



CORE Group Polio & Global Health Security, Horn of Africa Weekly Bulletin: FY 22 Q2 Week 3 (17 – 23 Jan 2022)

Cross Border Activities Updates (KENYA)

- VDPV2 in Mandera Update:** Mandera CORE Group team supported Kotulo sub-county health management team in sample collection from healthy children in Komor Jaldesa, Issack Ibrein and Abdulla balla nomadic settlement in Elram village, Kotulo, Mandera County to ascertain whether there is any ongoing circulation of VDPV2. Some children whose samples collected are siblings to index case and the two contacts identified during initial investigation. The investigation team comprise of Mandera CORE Group project team, WHO and sub-county health management team.
- Community based surveillance:** No suspected case of AFP or NNT was reported . 2 suspected measles were reported in Mandera by the community mobilizers during the week The Community mobilizers visited 1,967 households .
- Routine Immunization Outreaches:** The project supported 10 immunization outreach services during the week. A total of 169 children < 1 years 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. 4,855 households reaching 6,611 (1951 males & 4,660 females)
- Defaulter tracing:** During the week, border health facilities in Kenya reported 224 children < 1-year defaulters and traced 134 (59%).



Social investigation and collection of healthy samples from children in Mandera county
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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 713 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. 1,236 households visited, reaching 775 (367 males & 408 females)
- Defaulter tracing:** During the week, border health facilities in Kenya reported 4 children < 1-year defaulters and traced 3 (75%).



Outreach session in Dardaar Afmadow district, Somalia Lower Juba.
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Global Health Security—Priority Zoonotic Diseases Updates: (KENYA):

SURVEILLANCE REPORTING:

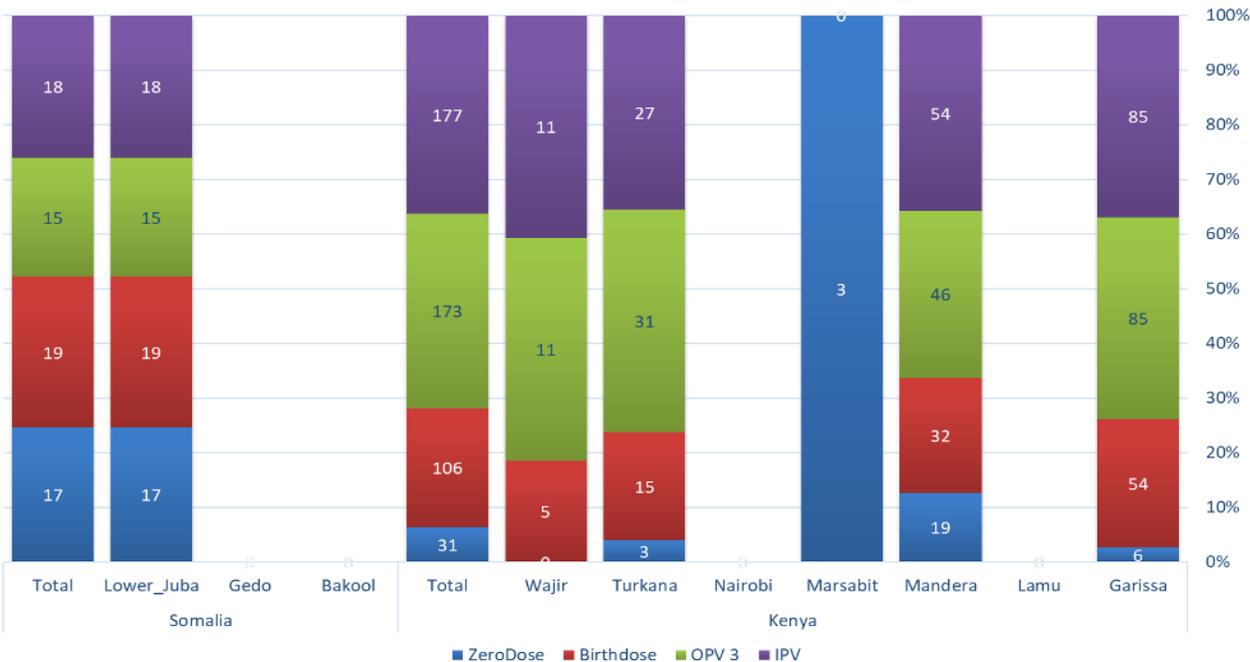
- During surveillance, the CMs reported a total of 17 animal alerts were reported, one (1) cluster of animal deaths in Mandera, two (2) cases of brucellosis in Mandera and Marsabit, one (1) suspected case of rabies in Garissa and Turkana, two (2) cases of RVF in Garissa and Mandera, Ten (10) cases of suspected trypanosomiasis in Garissa and Marsabit.
- A total of 2 suspected human alerts were reported during the week: two (2) suspected high fever and rash reported in (Mandera).
- A total of 526 zero reports and 5 case of rumor were reported by the community health volunteers.



