Cross Border Activities Updates (KENYA)

- **Cross-border surveillance:** 3 suspected case of Acute Flaccid Paralysis (AFP) were reported from Turkana county. 4 suspected measles reported in Mandera and Marsabit and 1 suspected neonatal tetanus reported in Wajir county.

- **Routine Immunization Outreaches:** The project supported 19 immunization outreach services during the week. A total of 292 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 reaching 4,157 (1,660 males & 2,497 females).

- **Defaulter tracing:** During the week, border health facilities in Kenya reported 326 children < 1-year defaulters and traced 226 (69%).

Cross Border Activities Updates (SOMALIA)

- **Supplementary Immunization Campaign:** Somalia conducted it’s first round of mOPV campaign in South Central area Somalia targeting 1,968,508 children under 5 years in 81 districts.

- **Routine Immunization Outreaches:** 2 routine immunization outreach session were conducted during the week in Afmadow and Badhadhe, Lower Juba, reaching 31 children 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. 1,994 households visited, reaching 990 (442 males & 548 females).

- **Defaulter tracing:** During the week, border health facilities in Kenya reported 35 children < 1-year defaulters and traced 26 (74%).

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

- **Surveillance Reporting:**
  - During surveillance, the CMs reported a total of 17 suspected animal alerts were reported, 1 cluster of animal deaths in Turkana, 3 suspected case of rabies in Turkana, 4 suspected cases of RVF in Mandera and Turkana, 8 cases of suspected trypanosomiasis in Marsabit and 1 suspected Anthrax in Mandera.
  - For the reported alerts, the team verified them resulting to: animals that died or lost pregnancy was due to low immune system as a result of poor forage. For suspected RVF, the alerts were not RVF as reported but animals losing pregnancy & dying due to low immune system as a result of serve drought. For suspected rabies, animals are becoming aggressive due to hunger and for cluster of unusual animal death, this is due to the animal suspected to have eaten poisonous leaves.
  - A total of 412 zero reports and 2 case of rumours were reported by the community health volunteers.
STRENGTHENING OF IMMUNIZATION SYSTEMS: OUTREACH SERVICES TO HARD TO REACH BORDER, NOMADIC PASTORALIST.

KENYA: Total # of children Defaulted = 2,235
Total # of children traced = 1,498 (67%)

SOMALIA: Total # of children Defaulted = 55
Total # of children traced = 39 (71%)
3 new suspected AFP case detected by community mobilizer in Turkana 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 163 children < 15 yrs managed to cross the Dhobley border point with IFO camp recording the highest number as the final destination with 50, Dagahley camp 34, Hagadera camp 26, Garissa town 25, Wajir 16 and Nairobi 12.

• Out of the 163, 12 received OPV doses, 4 received IPV doses and MR received 12 doses, and were administered while crossing the border.

• Majority of the children were from age 0-4 yrs with 81 children, 5-9 yrs were 72 children and 10-14 yrs were 10 children.

• In terms of gender, out of the 163 children, 92 were female (56%) while 71 were male (44%).

• Most of the children are travelling from: Afmadow 31, Kismayo 29, Buale 15, Dhobley 11, Qooqani 12, Mogadishu 9 and others 56.
• **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.
SOCIAL MOBILIZATION ACTIVITIES

4,250 HHs visited by the social mobilizers during the week for sensitization of community members on hygiene, routine immunization, nutrition, priority zoonotic diseases, defaulter tracing and COVID-19 including vaccinations during the week.

There are high number of dog bites reported in Turkana with communities discussing on ways to minimize the situation in their communities. Immediate killing of dogs after biting people were discouraged. The dog should be confiscated in order to conduct investigation to determine if the dogs contain rabies.

Community mobilizers are also conducting group meetings (22) discussing vaccine preventable diseases and priority zoonotic diseases. In Mandera, the CMs are conducting intensive mobilization on polio. This is due to drought reasons, while communities crossing borders, leading to high transmission of diseases.

Social mobilizers also managed to visit a total of 4,947 under five years children during the week (Kenya - 2,715 and Somalia — 2,232), to check their routine immunization status, defaulters and schedules.

48 influential people were sensitized through community dialogue and sensitizations meeting: 3 religious leaders, 12 traditional healers, 21 village elders, 2 women group leaders and 5 chiefs/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.


KENYA

-Confirmed cases: 322,906
-Male cases: 182,118
-Female cases: 140,788
-Deaths (CFR 1.7 %): 5,639
-Recoveries & discharges: 303,208
-A total 3,363,604 COVID-19 tests have been conducted.

SOMALIA

-Confirmed cases: 26,400
-Deaths (CFR 5.7 %): 1,348
-Recoveries & discharges: 10,793
-A total 443,010 COVID-19 tests have been conducted.

Kenya

Regions supported by CGPP

- Juba
  - State
    - Confirmed cases: 1,397
    - COVID-19 full vaccination includes J&J one-dose

- South West
  - State
    - Confirmed cases: 568
    - COVID-19 full vaccination includes J&J one-dose

Source: MoH Somalia
CHALLENGES

- Due to the ravaging drought in the northern part of Kenya and parts of Somalia,
  - There are mass death of livestock.
  - Increase in cross-border movement within the border of Kenya, Somalia and Ethiopia in search of water and pastures.
  - High number of IDPs in Dhooley, Dollow, Belet-Hawa in Somalia.
- Heightened insecurity in border sub-counties of Garissa county.
- Closed heath facilities due to insecurity/lack of funding i.e., 2 in Hulugho, 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

Community Mobilizer conducting social mobilizations in border villages in Turkana County with focus onAFP surveillance, Priority Zoonotic diseases and Defaulter tracing.
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Community mobilizer doing immunization defaulter tracing and AFP active case search in Hadijo village of Marsabit County, Moyale sub county
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