Cross Border Activities Updates (KENYA)

- **VDPV case:** A case of VDVP in an AFP case from Kotulo, Mandera county, with specimen collected on 30 October 2021. The VDPV sequence is serotype 2, has 6 nucleotide differences (nt diff) from Sabin 2 VP1 and is not genetically linked to any previously sequenced VDPV2s. CGPP is supporting through conducting community sampling of healthy children in Elram village to ascertain whether there is any ongoing circulation of VDPV.

- **Community based surveillance:** 1 suspected case of AFP was reported from Eldas, Wajir county, while 4 suspected measles were reported in Wajir and Mandera. No neonatal tetanus was detected by the community mobilizers during the week. The Community mobilizers visited 3,643 households.

- **Routine Immunization Outreaches:** The project supported 11 immunization outreach services during the week. A total of 182 children < 1 year vaccinated with various OPV antigens.

- **Social Mobilization:** The CVs conducted weekly routine sensitization on immunization & surveillance through house to house strategy while observing COVID-19 protocols. 2,490 households visited, reaching 769 (339 males & 420 females).

- **Defaulter tracing:** During the week, border health facilities in Kenya reported 242 children < 1-year defaulters and traced 159 (66%).

Cross Border Activities Updates (SOMALIA)

- **Community based surveillance:** No suspected case of AFP, suspected measles or NNT detected by the community mobilizers during active case search visiting 1,175 households.

- **Routine Immunization Outreaches:** The project supported 1 routine immunization outreach session with a total of 26 children < 1 year vaccinated with various OPV antigens.

- **Social Mobilization:** The CVs conducted weekly routine sensitization on immunization & surveillance through house to house strategy while observing COVID-19 protocols. 759 households visited, reaching 769 (339 males & 420 females).

- **Defaulter tracing:** During the week, border health facilities in Kenya reported 5 children < 1-year defaulters and traced 3 (60%).

- **Influx of IDPs to Dhobley IDP camps and Luuq from Bay and Bakool region due to severe drought.

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

**SURVEILLANCE REPORTING:**

- During surveillance, the CMs reported a total of 21 animal alerts during the week, two (2) cluster of animal deaths in Lamu, one (1) suspected anthrax from Mandera, five (5) cases of suspected brucellosis in Mandera and Wajir, one (1) suspected case of rabies in Turkana, 3 suspected RVF in Wajir & Mandera and nine (9) suspected trypanosomasis in Lamu, Wajir, and Mandera County.

- A total of 9 suspected human alerts were reported during the week: four high fever and rash reported in (Mandera and Wajir), 2 Acute watery diarrhoea & 4 suspected measles in Mandera & Wajir and 1 suspected AFP reported from Wajir county.

- A total of 526 zero reports and 5 case of rumor were reported by the community health volunteers.

Active case search and social mobilization in Elwak district, Gedo, Somalia

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A suspected rabies case of a child in Turkana county bitten by dog reported to the health facility by the community mobilizer.

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STRENGTHENING OF IMMUNIZATION SYSTEMS: OUTREACH SERVICES TO HARD TO REACH BORDER, NOMADIC PASTORALIST.

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- Total # of children traced = 202 (65%)
- Total # of children traced = 313

SOMALIA:
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- Total # of children traced = 3

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1 suspected AFP case detected by community mobilizer this week in Wajir county in Kenya with the CMs visiting a total of 4,387 households during active case search. No suspected AFP case reported in Somalia, with CMs visiting 2,301 households.

A suspected case reported from Eldas, Wajir county.

Outreach immunization session in Koromey, Mandera county

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COMMUNITY BASED DISEASE SURVEILLANCE ON PRIORITY ZOONOTIC DISEASES.

- **Rumor report** – this is hearsay information on diseases or disease intelligence reports collected by the community mobilizers.
  - Example: “Covid-19 vaccination is not real because most of those vaccinated do not the vaccination message which is just a scam.” Kamukunji, Nairobi
  - “Those who got covid jab will die after 2yrs after vaccinated.” Moyale, Marsabit county
- **Zero reports** – are reports showing the community volunteers are doing active case search but no alerts picked during active case search.
SOCIAL MOBILIZATION ACTIVITIES

• 9,225 HHs visited by the social mobilizers for sensitization of community members on hygiene, routine immunization, nutrition, priority zoonotic diseases and COVID-19 including vaccinations.

• Social mobilizers also managed to visits a total of 7,727 under five years children, to check their routine immunization status, defaulters and schedules.

• 265 group meeting were conducted reaching a total of 3,385 community members with 58% females (1,976) and 42% males (1,409)

• 91 influential people were sensitized through community dialogue and sensitizations meeting

• 16 religious leaders, 25 traditional healers, 34 village elders, 6 women group leaders and 5 chief/sub-chiefs were reached by CMs amplifying the messages of routine immunization, vaccine preventable diseases and priority zoonotic diseases.

• 4 school heads and madrasa leader took part in the dialogue sessions and were also encouraged to amplify health messages especially routine immunization.


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Source: MoH

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A total 403,959 COVID-19 tests have been conducted.
**CHALLENGES**

- Due to the biting drought experienced in the project areas, there's massive death of livestock, high livestock movements, high defaulter rates since the nomads migrated to Somalia in search of pasture and water.

- Competing priority e.g., Covi-19 related activities

- High influx of displaced person both Dollow and Luuq District due to severe drought.

- Poor internet connectivity in Badhaadhe district, Gedo, Somalia that is affecting reporting.

**UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCES**

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**PICTURE SPEAK**

Social mobilization and community sensitization activities at Napak, Turkana county
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An outreach session at Dhobley new IDP sites, Afmadow district, Lower Juba region, Somalia targeting zero children mostly from inaccessible areas.
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