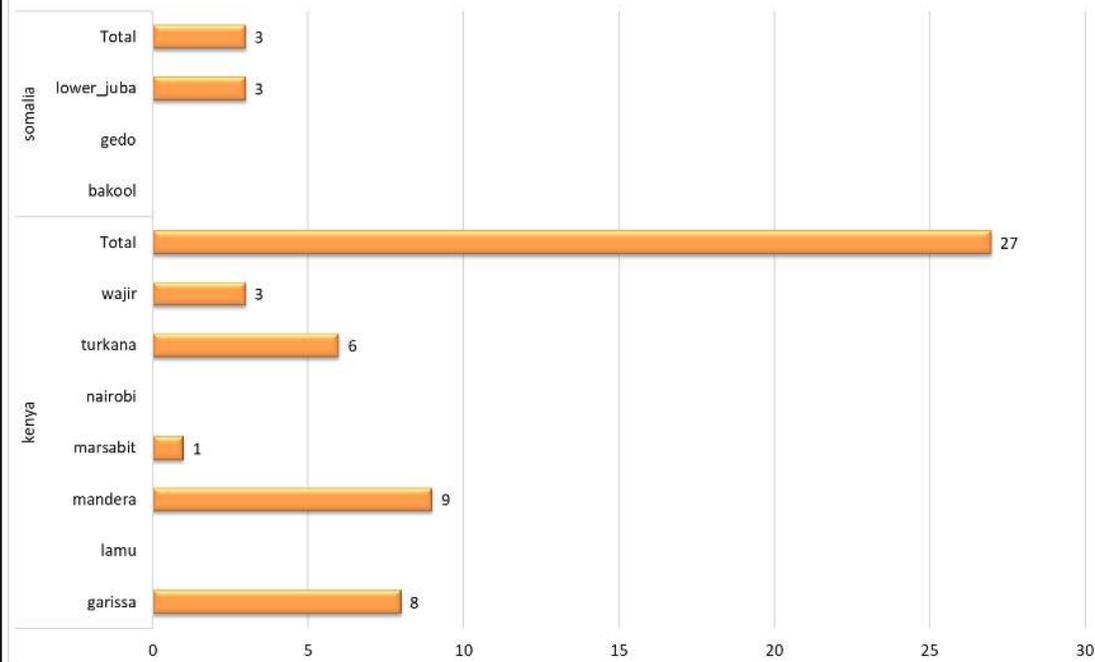
Community Disease Reporter conducts active case search on priority zoonotic diseases in Adadijole, Wajir County
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STRENGTHENING OF IMMUNIZATION SYSTEMS: OUTREACH SERVICES TO HARD TO REACH BORDER, NOMADIC PASTORALIST.

