Cross Border Activities Updates (KENYA)

- **One Health Cross-border Coordination Meeting:** CORE Group conducted a 2 day cross-border meeting on 6-7 March 2022 between Kenya and Ethiopia in Moyale, Kenya. The meeting was to discuss on cross-border interventions, improve cross-border coordination and increase the sensitivity of surveillance across borders on both Vaccine Preventable Diseases and Priority Zoonotic Diseases (PZDs). Partners such as National Zoonotic Disease Unit (ZDU), National MoH, County and Sub-county MoH and Vet, WHO and UNICEF.

- **Cross-border surveillance:** 3 suspected case of Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) were reported from Garissa, Mandera and Wajir county through community based surveillance. Samples collected and shipped for investigation. 5 suspected measles reported in (3 Mandera and 2 Wajir) and 2 suspected neonatal tetanus reported in (1 Marsabit and 1 Wajir county.)

- **Routine Immunization Outreaches:** During the week, the project supported 17 immunization outreach services in border health facilities. A total of 208 children < 1 years vaccinated with various polio antigens.

- **Social Mobilization:** The CVs conducted weekly routine sensitization on immunization & surveillance through house to house strategy while observing COVID-19 protocols. 2,256 households reached, reaching 6,001 (2,364 males & 3,637 females)

- **Defaulter tracing:** During the week, border health facilities in Kenya reported 322 children < 1-year defaulters and traced 217 (67%).

Cross Border Activities Updates (SOMALIA)

- **Supplementary Immunization Campaign:** Somalia is preparing to conduct it's second round of mOPV campaign in South Central area of Somalia with the first round conducted in Mid-February.

- The project will support the campaign in it's project areas of Lower Juba, Gedo and Bakool through community mobilization pre-campaign and intra-campaign as well as technical and logistical support.

- **Call to Action Meeting for Polio Outbreak Response Summit:** Somalia Ministry of Health in conjunction with partners conducted a 3 day summit in Nairobi, Kenya. The theme of the meeting was call to action for polio outbreak response in Somalia. This was discuss and develop strategies to curb the spread of long-lasting circulating poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) one of the longest outbreaks in the world. An emergency action plan 2022 was presented to focus on each and every sector of the response areas, such as surveillance, logistics, cross-border etc.

- **Routine Immunization Outreaches:** 1 routine immunization outreach session were conducted during the week in Badhadhe, Lower Juba, reaching 25 children under 1 year with various polio antigens.

- **Social Mobilization:** The CVs conducted weekly routine sensitization on immunization & surveillance through house to house strategy while observing COVID-19 protocols. 761 households visited, reaching 632 (278 males & 354 females)

- **Defaulter tracing:** During the week, border health facilities in Kenya reported 24 children < 1-year defaulters and traced 12 (50%).

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

- **Surveillance Reporting:**
  - During surveillance, the CMs reported a total of 22 suspected animal alerts were reported, 2 cluster of animal deaths in Garissa and Marsabit, 1 suspected anthrax in Marsabit, 2 suspected brucellosis in Mandera and Marsabit, 3 suspected case of rabies in (2 Turkana and 1 Marsabit), 4 suspected cases of RVF in (3 Mandera and 1Marsabit) , 10 cases of suspected trypanosomiasis in (7 Lamu and 3 Mandera).
  - For the reported alerts, the team verified them resulting to: cluster of animal, the team verified 8 animals had died due to severe drought reported. Reported anthrax case was not a true case but more of brucellosis case which required further investigation.
  - Suspected brucellosis cases matched the lay case definitions and required further investigations. Pregnancy loss was due to low immune system as a result of poor forage.
  - Suspected rabies cases were verified with the dogs provoked and not rabied. Mass vaccination by Kenya Veterinary Association (KVA) women group in conjunction with CGPP conducted mass vaccination of dogs in Turkana county.
  - Alerts such as RVF are not true cases. Animals are losing pregnancy & dying due to low immune system as a result of serve drought and hunger.
  - A total of 361 zero reports were reported by the community health volunteers.
STRENGTHENING OF IMMUNIZATION SYSTEMS: OUTREACH SERVICES TO HARD TO REACH BORDER, NOMADIC PASTORALIST.

**KENYA:**
- Total # of children traced: 2,147 (66%)
- Defaulted = 3,232

**SOMALIA:**
- Total # of children traced: 133 (66%)
- Defaulted = 203

**GEOCODED CGPP SUPPORTED OUTREACH SITES**

01/01/2022 - 27/03/2022

**# of children < 1 years reached with polio antigens during the outreach sessions**
(01/01/2022 – 27/03/2022)

**# of outreach support in CGPP Supported areas in Kenya and Somalia**
(01/01/22 - 27/03/22) N=197

**KENYA: KENYA:**
- Garissa
- Lamu
- Mandera
- Marsabit
- Nairobi
- Turkana
- Wajir
- Total Kenya

**SOMALIA:**
- Total Somalia
- Lower Juba
- Gedo
- Bakool

**GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION:**

01/01/2022 - 27/03/2022
3 new suspected AFP case detected by community mobilizer in Garissa, Wajir and Mandera counties, Kenya. No new suspected cases from Somalia reported during the week.
CROSS-BORDER SURVEILLANCE AT DHOBLEY CROSSING POINT IN SOMALIA

• CUMULATIVE: A total of 184 children < 15 yrs managed to cross the Dhobley border point with IFO camp recording the highest number as the final destination with 55, Dagahley camp 42, Hagadera camp 31, Garissa town 25, Wajir 16 and Nairobi 12.

