

1.1 Highlights

Two (2) new cVDPV2s isolated from 1 AFP case and one contact (from a different AFP case) collected from same IDP camp in Kismayo town in southern Somalia 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 and one with both cVDPV2 and cVDPV3 coinfection).

1.2 AFP surveillance & case detection

Active Case Search

A total of 37 community mobilizers in Lamu, Mandera, Turkana, and lower Juba conducted active case search, and community sensitization in the CGPP supported facilities during the reporting week. Three hundred and ninety-two (392) households (HH) were visited in Lamu while the Lower Juba community mobilizers managed to reach 465 HH approximately 4,210 individuals.

Two (2) cases of suspected AFP cases reported from Abaq Halul village Diff town of Wajir South Sub-County. The specimen samples were collected and shipped to the County HQs for onward transmission to the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) laboratory for further investigations.

Measles Surveillance

Wajir County reported an ongoing confirmed Measles outbreak. During the reporting period, 5 more cases from Wajir North Sub-County were reported, investigated and samples sent to KEMRI for further investigation.

1.3 Strengthening Routine Immunization

Rapid Result Initiative

The CGPP Project team in Wajir County supported the Immunization Rapid Response Initiative (RRI) which was launched by the County Governor, Mohamed Abdi Mohamud.

The goal of the 100 days Immunizations RRI is to increase the proportion of children who receive scheduled vaccinations in all functional immunization facilities and outreach sites to reduce the numbers of unvaccinated children in the county and also achieve universal immunization coverage of above 95%.



Figure 1: Group Photo: Wajir County Health Management team and the County Governor during the Launch of the RRI

Outreach Services

Table 1: Outreach session supported by the CGPP Partners

County/Region	Sub-county / area supported	# outreach sessions supported	# <5 yrs children vaccinated
Lamu	1 (Lamu East)	8	73
Lower Juba	Deg Elema, Dagax	2 HFs and 2 hard-to-reach areas	139
Mandera	1(Mandera East & Mandera North)	6 Border villages & 6 Pastrolist sites	2,780
Turkana	1(Turkana North)	5 sites under Todonyang dispensary	61



Figure 2: A nurse administering a vaccine during the CGPP Supported Integrated Outreach in Natoo-Lowarengak in Turkana

1.4 Cross-Border Coordination

Intensified cooperation between the CGPP Mandera and Gedo region regarding surveillance information sharing and Routine Immunization through phones and emails. The Wajir CGPP team also hosted Somalia Aid project officer (Ibrahim Mohamed), and the primary objective was harmonization of outreaches services along the Wajir East, Wajir South border facilities (Konton and Gerille) and Bardere region of Somalia. The lower Juba team are also engaged in planning the Joint cross-border workshop to be held at the end of the month.

1.5 Supplemental Immunization Activities (SIA)

All the 7 Counties in Kenya are at advanced stage of planning the round 1 (one) bOPV campaign. The SIA campaign is scheduled to take place between 15-19 September 2018.

1.6 Social Mobilization

Social mobilization was enhanced in Wajir, Lamu and Mandera County by the Community mobilizers (CMs) managed to reach 126 villages and six (6) pastoralists sites reaching approximately 3,258 persons with Key messages in RI and Surveillance.

CMs in Lamu conducted dialogue session in one of the health facilities, and 22 individuals were reached with key messages on immunization while in Turkana County the CMs and CHVs reached 12,097 beneficiaries with routine immunization and AFP sensitization in cross-border health facilities.



Figure 3: Community Health Education session during the CGPP Supported Integrated outreach in Lokitoenyala- Lowarengak

The lower Juba team supported by 7 CMs conduct RI outreach services in hard-to-reach villages, community dialogue, AFP detection in Dhobley, Diff and Kulbiyow reaching approximately 485 beneficiaries. The CMs also managed to reach 178 Pregnant and Lactating mothers with both RI & AFP key messages in Diff Dhobley.

1.7 Effective partnerships/Meetings

Lamu

The CM supervisor participated in the forthcoming bOPV SIA planning meeting at Lamu County referral hospital and was requested by the county health management team to consider supporting the County by providing extra fuel.

Marsabit

The CGPP Secretariat Director Ahmed attended the Marsabit County CGPP monthly meeting. Fifteen (15) CMs drawn from the project sites participated in the meeting. Also, the Director held a coordination meeting with the County Health Management Team.



Figure 4: CGPP Secretariat Director, Ahmed addressing the project review meeting in Marsabit

Turkana

The CGPP IRC Manager to attend a scheduled interview with the Nation Media Group. The media are interested in the insight of the cross-border initiative and the IRC CGPP project support. The interview is scheduled to be aired sometime in the month.

Lower Juba

The team participated in an ad-hoc health and Nutrition meeting with the main agenda being a discussion on harmonized inter-agency referrals.

1.8 Coordination and support

Project officers from the counties taking part in the bOPV round 1, participated in the weekly SIA planning preparatory meeting and the Lamu County Health Management team requested for additional SIA support.

1.9 Training, Workshops, and conferences

County	Activity
Wajir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the Job Training (OJT) case detection, data collection (MoH 502) and reporting to CMs & Facility in-charges in Diff.
Lower Juba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OJT on AFP to 7 CMs and 15 HF's staff at Dhobley, Diff and Kulbiyo.

1.10 The security situation and other challenges

- Inter-clan tension has been reported in Marsabit (Moyale town) between Borana and Gabra tribes. In the other project area, movement restrictions are still in some place due to fear of IEDs attack along the roads.
- Stock out of OPV, IPV, PCV and ROTA vaccines, caused by delay in logistical supply from the regional vaccine depot in Eldoret. CGPP has undertaken to supply the vaccines internally (within the county) once delivered to the County depot.

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

Secretariat

- Participate in Gavi CSO conneXion 2018 in Nairobi for September 11-14, 2018. CGPP is scheduled to conduct three presentations and two-panel discussions. Speakers include; Lee Losey, CGPP Global Deputy Director, Dr. Filimona Bisrat, Director, CGPP Ethiopia, Dr. Anthony, Director, CGPP South Sudan, Dr. Usman, Director, CGPP Nigeria, Rina Dey, Communications, CGPP India, Other participants include; Frank, CGPP Global Director and Lydia Bologna, Technical Advisor, Communications
- Participate and support the regional launch of bOPV polio round 1 campaign in Garissa County on the 14th September 2018. The launch hosted under the auspices of IGAD and to be attended by Health Ministers from Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia among others.
- Participate in the GPEI partners and Tripartite country meeting
- Visit by Lisa Hilmi, Executive Director, CORE Group Inc.

GCPP Partners

- Conduct AFP active case search in health facilities by Community mobilizers
- Community sensitization on AFP case detection and reporting at the community level by Community mobilizers and Sub-county Disease surveillance coordinators.
- Support peripheral health facility outreaches for hard to reach population.
- Attend a planning session for the Sept bOPV round 1 SIA.
- Support health facility staffs microplanning sessions on RI and SIA
- Conduct support supervision in Turkana West Sub County using the ODK.



Figure 5: Members of Wajir CHMT updating villages and settlement along the Kenya and Somalia border in preparation for the synchronized bOPV campaign