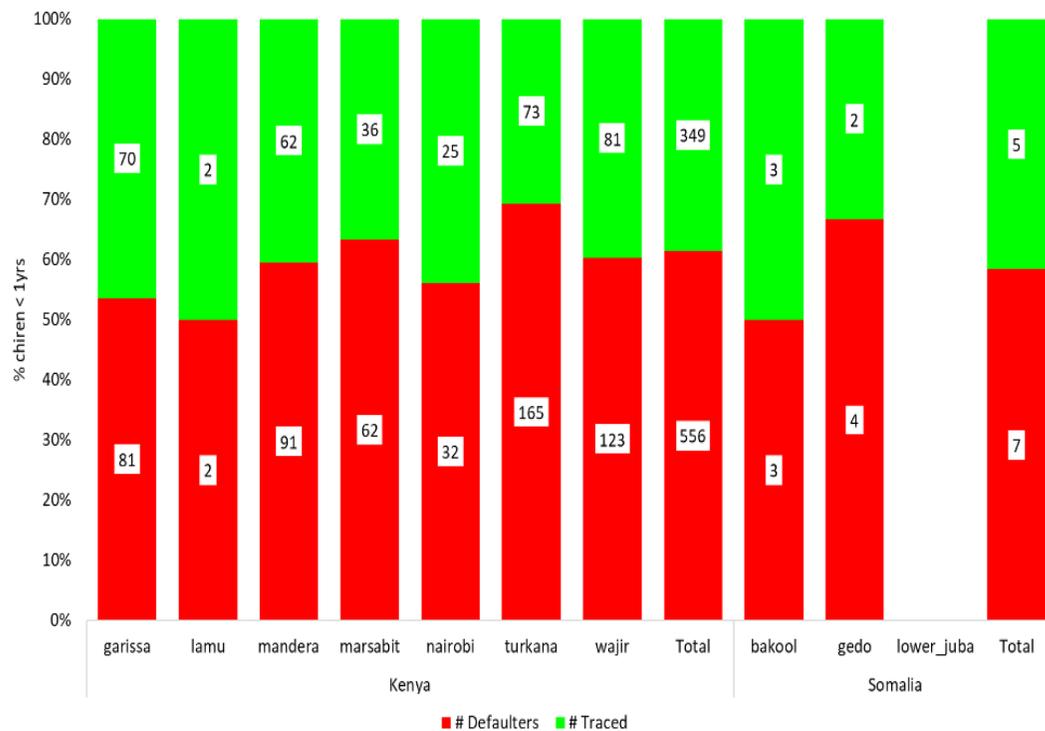
children < 1 years reached with various OPV vaccines during outreach sessions. 01/10/22 - 23/01/22, N=556



outreach supported in Kenya and Somali CGPP supported areas (01/10/2022 - 23/01/2021. N=30)



of children < 1 years who defaulted Routine immunization sessions (01/10/2022 - 23/01/2022)



The CGPP project support 97 border health facilities in Kenya and 27 border health facilities in Somalia. The project also supports integrated outreach sessions targeting the nomadic and hard to reach population and other vulnerable populations e.g. minorities/IDPs.

The community mobilizers and community volunteers conduct social mobilization in the outreach sites for maximum utilization of the services including sensitization on vaccine preventable diseases.

Active case search for AFP is also integrated during social mobilization/ community sensitizations. A reward of KES 1000 (\$10) is given to any community mobilizer/community informants who reports a suspected AFP case that meets the lay case definition. The project supports a maximum of 12 cases per County/region.

KENYA:

Total # of children Defaulted = 556

Total # of children traced = 349 (63%)

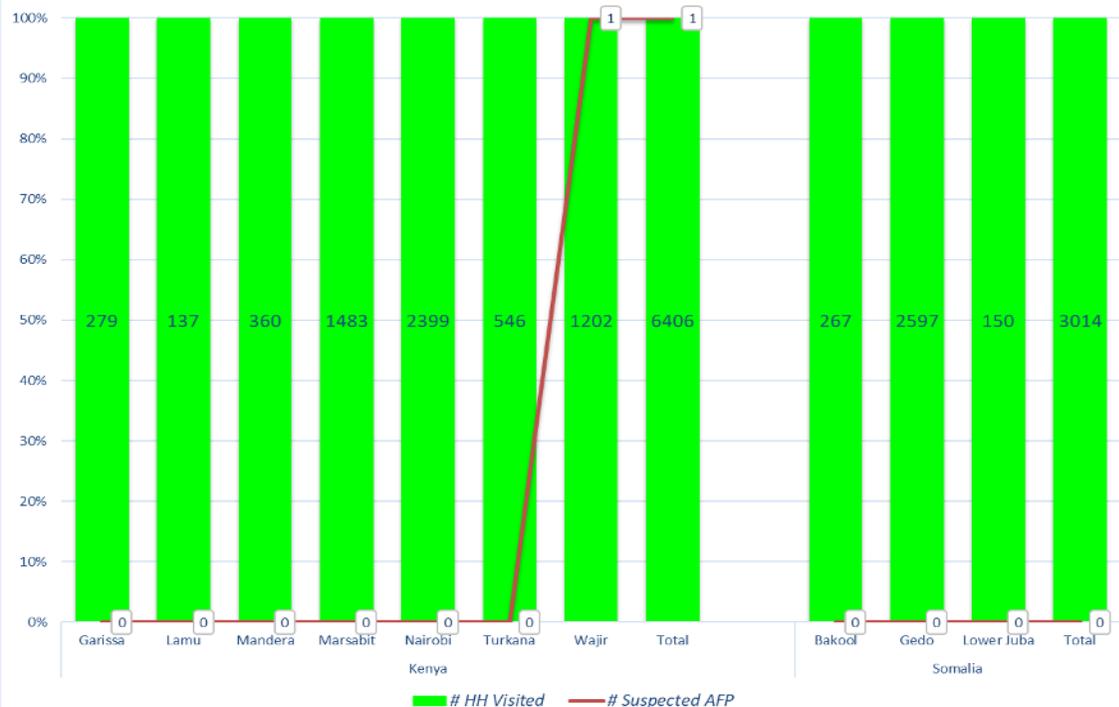
SOMALIA:

