The polio vaccination campaign started in 13 high risk counties targeting over 3.4 million children to be vaccinated against polio by the Ministry of Health, CORE Group, WHO and other partners, while following strict adherence to the Covid-19 containment measures. The campaign was launched on Friday 21 May in Garissa county by the director of public health Dr. Kuria and the polio ambassador senator Harold Kipchumba.

The strategy of the campaign which is house-to-house takes place from 22 to 26 of May in Garissa, Isiolo, Kajiado, Kilifi, Kitui, Lamu, Machakos, Mandera, Mombasa, Nairobi, Tana River and Wajir counties, as well as in the Dadaab refugee camps. The drive will also target children who will be outside households such as transit points and playgrounds.

Unlike in previous polio campaigns, where vaccinators would open the mouth of the child, it is the mothers and guardians who will be required to do so. The vaccinators will then drop the vaccine in the mouth and let the guardian hold the hand of the child for finger marking without touching the child’s hand. Similarly, the vaccinators and the mothers will be required to be properly be masked by covering the mouth and nose at all times to avoid endangering the lives of the children during the vaccination as well as spread the virus across the 13 counties.


Speaking during the launch in Mukuru slums in Nairobi, the director of CORE Group polio–global health security project in HOA said, “Polio remains one of the serious illnesses which not only causes paralysis and disability but can also kill. The reason we are having the polio campaign in our country is that we have positive polio cases detected in both Garissa and Mombasa which is genetically linked to Somalia cases. It is not the first time that we are hearing of the polio campaigns in our country. With the health system being a challenge in our neighbour due to various factors, we need to ensure we are strengthening surveillance across these borders. Sharing the porous border with our neighbor makes it an entry point for such viruses into our country.

He continued, “Let us ensure that we have vaccinated all the children under the age of 5 years, because a missed opportunity can have major consequences later. Vaccinators as well as mother should ensure they follow the strict COVID-19 guidelines set by the ministry to protect our children and curb the spread of the virus in our counties.”

The campaign is expected to end on 26th May 2021, with the second round set from 19-23 June 2021.
Cross Border Activities Updates (KENYA)

- **Community-based surveillance:** One (1) case of suspected AFP case was detected in Damajale (Garissa County) during Supplemental Immunization Activities.

- **Routine Immunization Outreaches:** The CMs supported 10 outreaches sessions directly & indirectly in project areas.

- **Social Mobilization:** Sensitization (Routine immunization, case-based surveillance) conducted in all project areas with community mobilizer visiting 5,842 households reaching 7,342 (males 2182, females 5,160) persons with surveillance, Routine immunization and priority zoonotic messages while observing COVID-19 prevention protocols.

- **Defaulter tracing:** During the week, border health facilities in Kenya reported that 300 children < 1-year defaulted routine immunization and the CHVs managed to trace 198 (66%) were traced by the project community mobilizer.

- **Supplementary Immunization Activities:** CGPP is supporting the project counties of Lamu, Garissa, Wajir, Nairobi and Mandera.

Cross Border Activities Updates (SOMALIA)

- **Community based surveillance:** One (1) case of suspected AFP was detected by the CHVs in Elwak (Gedo Region).

- **Routine Immunization Outreaches:** the project supported Three (3) routine immunization outreaches sessions in Lower Juba and Gedo.

- **Social Mobilization:** Sensitization (Routine immunization, case-based surveillance) conducted in all project areas with community mobilizer reaching 1,328 households, reaching 918 (males 391, females 527) persons with surveillance, Routine immunization and priority zoonotic messages while observing COVID-19 prevention protocols.

- **Defaulter tracing:** During the week, border health facilities in Somalia reported that 8 children < 1-year defaulted routine immunization and the CMs managed to trace 6 (75%) were traced by the project community mobilizer and referred to the immunizing facility.

- **Community dialogue:** Community Based Disease Surveillance and Covid-19 dialogue meeting in Dhobley, Lower Juba and in Dollow district Gedo region, Somalia.

Global Health Security—Priority Zoonotic Diseases Updates: (KENYA)

**REPORTING:**

- A total of 22 animal alerts were reported (four (4) cluster of animal deaths reported in Mandera, six (6) suspected brucellosis reported in Mandera and Marsabit, five (5) suspected RVF in Mandera, two (2) animal bites reported in Mandera and Marsabit while 5 suspected trypanosomiasis reported in Garissa, Mandera and Marsabit.

- Under case-based disease surveillance a total of four (4) alerts were detected by the CHVs (1 case of acute watery diarrhoea in Wajir, two (2) suspected cluster of human illness In Kamkunji and 2 cases of suspected AFP reported in Elwak, Wajir and Amuma in Garissa.

- Three hundred and eighty-five (385) zero reports as well 14 cases of rumors reported by the community health volunteers.
Strengthening of immunization systems: Outreach services to hard to reach border, nomadic pastoralist. (28/12/2020 – 23/05/2021)

Geocoded CGPP outreach supported site in Kenya and Somalia, 28/12/2021 - 23/05/2021

Map showing the areas where outreach session were conducted with various routine immunization antigen administered with the number of outreaches shown in the graph below.