• Out of the 184, 18 received OPV doses, 9 received IPV doses and MR received 17 doses, and were administered while crossing the border.

• Majority of the children were from age 0-4 yrs with 91 children, 5-9 yrs were 83 children and 10-14 yrs were 10 children.

• In terms of gender, out of the 163 children, 103 were female (56%) while 81 were male (44%).

• Main areas where most of the children are travelling from include: Afmadow 38, Kismayo 37, Buale 17, Qooqani 15, Dhobley 12, Mogadishu 10 and others 56.
COMMUNITY BASED DISEASE SURVEILLANCE ON PRIORITY ZOONOTIC DISEASES.

SUSPECTED ANIMAL DISEASE ALERTS RECEIVED BY COUNTIES.
01/01/2022 - 27/03/2022

- **Rumor report** – this are hearsay information on diseases or disease intelligence reports collected by the community mobilizers.

- **Zero reports** – are reports showing the community volunteers are doing active case search but no alerts picked during active case search.
• 21,477 HHs visited by the social mobilizers during the month of March for sensitization of community members on hygiene, routine immunization, nutrition, priority zoonotic diseases, defaulter tracing and COVID-19 including vaccinations during the week.

• The implementing partner in Marsabit conducted community dialogue sessions in North Horr sub county (Illeret, Dukana, El-hadi and Forolle) to discuss issues on vaccine preventable diseases and priority zoonotic disease. High number of suspected rabies and brucellosis cases were reported by the community. The community were also sensitized on yellow fever, following an outbreak in the neighboring Isiolo county with reported deaths. The community were encouraged to be vigilant.

• Community mobilizers are also conducting group meetings (684) during the month of March discussing vaccine preventable diseases and priority zoonotic diseases. Mandera, Garissa and Wajir as well as Lower Juba, Gedo & Bakool are conducting intensive mobilization on polio & other VPDs in the cross border with high movement due to drought reasons, which can lead to high transmission of diseases.
# JOINT SUPPORT SUPERVISION

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<td>To Enhancing feedback and building team approaches that facilitate problem solving</td>
<td>Cases of brucellosis and chicken pox observed, animal deaths due to drought, vaccine stock out especially Rota and IPV in facilities visited</td>
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<td>The cross border collaboration between the Kenyan facility and Ethiopian was perfect</td>
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<td>Vaccine stock out in some facilities, cases of measles and brucellosis observed, joint verification of alerts, animal death due to server drought, cold chain breakdown, lack of reporting tools in some facilities and Lack of IEC materials</td>
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<td>The community had good knowledge on zoonotic diseases and immubizable diseases. Their was a disconnect between the cms and thecdrs. The community visit the traditional healers alot.</td>
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<td>Faulty cold chain at Elram, severe malnutrition of children, devastating droughts</td>
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## COORDINATION MEETINGS

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<td>2022-03-09</td>
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**PHOTOS**

Community dialogue session in Dukana, during the joint supportive supervision in Marsabit county. Photo credit: Abubakar Salah—CGPP Secretariat.

CGPP HOA deputy director, Somane presenting on cross-border activities during a group session in the call to action meeting for polio outbreak response in Somalia, held in Nairobi, Kenya. Photo credit: Abubakar Salah—CGPP Secretariat.
**CHALLENGES**

- Due to the ravaging drought in the northern part of Kenya and parts of Somalia,
  - Increase in cross-border movement within the border of Kenya, Somalia and Ethiopia in search of water and pastures.
  - High number of IDPs in Dhobley, Dollow, Belet-hawa in Somalia.
  - There are mass death of livestock.
  - High rate of immunization defaulters
- Inaccessibility of roads due to insecurity with alternative means costly in Gedo region, Somalia
- Closed heath facilities due to insecurity/lack of funding i.e., 2 in Hulughuo, 1 in Fafi in Garissa county, 2 in Wajir East and Kotulo in Wajir county and 2 in Belet-Hawa, 1 in Elwak and 1 in Bardere in Gedo region of Somalia
- Competing priority e.g., Covid-19 related activities

**UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCES**

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**PICTURE SPEAK**

- Outreach immunization session conducted in Bojigars outreach site in Wajir-bor, Wajir county
  Photo credits: Ahmed Garad—WV

- Sub-county disease surveillance coordinator collects samples from a suspected AFP case identified by CGPP Community mobilizer in Heilu, Moyale, Marsabit county
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