Total # of children Defaulted = 7

Total # of children traced = 5 (71%)

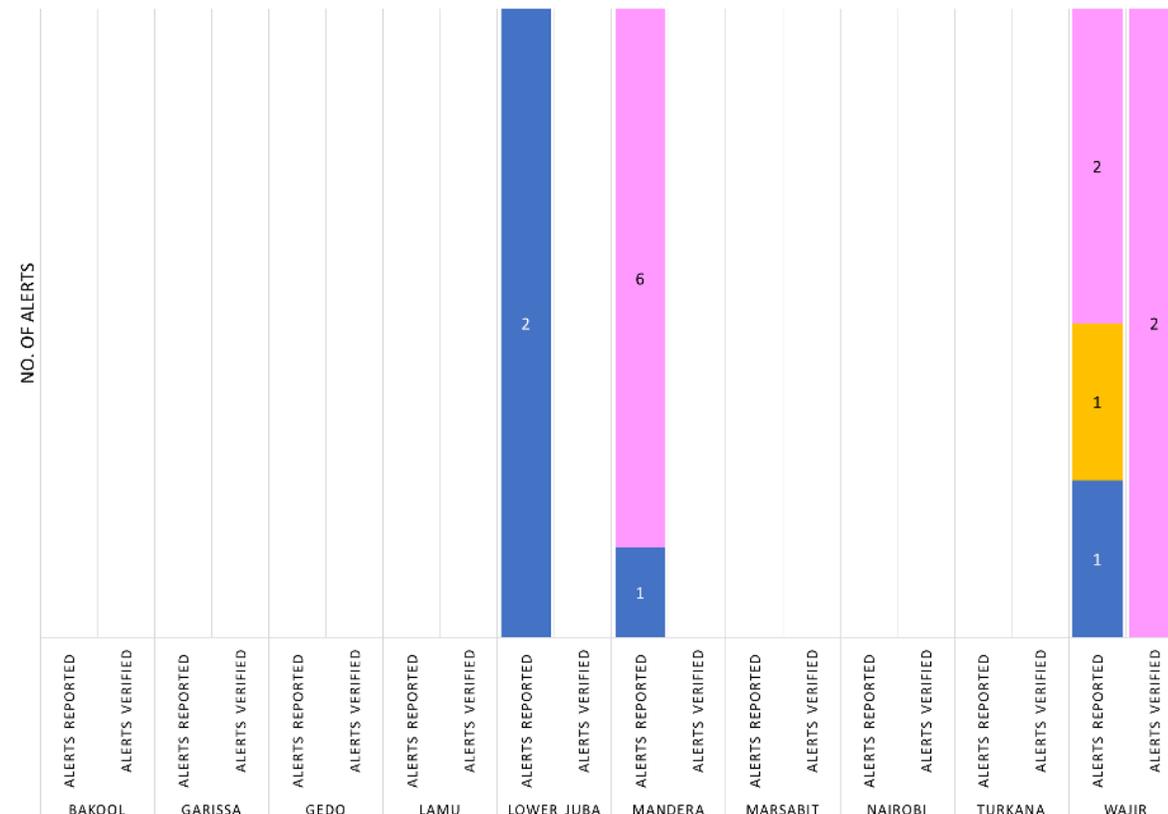
COMMUNITY BASED DISEASE SURVEILLANCE ON HUMAN ALERTS/ACTIVE CASE SEARCH

Active case search in CGPP support areas
(01/01/22 – 23/01/22)



No suspected AFP case detected by community mobilizer in both Kenya and Somalia.

