).
- **Conference:** Gavi CSO ConneXions 2018, September 12-14, 2018 at Jacaranda Hotel, Nairobi. The forum brought 120 CSO participants from 24 different countries to exchange info on their promising practices, research outcomes, and lessons learned as well as strengthen partnerships with Gavi, the Gavi CSO constituency, understand their roles in their respective countries transition and graduation process. CORE Group Polio Project (CGPP) was represented in the conference by Frank Conlon (Global Director), Lee Losey (Deputy Global Director), Dr. Samuel Usman (Director, CGPP Nigeria), Dr. Anthony Kisanga (Director, CGPP South Sudan), Dr. Filimona Bisrat (Director, CGPP Ethiopia), Lydia Bologna (Technical Advisor, Communications), Rina Dey (Communications, CGPP India), Bethelehem Asegedew (Communications Officer, CGPP Ethiopia), Lisa Hilmi (Executive Director, CORE Group Inc) and the Kenya and Somalia Secretariat team. CGPP facilitated two-panel discussions on best practices from the Polio eradication campaign.



Figure 1: CGPP panel discussion led by Lee Losey, Deputy Global Director

- **Polio bOPV SIA HOA launch in Garissa, Kenya:** Synchronized regional bOPV round one was launched by Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) member countries Ministers of Health held in Garissa County on 14 September graced by Minister of Health from Kenya, Ethiopia, and Somalia. The vaccination campaign was necessitated by the recent isolation of more circulating vaccine-derived Polioviruses in Somalia, and particularly in areas close to Kenya-Somalia-Ethiopia border

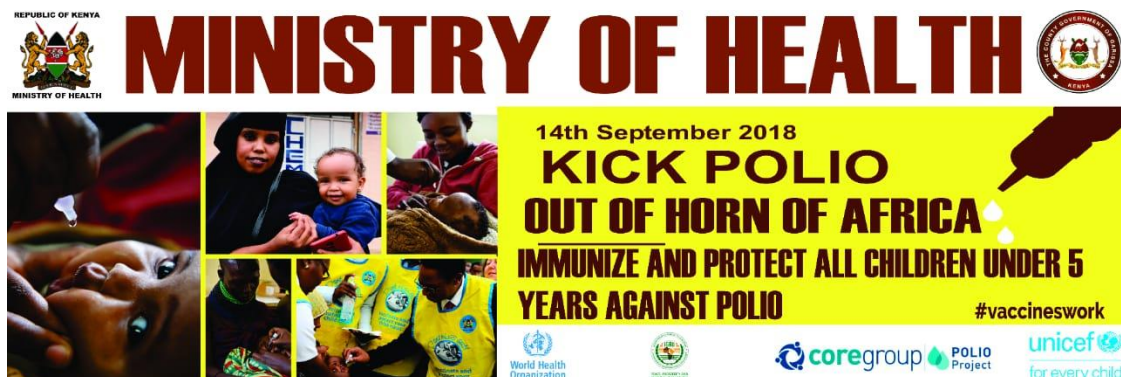


Figure 2: Banner of the Kenya bOPV campaign

- **bOPV SIA in Kenya:** The bOPV campaign started in Kenya started on September 15-19, 2018 in 12 high-risk counties with a target of 2,875,546 U5 Children

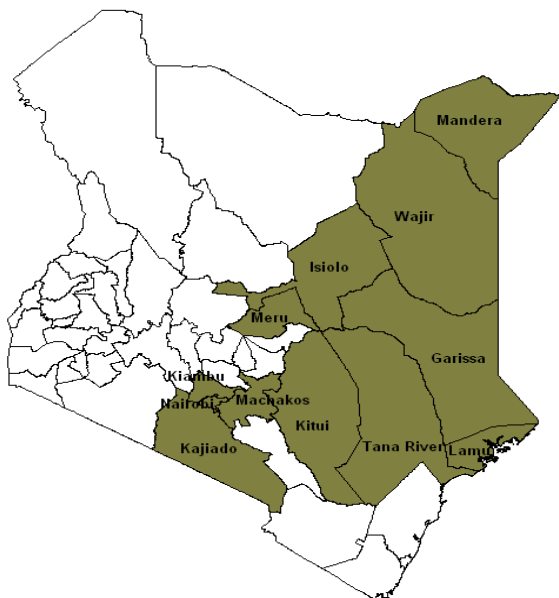


Figure 4: Counties targeted for bOPV Round One

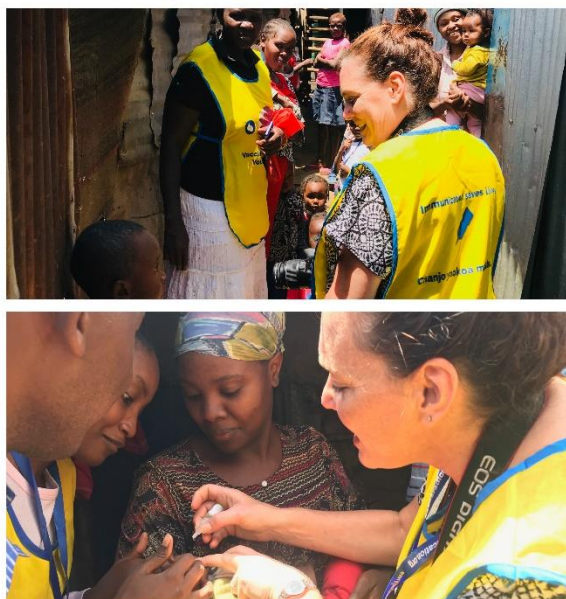


Figure 3: Lisa Hilmi, Executive Director, CORE Group Inc participates in the bOPV campaign in Kiambu slums in Nairobi

