



CORE Group Polio & Global Health Security, Horn of Africa Weekly Bulletin: FY21 Q2 Week 10 (1-7 Mar, 2021)

Cross Border Activities Updates (KENYA)

- **Community based surveillance:** The project has heightened community based surveillance and active cases search esp AFP and Measles in the border regions. No suspected AFP reported during the week in all the border project areas. There were 16 suspected measles reported in Mandera county with Somalia having an active outbreak of measles.
- **SIA:** The dates for the SIA campaign was postponed from the initial date of 20 - 24th March to April 7-11th
- **Routine Immunization Outreaches:** During the week, the project supported 16 routine immunization outreaches session reaching children under the age of 1 year with various routine vaccination antigens (32 zero doses, 53 OPV Birth doses, 113 OPV 3, and 95 IPV doses) in the far-flung project counties of (Garissa, Lamu, Mandera, Marsabit, Nairobi, Turkana, Wajir).
- **Social Mobilization:** The project's supported community mobilizers (CMs) conducted social mobilization and sensitized the communities on AFP (Polio), Priority Zoonotic diseases as well as COVID-19. The CVs visited 7,644 households while observing COVID-19 prevention protocols e.g. physical distancing, washing of hands, and wearing of masks.
- **Defaulter tracing:** During the week, border health facilities in Kenya reported that 450 children under the age of five failed to complete their routine immunizations respectively. The CMs traced 266 (59%) and referred them to the health facilities to complete/continue their immunization schedule.

Cross Border Activities Updates (SOMALIA)

- **Community based surveillance** has been implemented in the border district. Active case search for Suspected AFP cases has been aggressively heightened through county dialogues: No suspected AFP reported during the week in all the border project areas. The Gedo region is currently under intense drought where camels have started dying in mass.
- **Social Mobilization:** The project's supported community mobilizers (CMs) conducted social mobilization and sensitized the communities on AFP (Polio), and COVID-19. The CVs visited 272 households while observing COVID-19 prevention protocols e.g. physical distancing, washing of hands, and wearing of masks.
- **Defaulter tracing:** During the week, border health facilities in Somalia reported that 22 children under the age of five failed to complete their routine immunizations respectively. The CMs traced 12 (55%) and referred them to the health facilities to complete/continue their immunization schedule.

GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY—PRIORITY ZOOONOTIC DISEASES: (KENYA)

Updates on Rift Valley Fever Outbreak: Mandera County

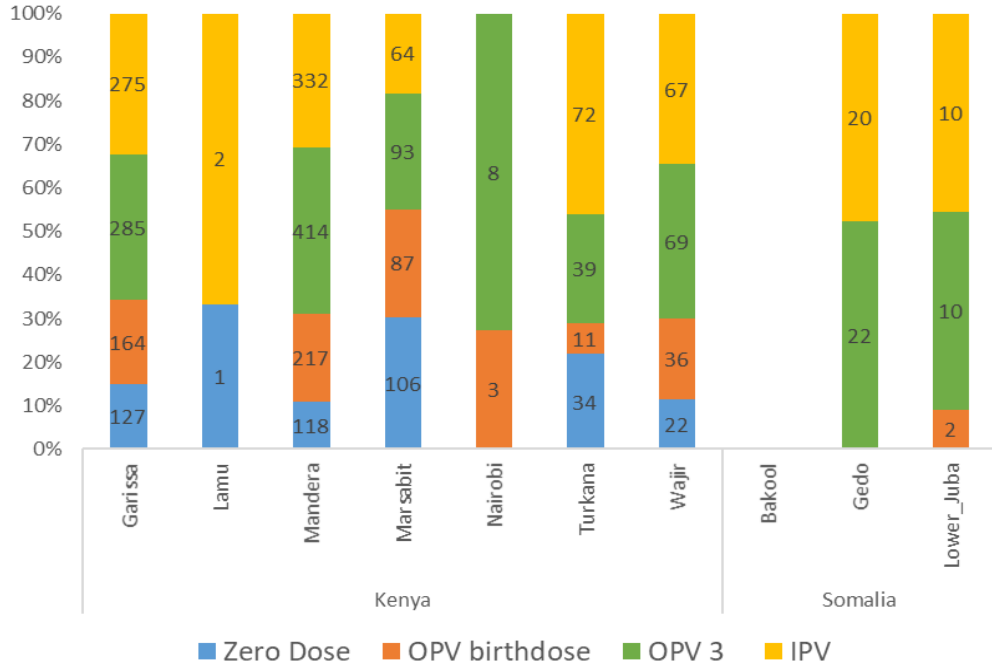
- For this reporting period, a total of 4 camels died: 3 in Abakaro and 1 in Mado. The latest death reported on 14th March in Abakaro (in Rhamo). They all presented bleeding; bloody diarrhea and through nostrils. 8 serum samples were collected from RVF suspected camels in Border Point 1 and they all turned negative for RVFV.
- There is low level intra-transmission still ongoing in Mandera north, no spill over to other sub-counties.
- Ongoing containment measures: Active surveillance in Mandera North and East . To start targeted vaccination against RVF in all sub-counties.