SUSPECTED HUMAN DISEASE ALERTS RECEIVED BY COUNTIES
01/01/2022 - 23/01/2022



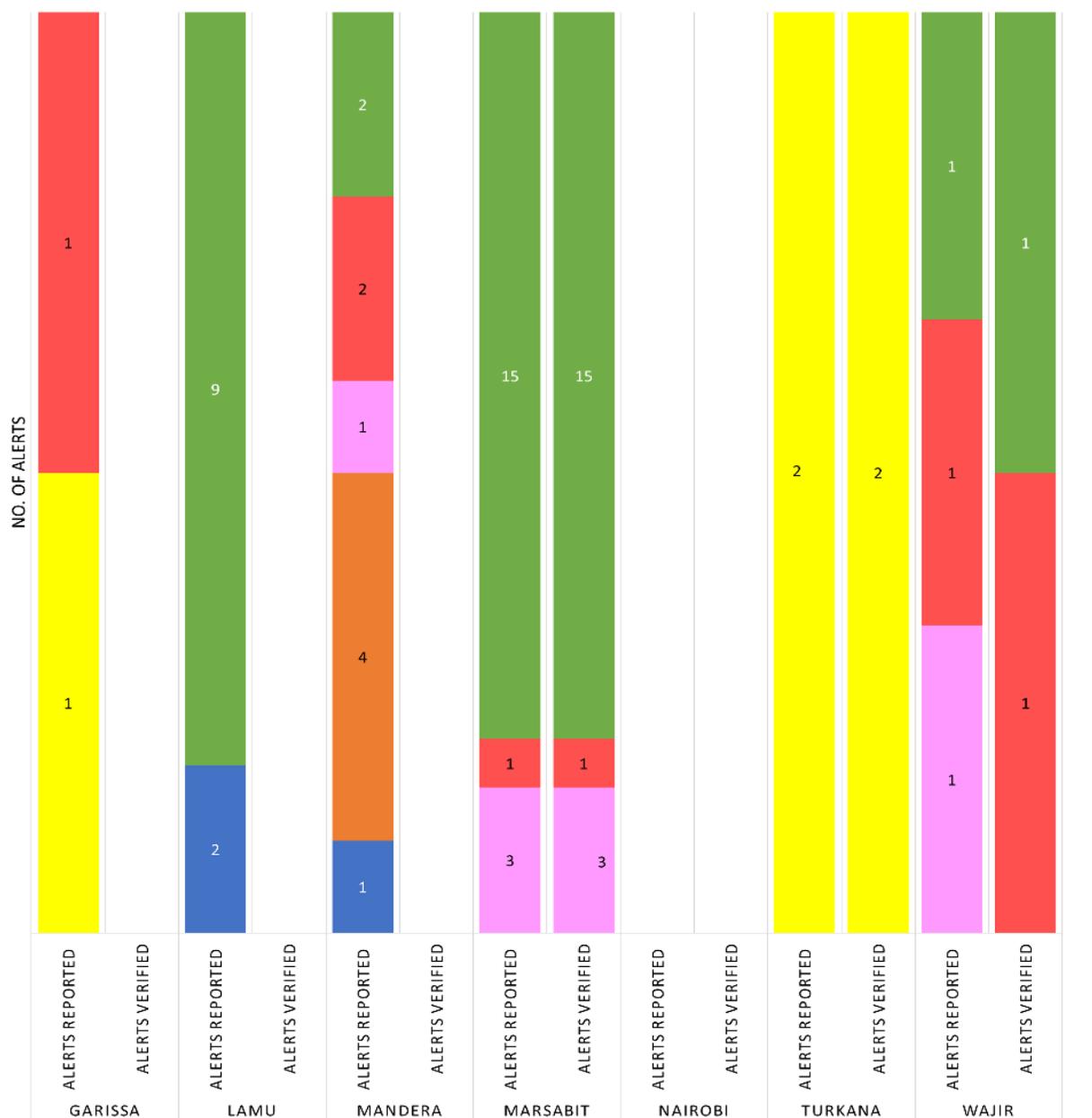
■ Acute Watery Diarrhoea
■ Sudden Paralysis
■ Cluster of unusual illness or deaths of people
■ Fever & Rash
■ Fever, cough and breathing problem
■ Neonatal deaths