KENYA:
Total # of children Defaulted = 7,439
Total # of children traced= 4,127 (55%)

SOMALIA:
Total # of children Defaulted = 732
Total # of children traced= 351 (48%)

Children < 1 year vaccinated with various antigens by County / Region in Kenya and Somalia, 01/01/2021 - 23/05/2021

Routing Immunization defaulter tracing targeting children < 1 year who defaulted by county/region, 01/01/2021 - 23/05/2021

# Outreach supported by County/Region , 28/12/2021 - 23/05/2021
Active case search for Acute Flaccid Paralysis (Any child under 15 years old with a sudden onset of weakness of leg(s) and/or arm(s) not caused by injury) conducted at household level with the suspected cases marked in red and as indicated in the map reported to the relevant health officials for further investigation.
Community Based Disease Surveillance on Priority Zoonotic Diseases.

**ANIMAL ALERTS RECEIVED BY COUNTIES.**

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<tr>
<th>County</th>
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<th>Alerts Verified</th>
<th>Rumour</th>
<th>Zero-Dose Children</th>
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<td>180</td>
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- **Rumor report** – this are hearsay information on diseases or disease intelligence reports collected by the community mobilizers from informal sources e.g. livestock owners, animals markets, abattoirs (Slaughterhouse) and milk vendors. The disease information is kept in registers for further clarification/verifications by animal health officer/veterinary officer/MoH-Disease surveillance officers.

- **Zero-dose children** - are reports showing the community volunteers are doing active case search but no alerts picked during active case search.
## COORDINATION MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK

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<td>2021-05-22 – 2021-05-23</td>
<td>Supported counties (Nairobi, Lamu, Garissa, Wajir and Mandera)</td>
<td>Polio SIA daily review meeting</td>
<td>Review of day SIA Performance and take correction action for the following day</td>
<td>County, sub-county Health Management Teams and Partners</td>
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<td>2021/05/22</td>
<td>Garissa</td>
<td>Polio SIA Launch</td>
<td>High level sensitization of the Supplement Immunization Activity</td>
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<td>2021/05/22</td>
<td>Luuq MOH office</td>
<td>CGPP and Juba land MoH Coordination meeting</td>
<td>Agreed to strengthen cross border activities, routine immunization activities and upcoming SIAs</td>
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<td>2021/05/20</td>
<td>Kamkunji social hall and Dhobley</td>
<td>Community sensitization meeting</td>
<td>Community sensitized on the upcoming SIA</td>
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<td>2021-05-19</td>
<td>Red Sea Resort Hotel</td>
<td>Cross border health committee meeting</td>
<td>Agreed to : Strengthen surveillance during upcoming SIA campaign, conduct active AFP case search, data capture for SIA polio at border crossing point &amp; synchronization of SIA in border HFs &amp; border crossing point in border areas.</td>
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## TRAINING DURING THE WEEK

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<td>2021-05-20</td>
<td>Luuq MOH office</td>
<td>Data Management</td>
<td>Enhancing the community mobilizer’s capacity on data management as well as reporting through the ONA system for real time information.</td>
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## INTEGRATED SUPPORT SUPERVISION USING SURVEILLANCE ODK TOOL

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<th>Date</th>
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<td>2021-05-15 – 2021-05-20</td>
<td>Gedo</td>
<td>Integrated using e-surveillance tool</td>
<td>Strengthening community based surveillance. 1 of the major finding is that there is insufficient IEC materials in the facilities</td>
<td>1 district and 2 facilities visited</td>
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Geocoded social mobilization sites in Kenya and Somalia border villages, 01/01/2021 - 23/05/2021

Social mobilization activities are activities conducted by the community volunteers to disseminate health information including COVID-19 to the community members. The volunteers meet the community members by visiting villages and meeting through one-to-one, group and household meetings as indicated in the graphs above.

Source: MoH Kenya

Source: WHO Somalia
PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT WEEK (24 - 30 MAY 2021)

- Participate in LQAS training, In process monitoring and SIA review meetings
- Cross border planning meeting between Wajir and Marsabit Program Officers
- Continuous COVID-19 screening of populations at point of entries in Gedo and Lower Juba regions and project supported areas in Kenya
- Active case search (AFP, other Priority conditions & Zoonotic Priority disease).
- Routine CGPP project activities e.g., Outreaches, social mobilization, active case search and defaulter tracing.

CHALLENGES

- Disruption of planned activities due to heavy rains in Turkana County
- Security challenges in between Luuq and Dollow road affecting movement and disrupting planned activities
- Competing priorities affecting project planned activities due to Covid-19 pandemic.
- Cold chain breakdown at the Raskamboni health center affecting immunization services

PICTURE SPEAK

Training of front care health workers and CGPP CMs conducting screening for COVID-19 at POEs in Dollow district Gedo region Somalia.
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Community dialogue session at Dhobley Health facility.
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