Garissa County:

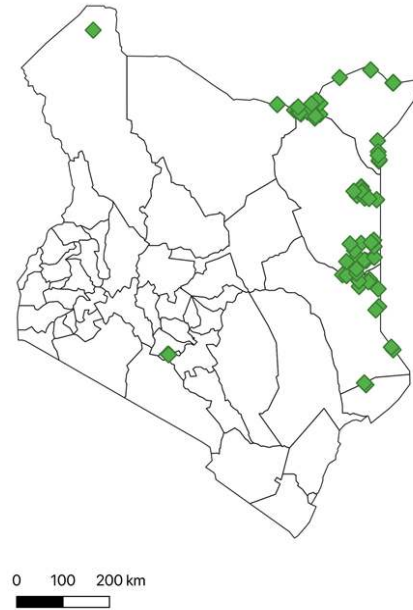
- The veterinary team visited 3 wards in Garissa: Fafi, Safena, and Abakaile wards, interviewed livestock owners using the RVF investigation questionnaire.
- The team collected samples from 15 cattle , 22 goats and 13 sheep, sent to regional veterinary investigation laboratory (RVIL) and later shipped to Central Veterinary Investigation Laboratory (CVIL) for further analysis.
- The communities are sensitized on the risk factors and preventive measures of the virus with an ongoing outbreak in other counties e.g. Mandera.

Strengthening of immunization systems: Outreach services to hard to reach border, nomadic pastoralist. (28/12/2020 –07/03/2021)

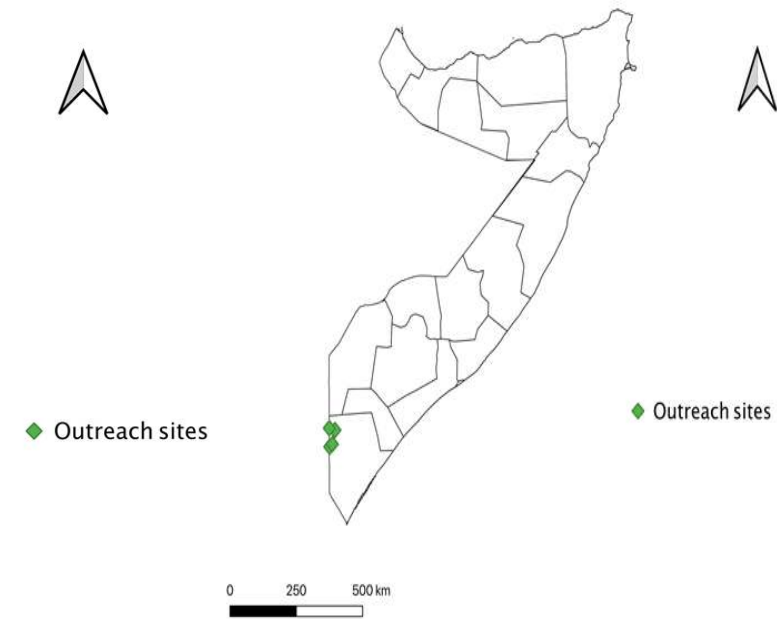
Children < 1 years vaccinated with various antigens in Outreaches by country in CGPP HoA, 28/12/2020 - 07/3/2021



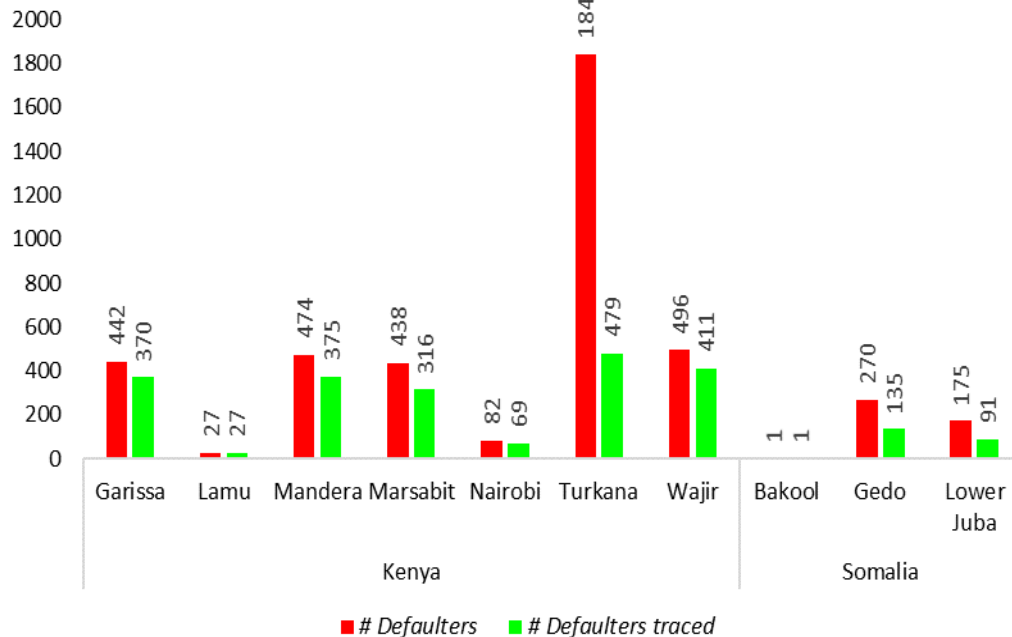
Outreach sites 01/01/2021 – 07/03/2021 in Kenya