1.2 AFP surveillance & case detection

Active Case Search

County/Region	# Health facilities visited	# of CM	# of SCDSC	HH Visited	# Individual Visited	# Suspected AFP Cases Found
Garissa	0	17	0	429	5314	0
Lamu	0	6	0	584	0	0
Lower Juba	0	15	0	360	3705	0
Mandera	0	22	7	0	0	0
Turkana	8	8	0	0	0	0
Wajir	16	8	0	0	1,227	0
Total	24	76	7	1,373	10,246	0

Measles: Ongoing low-level measles transmission reported in Wajir County. This week, the surveillance team in Bute (Wajir North) reported nine (9) new measles cases.

Cholera Outbreak in Turkana West sub-county: one case whose stool specimen turned out positive for *Vibrio cholerae* Ogawa. The patient is a 40-year-old female from Lopededekit village in Kalobeyei center.



Figure 5: Community mobilization on cholera in Kalobeyei, Turkana west.

1.3 Strengthening Routine Immunization

Outreach Services

County	# of outreach session	# Hard to Reach areas	# of outreach conducted	# of Children Vaccinated
Lamu	6	0	4	22
Lower Juba	3	2	3	217
Garissa	5	5	5	289
Mandera	8	6	14	4,880
Wajir	12	0	0	180
Total	34	13	26	5,588

1.4 Supplemental Immunization Activities (SIA)

All the CGPP Counties bordering Somalia (Mandera, Wajir, Garissa, and Lamu) and Kamukunji Sub-County in Nairobi are participating in the bOPV round one campaign which started on 15 September and expected to end on 19 September 2018. Health CS Hon. Sicily Kariuki launched the Polio Campaign in Garissa Town on 14th September. The drive was a regional drive aimed at eradicating Polio in the Horn of Africa. Among the high-profile dignitaries who attended the Polio Launch were Minister of Health from Kenya, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Somalia under the auspice of IGAD. Among the guest were CORE GROUP representatives Frank Conlon (CGPP Global Director) and Lisa Hilmi (Executive Director).



Figure 6: H.E Hon. Ali Korane Governor Garissa County receiving Lisa Hilmi (Executive Director-CORE Group Inc) and Frank Conlon (Global Director-CGPP at the airstrip during the Polio Campaign Launch.

1.5 Social Mobilization

Community Mobilizers in Lower Juba managed to reach 1,095 beneficiaries living along the border villages and hard to reach populations through community dialogues (Dhobley, Diff and Kulbiyow) and sensitized them on the Importance of AFP surveillance, Routine Immunization, and the forthcoming bOPV SIA campaign.

In Lamu, Mandera, Marsabit, Turkana, and Wajir a total of thirty-one (31) Community Mobilizers conducted social mobilizations on AFP and Routine immunization in 8 border settlement, 8 pastoralists settlements and 22 border crossing points reaching approximately 201,166 beneficiaries with AFP and Routine Immunization messages.

1.6 Effective partnerships/Meetings

- Lisa Hilmi, Executive Director, CORE Group Inc, together with Frank Conlon, CGPP Global Director and Ahmed Arale, Secretariat Director, Kenya-Somalia held discussions with the Head of the Family Health Division of Ministry of Health-Kenya
- The CGPP team in Lower Juba attended, an ad-hoc Health and Nutrition meeting on harmonized inter-agency referrals meeting while in Garissa, Mandera, and Wajir the team held series of bOPV campaign planning meetings with stakeholders.



Figure 7: Coordination visit to Dr. Mohamed Sheikh, Head of Family Health Division, MOH-Kenya

1.7 Training, Workshops, and conferences

The CGPP Secretariat team participated in the Gavi CSO conference while the field project teams participated in reviewing the county/ sub-County SIA Micro plan and health workers sensitization on the September bOPV round one Polio campaign. On the Job, training was conducted in Lower Juba facilities targetting 13 staffs at Dhobley.

1.8 Security situation and other challenges

Gunmen believed to members of the outlawed gang (Alshabab) stopped a civilian passenger vehicle plying Hulugh-Garissa route and killed two (2) nonlocals who were onboard. Other challenges reported include, fear of Insurgency and Improvised Explosive Devices has led to skilled staff fleeing border Health Facilities along the Kenya Somalia border.

1.9 Key Planned Activities, Week of 17 – 21 September 2018.

- Support and Participate in the ongoing bOPV campaign.
- Field visit to Kamukunji by Elly Ogden, USAID Worldwide Polio Coordinator
- Conduct/Participate in community dialogue /FGDs sessions.
- Conduct Independent Monitoring and LQAS in Lamu, Garissa, Wajir and Mander Counties.
- Support active AFP case search through CMs/CHVs/VPVs.
- Planning and finalizing paperwork for the forthcoming Joint cross-border workshop in Somalia (Kismayu).
- Delivery of procured vaccine carriers.
- Support the Sub County Health Management Team distribute vaccines from the Lodwar central depot to the peripheral health facilities.