COORDINATION MEETINGS DURING THE WEEK

Date	County	Meeting type	Objective	Outcome	# Participants	
					Male	Female
2022-01-20	Mandera	Health Cluster meeting	To Sensitize HCWs and share field feedback on VDPV case in kutulo sub county	17 health workers sensitized, and active case search done at kutulo sub county hospital	15	2
2022-01-17			To conduct social investigation, community and health workers sensitization, active case search and community-based surveillance	Three team's we're formed to carry out social investigation, community and health workers sensitization, active case search and community-based surveillance	13	1
2022-01-19		Sensitization meeting	To sensitize community on recent outbreaks of confirmed polio cases in Elram village of kutulo sub county	129 persons that includes 69 health care workers and 60 key community leaders sensitized	100	29

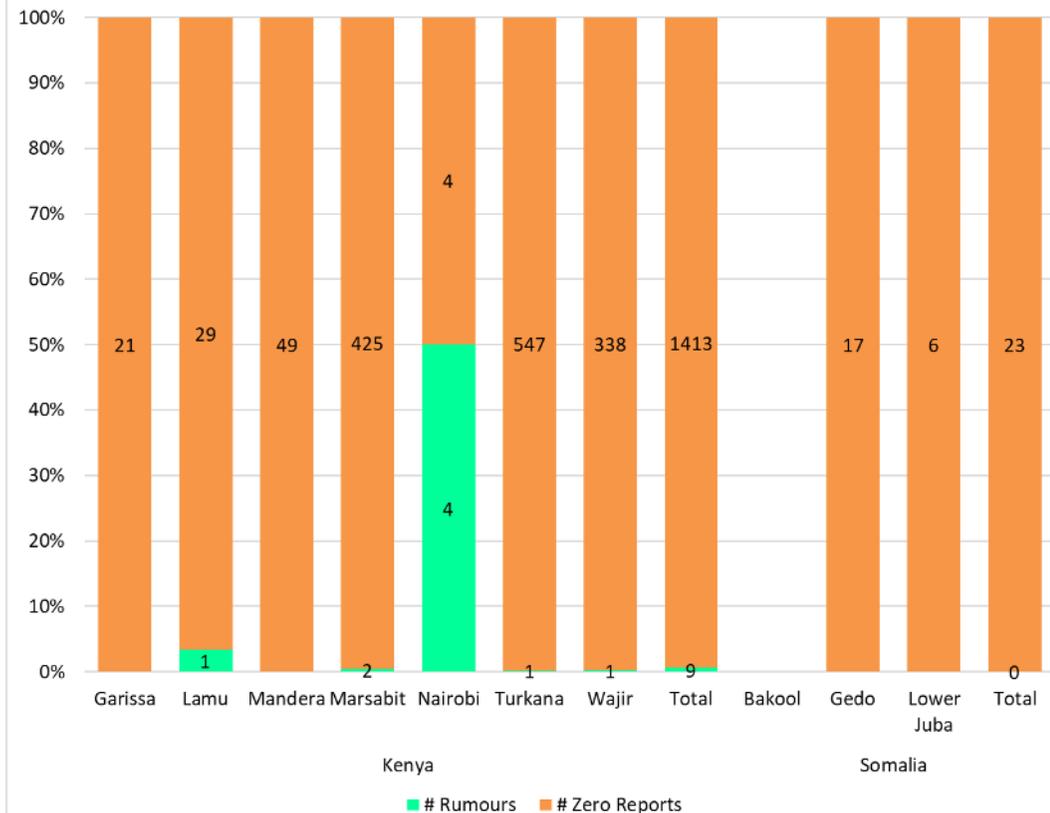
COMMUNITY BASED DISEASE SURVEILLANCE ON PRIORITY ZOOONOTIC DISEASES.