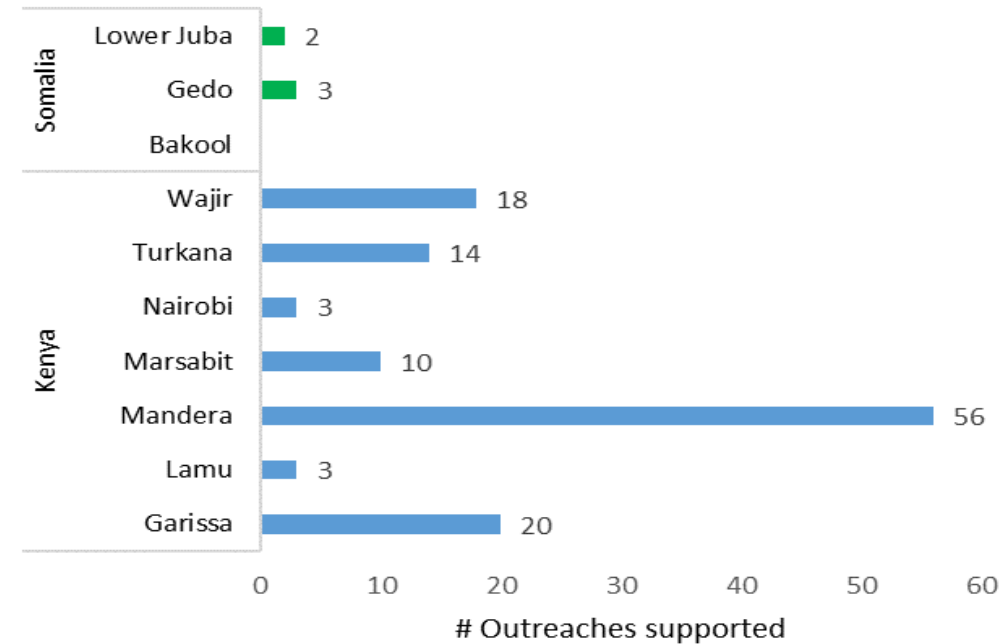
Outreach sites 01/01/2021 – 07/03/2021 in Somalia



Routine Immunization defaulter tracing targetting children < 1 yr by county/region, 28/12/2020 - 07/08/2021



Outreach supported by County/Region , 28/12/2020 - 07/03/2021



KENYA:

Total # of children Defaulted = 3,803

Total # of children traced = 2,047 (54%)

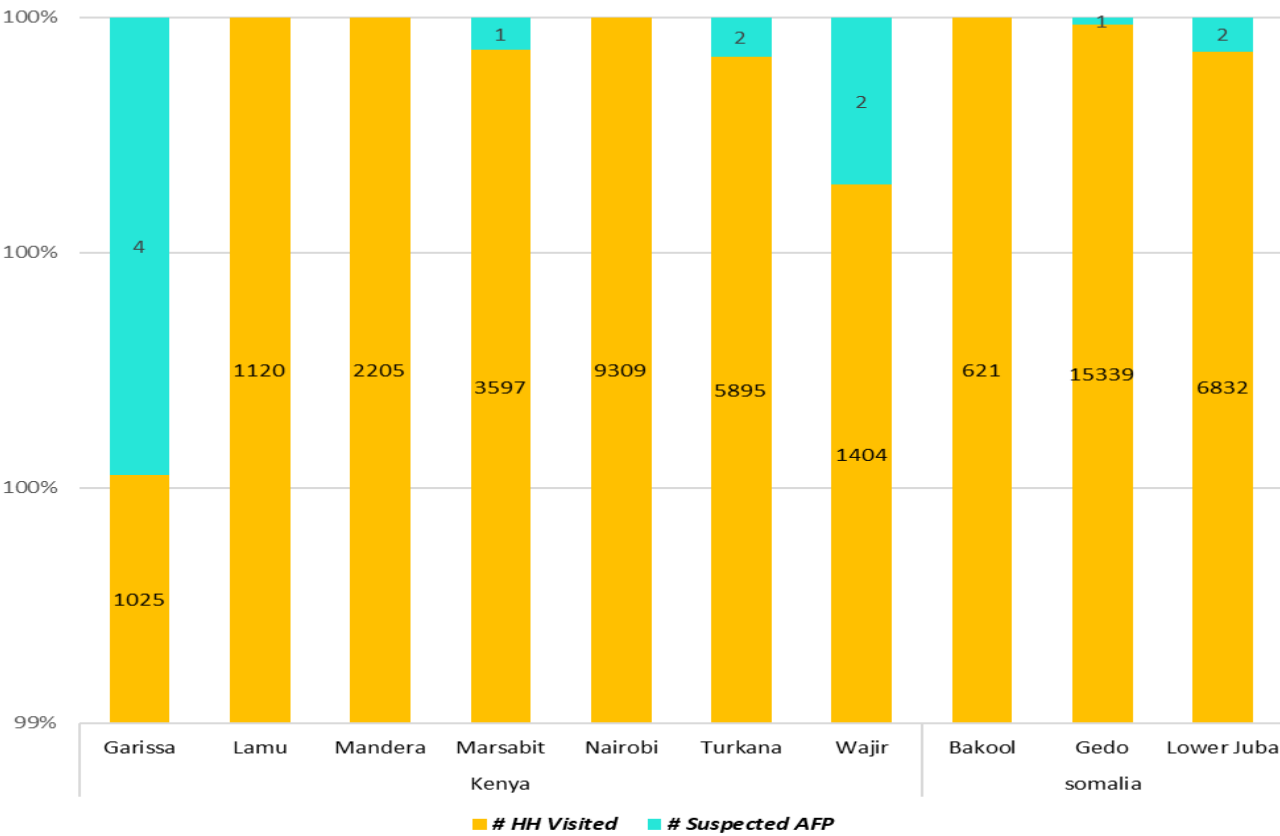
SOMALIA:

