Kenya & Somalia Cross-Border Health Coordination Meeting Held in Garissa County.

The Kenya Ministry of Health detected 3 cVDPV2 cases from Garissa & Mombasa counties from both human and environment samples (ES) with the sequence genetically linked to isolates detected in Somalia since the start of the year. Border counties/regions are regarded as most at risk due to cross border importation, insecurity and gaps in population immunity since they are they high risk hard to reach areas. This is due to the population sharing common ecology, culture, mobile population, low socioeconomic among other risk factors. To reduce such risk, strengthening collaboration between countries, ministries of health and partners is essential to halt the spread of importation of infectious diseases.

Infectious diseases do not respect the national borders and the threat of importation of such diseases call for coordinative and systematic cross-border collaboration between the health stakeholder in county/regional level in both Kenya and Somalia as well as partners from both sides to improve/strengthen coordination, surveillance, social mobilization, ACSM, SIA and RI activities.

The objective of the meeting was to review the status of AFP cross-border surveillance, strengthen cross border collaboration on AFP surveillance and immunization and develop a joint action plan for cross border surveillance & collaborations for AFP surveillance & other VPDs.

The action points from the forum were:
- Plan for synchronized cross-border GIS mapping of border settlements, formal and informal crossing points.
- Establish coordination modalities for Joint AFP case investigation and follow-up.
- Established coordination and information sharing on AFP surveillance data and other VPDs.
- Develop joint action plan for cross-border AFP surveillance, OBR, and Routine Immunization.
- Jointly agreed decisions from the cross-border meeting should be formally communicated by respective Governments to partners at all levels including district/sub county authorities responsible for health.
CROSS BORDER ACTIVITIES UPDATES (30 Aug–05 Sept 2021)

Cross Border Activities Updates (KENYA)

- **Community based surveillance:** 3 suspected cases of AFP were reported by the community mobilizers in Marsabit, Turkana and Wajir County, during the week.

- **Routine Immunization Outreaches:** The project supported 10 immunization outreach services during the week.

- **Social Mobilization:** The CVs conducted weekly routine sensitization on immunization & surveillance through house to house strategy while observing COVID-19 protocols. 1,881 households visited, reaching 3,311 (1,254 males & 2,057 females).

- **Defaulter tracing:** During the week, border health facilities in Kenya reported 245 children < 1-year defaulters and traced 168 (69%).

Cross Border Activities Updates (SOMALIA)

- **Community based surveillance:** No suspected AFP cases was detected by the community mobilizer during the week.

- **Routine Immunization Outreaches:** 1 routine immunization outreach sessions were supported during the week in the CGPP supported regions.

- **Social Mobilization:** The CVs conducted weekly routine sensitization on immunization & surveillance through house to house strategy while observing COVID-19 protocols. 1,088 households visited, reaching 517 (220 males & 297 females).

- **Defaulter tracing:** During the week, border health facilities in Somalia reported 15 children < 1-year defaulters and traced 8 (53%).

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

- **REPORTING:** Community mobilizers reported a total of 19 animal alerts were reported, 3 cluster of animal deaths in Mandera & Wajir, 4 suspected brucellosis cases in Garissa, Mandera & Wajir, 7 suspected rabies in Marsabit Turkana and Wajir, 3 suspected RVF in Mandera & Wajir and 2 suspected trypanosomiases reported in Garissa and Lamu.

- For suspected human disease alerts, a total of 3 human alerts: 3 suspected AFP were detected in Marsabit, Turkana and Wajir County.

- A total of 320 zero reports as well 4 cases of rumors were reported by the community health volunteers.
STRENGTHENING OF IMMUNIZATION SYSTEMS: OUTREACH SERVICES TO HARD TO REACH BORDER, NOMADIC PASTORALIST.

Geocoded CGPP outreach supported site in Kenya and Somalia 01/01/2021 - 05/09/2021

KENYA:
Total # of children Defaulted = 12,004
Total # of children traced= 7,196 (60%)

SOMALIA:
Total # of children Defaulted = 1,003
Total # of children traced= 516 (52%)

Right: 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.
COMMUNITY BASED DISEASE SURVEILLANCE ON HUMAN ALERTS/ACTIVE CASE SEARCH

3 new suspected AFP case detected by community mobilizer in Marsabit, Turkana and Wajir County bulla Waberi, Dhobley, Lower Juba region of Somalia. This brings the suspected AFP cases to a total of 23 in Kenya and 7 in Somalia.

Mapping of AFP surveillance active case search in Kenya and Somalia 01/01/2021 - 05/09/2021
COMMUNITY BASED DISEASE SURVEILLANCE ON PRIORITY ZOONOTIC DISEASES.

Suspected Animal Disease Alerts Received by Counties:
01/10/2020 - 05/09/2021

Rumour and Zero Report as from 01/10/2020 - 05/09/2021

Somalia
- Lower Juba: 200
- Gedo: 163
- Bakool: 5

Total (Kenya): 16064

Wajir: 5141
Turkana: 6291
Nairobi: 2936
Marsabit: 3151
Mandera: 657
Lamu: 284
Garissa: 342

Mapping of suspected PZD alerts 01/10/2020 - 05/09/2021

Legend:
- Cluster of deaths of young animals
- Abortion in late pregnancy; retained placenta, swelling of testicles
- Cluster animal deaths
- Deaths with unusual bleeding
- Aggressive animal bite
- Progressive loss of weight
- Suspected anthrax
- Suspected Brucellosis
- Suspected Rinderpest
- Suspected Typanosomiasis

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KENYA

- Confirmed cases: 241,134
- Male cases: 140,166
- Female cases: 100,968
- Death (CFR= 2%): 4,800
- Recoveries & discharges: 229,726

A total 2,421,633 COVID-19 tests have been conducted.

SOMALIA

- Confirmed cases: 17,460
- Deaths: 942
- Recoveries & discharges: 7,873

A total 275,695 COVID-19 tests have been conducted.

Counties supported by CGPP

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Regions supported by CGPP

- Jubaland State: 957, 7,926
- South West State: 404, 10,539

Source: WHO Somalia

Source: MoH

Map for social mobilization sites in Kenya and Somalia border villages
## COORDINATION MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK

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## CHALLENGES
- Impassable roads and insecurity affecting movement in parts of Gedo region.
- Recent attacks by insurgents in Gedo region affecting project activities.
- Ravaging drought alert in project areas especially Mandera, Wajir & Garissa.

## UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

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## PHOTOS

**CGPP Community Mobilizer and Community health volunteer conducting active case search in several villages in Belet-hawa district Gedo region.**

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**Deg-elema CM conducting RI and AFP social mobilization at Deg-elema Health facility, Lower juba region, Somalia.**