**SUSPECTED ANIMAL DISEASE ALERTS RECEIVED BY COUNTIES.
01/01/2022 - 23/01/2022**



- Progressive loss of weight
- Aggressive animal bite
- Deaths with unusual bleeding
- Cluster of abortions or deaths of young animals
- Abortion in late pregnancy; retained placenta; swelling of testicles
- Cluster Animal Deaths

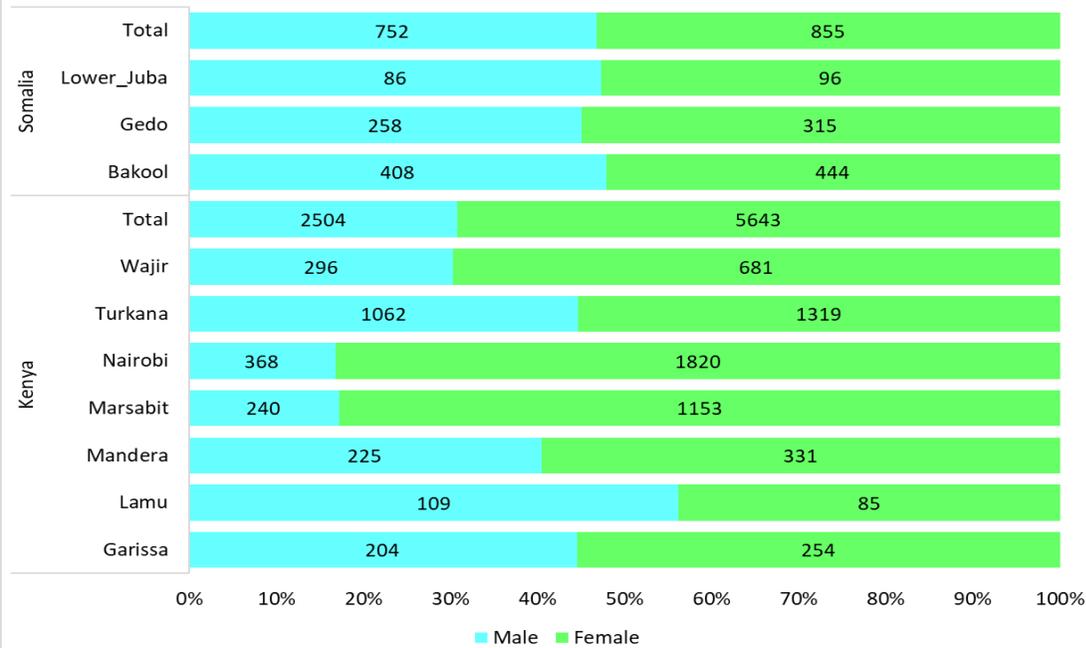
Rumours and Zero reporting (01/01/22 – 23/01/2022)



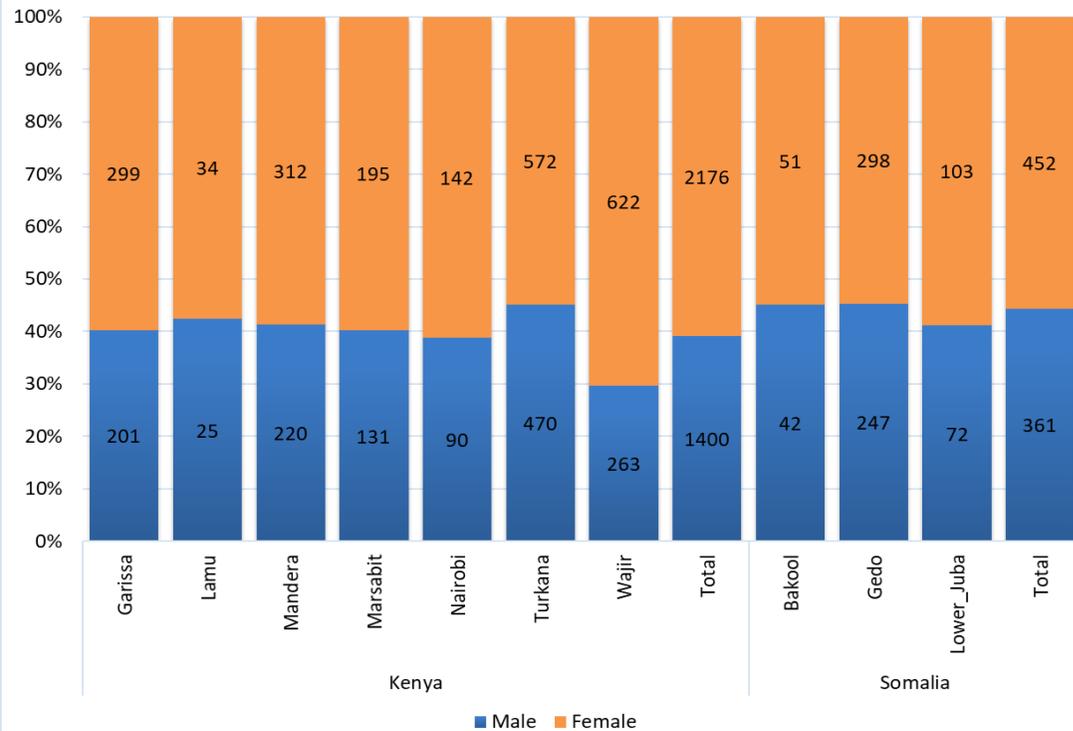
- **Rumor report** – this are hearsay information on diseases or disease intelligence reports collected by the community mobilizers
- Example: “ *There is a report from a kraal leader called Eregae Ekal who told me that, their is a lot of diarrhea cases in Kalokok in Turkana county. More than 5 people have reported cases in the village.*” Turkana, Nairobi
- **Zero reports** - are reports showing the community volunteers are doing active case search but no alerts picked during active case search.