Total # of children Defaulted = 446

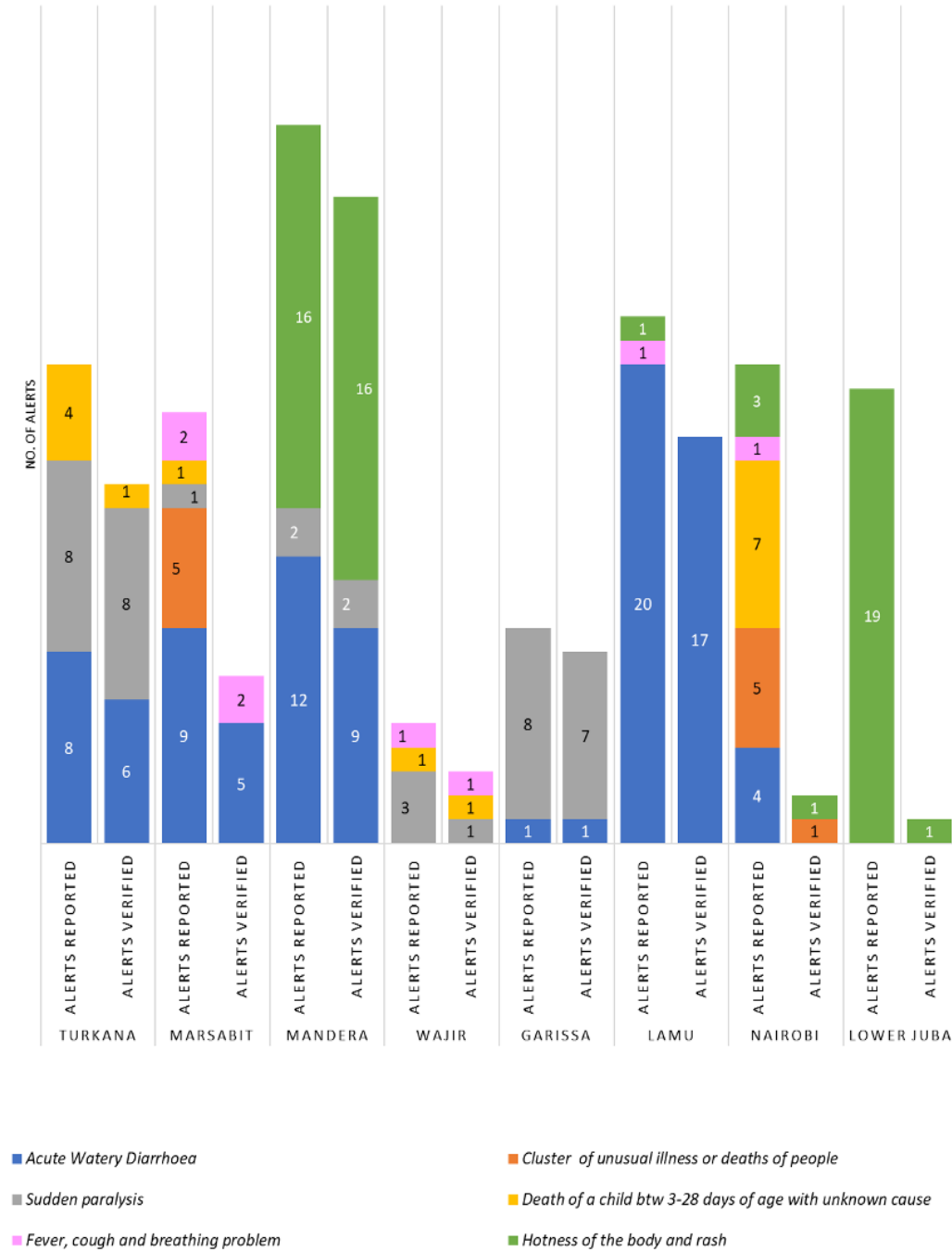
Total # of children traced = 227 (51%)

Community Based Disease Surveillance on Human Alerts/Active Case Search

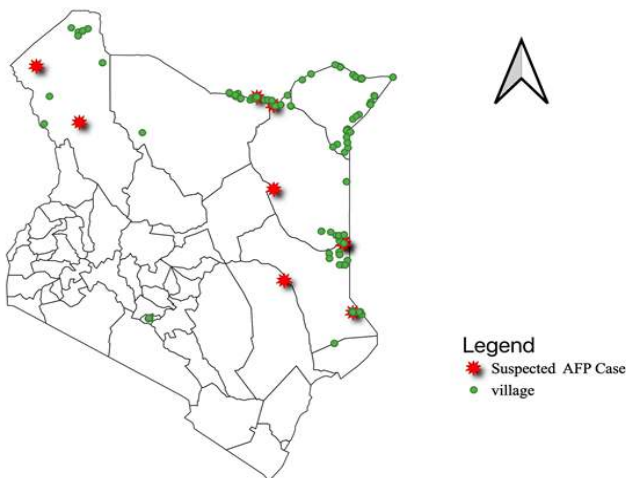
AFP Active case search by Country (01/01/2021 - 07/03/2021)



HUMAN ALERTS RECEIVED BY COUNTIES
01/10/2020 - 07/03/2021



Villages visited during active case search
01/01/2021 - 07/03/2021 in Kenya



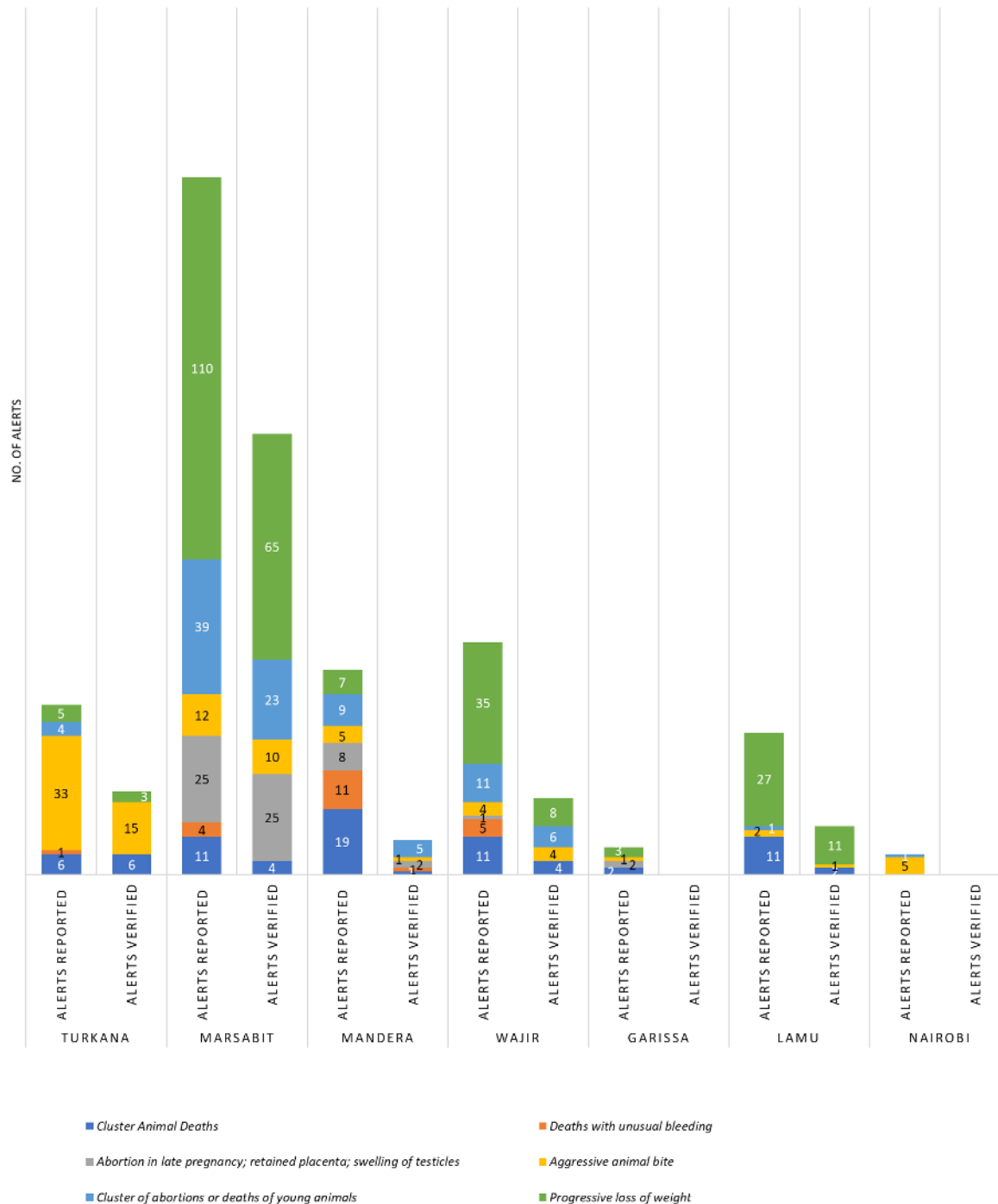
Villages visited during active case search, 01/01/2021 - 07/03/2021 in Somalia