SOCIAL MOBILIZATION ACTIVITIES

of persons reached by gender during social mobilization (one on one contact) in CGPP supported area , 01/01/22 - 23/01/22 . N=8,149



of persons reached by gender during social mobilization (Group Meeting) in CGPP supported area , 01/01/22 - 23/01/22 . N=4,389



- **1,809** HHs visited by the social mobilizers for sensitization of community members on hygiene, routine immunization, nutrition, priority zoonotic diseases and COVID-19 including vaccinations during the week.
- Social mobilizers also managed to visits a total of **1,152** under five years children during the week (Kenya—996 and Somalia—156), to check their routine immunization status, defaulters and schedules.
- **29** group meeting were conducted during the week reaching a total of 1,539 community members with 71% females (1,086) and 29% males (453)
- **42** influential people were sensitized through community dialogue and sensitizations meeting
- 7 religious leaders, 10 traditional healers, 15 village elders, 2 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.
- **3** school heads and madrasa leader took part in the dialogue sessions and were also encouraged to amplify health messages especially routine immunization.

COVID-19 SITUATIONAL UPDATES AS OF 23 JAN 2022.

KENYA			SOMALIA		
Confirmed cases	320,229		Confirmed cases	26,067	
Male cases	180,640		Deaths (CFR 5.7%)	1,332	
Female cases	139,589		Recoveries & discharges	10,589	
Death (CFR= 1.7 %)	5,554		A total 413,355 COVID-19 tests have been conducted.		
Recoveries & discharges	291,361		A total 3,186,286 COVID-19 tests have been conducted.		
<i>Source: MoH</i>					
Counties supported by CGPP	Confirmed cases.	COVID-19 full vaccination	Regions supported by CGPP	Confirmed cases.	COVID-19 full vaccination
Nairobi	129,388	1,154,296	Jubaland State	1,386	73,254 includes J&J
Mandera	424	20,621	South West State	558	71,747 includes J&J
Wajir	300	17,200			
Garissa	2,641	26,965			
Turkana	2,628	24,332			
Marsabit	993	14,387			
Lamu	770	11,827			

CHALLENGES

- Due to the biting drought experienced in the project areas , there's massive death of live-stock, 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.

PICTURE SPEAK



Social mobilization at Jack city village teaching on the importance of immunization & priority zoonotic diseases in Turkana county

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Team sarif on outreach sites in Wajir county conducts routine outreach immunization sessions.

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UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

WEEK OF

• Tabletop simulation exercise and After-Actions review consultative meeting	2 Feb
• RCCE Community Feedback Sub-WG Meeting ESAR	1 Feb
• USAID COVID-19 Communication & Community Engagement	2 Feb
• Community Mobilizer's virtual meeting in Marsabit county	3 Feb
• Community Health Assistants (CHA) and Animal Health Assistant (AHA), Sub county veterinary and disease surveillance (SCVO & SCDC) virtual meeting in Marsabit county	2 Feb
• Attend and support polio coordination meeting in Bakool and Gedo	19 Jan
• Joint support supervision in Kamkunji and Lamu, Kenya and Lower Juba, Somalia	31 Jan - 5th Feb



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