- Acute Watery Diarrhoea
- Sudden paralysis
- Fever, cough and breathing problem
- Cluster of unusual illness or deaths of people
- Death of a child btw 3-28 days of age with unknown cause
- Hotness of the body and rash

Community Based Disease Surveillance on Priority Zoonotic Diseases.

ANIMAL ALERTS RECEIVED BY COUNTIES.
01/10/2020 - 07/03/2021



Rumour and Zero Reports as from 01/10/2020 - 28/02/2021

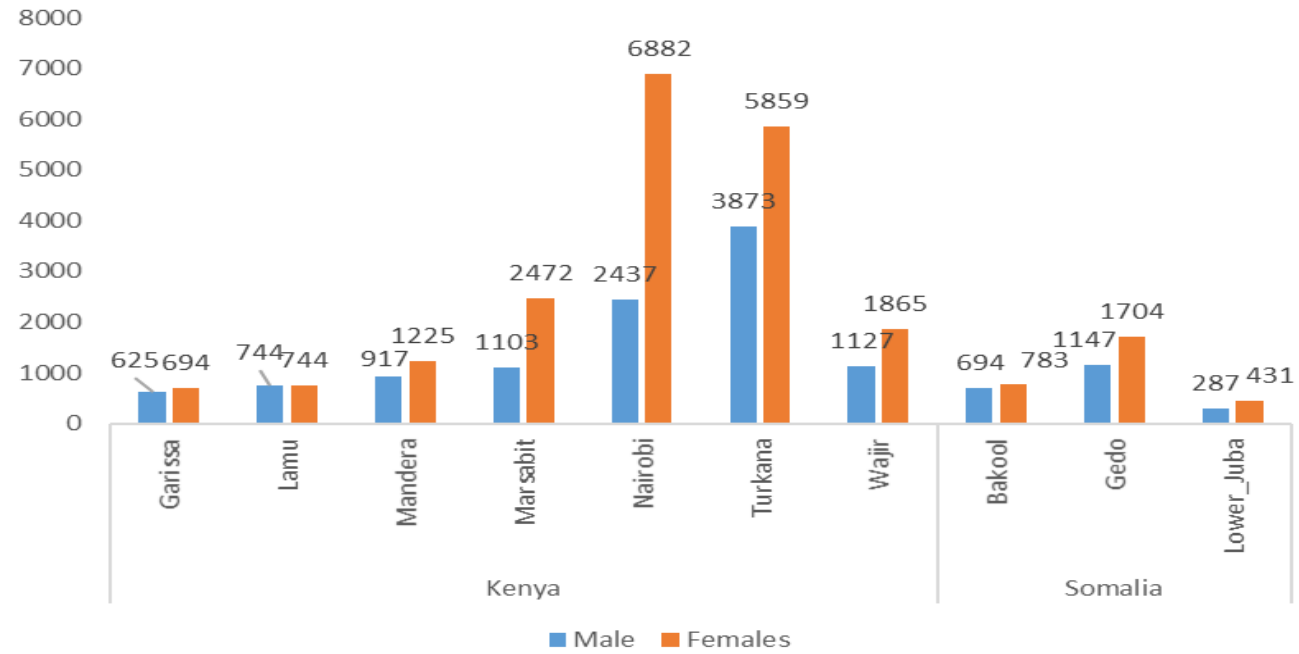
County/Region	Rumor reports	Zero reports
KENYA		
Garissa	3	164
Lamu	25	115
Mandera	4	221
Marsabit	12	526
Nairobi	24	102
Turkana	23	2909
Wajir	21	2197
Total (Kenya)	112	6234
SOMALIA		
Bakool	0	0
Gedo	0	0
Lower Juba	0	45
Total (Somalia)	0	45
Grand Total	112	6279

GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY—PRIORITY ZOOONOTIC DISEASES: (KENYA)

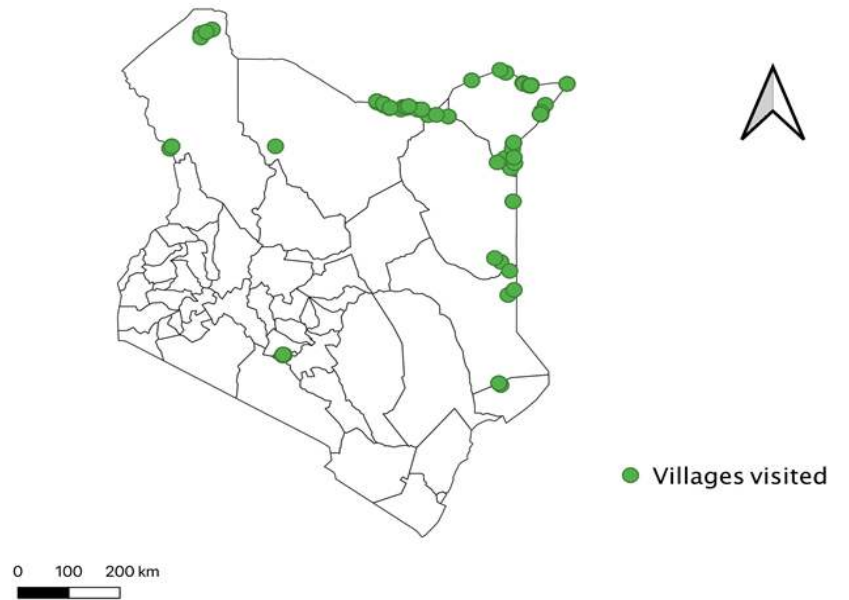
- A total of 21 new animal alerts received this week with 6 cluster animal deaths, 2 suspected anthrax, 3 suspected brucellosis, 1 suspected rabies, 2 suspected RVF and 7 suspected trypanosomiasis.
- 10 new human diseases alerts reported this week: 2 acute watery diarrhea, 1 cluster of unusual illnesses or death of people and 8 hotness of the body and rash.
- Cumulatively, over the reporting period (01/10 to 28/02/2021) there have been an increase in progressive loss of weight, Cluster of abortions or deaths of young animals and aggressive animal bites having recorded 178, 64 and 53 alerts respectively with Marsabit County having the highest alert with 105 alerts for progressive loss of weight and 39 cluster of abortions.
- 334 zero reports as well 4 rumor reports received from the community volunteers this week.

Social Mobilization Activities

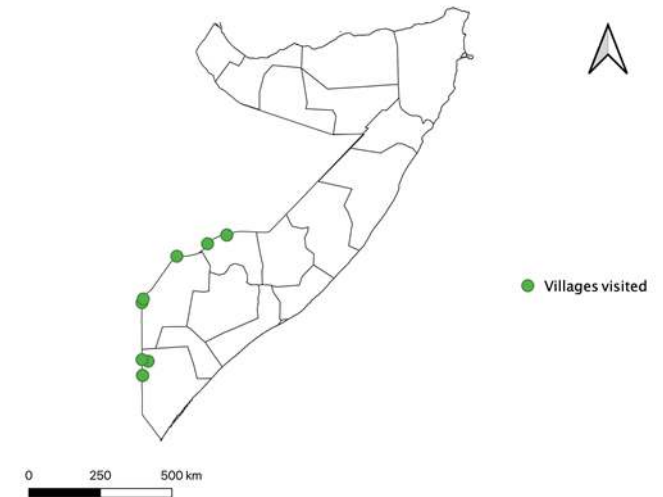
Reached through One on One contact Kenya & Somalia 28/12/2020 - 07/03/2021, N35,613



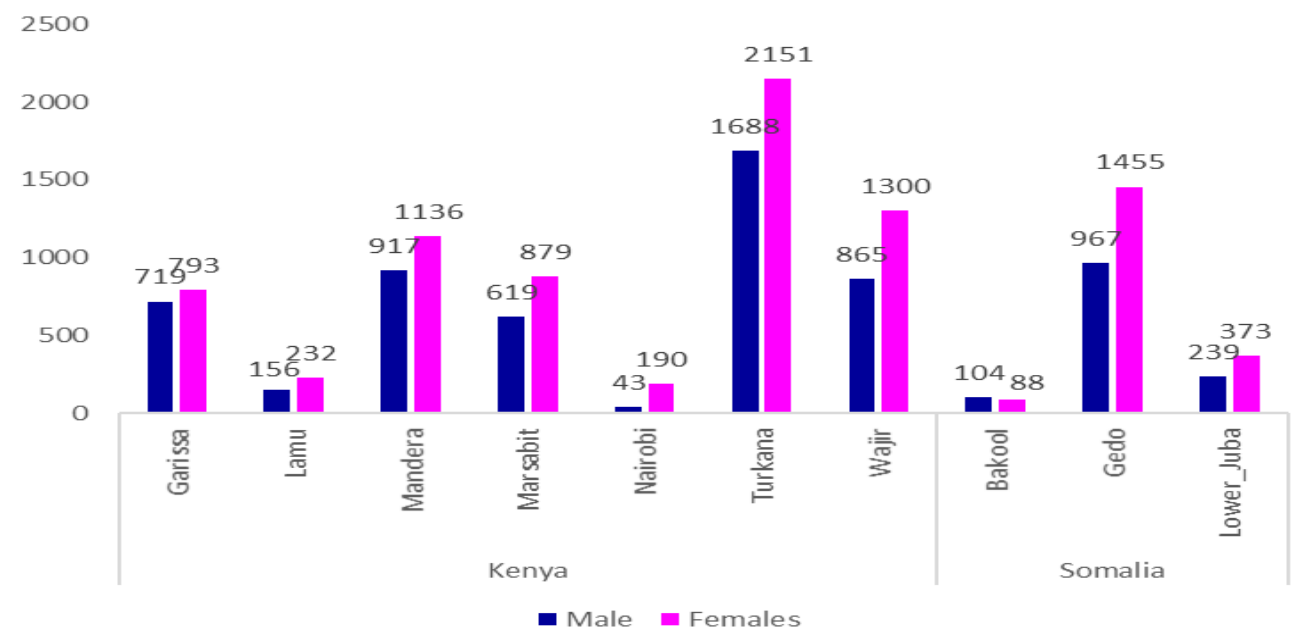
Villages visited during Social mobilization, 01/01/2021 - 07/03/2021 in Kenya



Villages visited during Social mobilization, 01/01/2021 - 07/03/2021 in Somalia



Reached through group meetings in Kenya & Somalia 28/12/2020 - 07/03/2021, N=14,914



Summary: Social Mobilization Activities

of times HH visited

- Kenya = 35,372
- Somalia = 16,648

COORDINATION MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK

Date	Venue	Type of meeting	Objective	Outcome
2021-03-04	Garissa	Livestock mass vaccination launch	To conduct mass vaccination of over 250,000 animals, Increasing immunity and reducing livestock death caused by preventable illnesses in 4 sub counties (Dadaab, Hulugho, Lagdera and Balamba-la.)	1. Livestock department to vaccinate 56,000 animals in next 2 weeks.

TRAININGS DURING THE WEEK

Date	Venue	Type of training	Objective	Outcome	# Males	# Females
2021-03-03	Kamkunji	Data management and CGPP activity reporting	To build the health records information officers capacity on data and reporting	15 HRIO trained on reporting and data management on project activity	4	11

COVID-19 SITUATIONAL UPDATES.

KENYA

Source: MoH Kenya

Confirmed cases	108,827
Male cases	68,860
Female cases	39,967
Death (CFR=1.7%)	1,876
Recoveries & discharges	87,570
A total 1,333,690 COVID-19 tests have been conducted.	

Counties supported by CGPP	Confirmed cases.
Nairobi	48,735
Mandera	108
Wajir	85
Garissa	738
Turkana	1,026
Marsabit	149
Lamu	318

SOMALIA

Source: WHO Somalia

Confirmed cases	7,392
Death (CFR=2.7%)	243
Recoveries & discharges	3,814
A total 105,670 COVID-19 tests have been conducted.	

Regions supported by CGPP	Confirmed cases.
Lower Juba	168
Gedo	41
Bakool	8

CHALLENGES

- Population movement to inaccessible areas from Turkana to Uganda border
- Poor network connectivity especially in Gedo region which affected communication and transmission of reports.
- Competing priorities affecting project planned activities due to Covid-19 pandemic.
- **Tula Amin and Malkariye MCH** remain closed due to lack of funds with these facilities being a priority focal point for routine immunization.
- Ravaging drought experienced in the project areas as affecting service deliveries and has changed the focus to survival mode in the pastoral livelihood.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- Planned cross border meeting between core group partners in Marsabit and Ethiopia to discuss cross border coordination, challenges and way forward.
- Community dialogue session in Lower Juba.
- Joint support supervision in CGPP supported facilities in Garissa and Wajir.
- Conduct community dialogue in Lamu to discuss VPD and priority zoonotic diseases.
- Strengthening of integration of COVID-19 activities with routine AFP, Immunization and zoonotic disease
- AFP, zoonotic and Routine immunization
- Active case search (AFP, other Priority conditions & Zoonotic Priority disease)

PICTURE SPEAK



Community dialogue session at Dhobley General hospital, Afmadow district, lower juba region, Somalia.

Photo credit, Yusuf- Alight



Immunization outreach at Gerille, Wajir.

Photo credit, Abdisalam - WV-K



A suspected RVF camel bleeding through the nose in Mandera County

Photo credit, Dr. Alinur, County veterinary director.