CORE Group Polio & Global Health Security, Horn of Africa Weekly Bulletin: FY 22 Week 5 (01—7 Nov 2021)

Cross Border Activities Updates (KENYA)

- **Community based surveillance:** No suspected case of AFP was detected and reported by the community mobilizers during the week. 1 suspected case of AFP was reported in Kotulo, Mandera county.
- **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. **3,060** households visited, reaching **4,890** (1,878 males & 3,012 females)
- **Defaulter tracing:** During the week, border health facilities in Kenya reported **212** children < 1-year defaulters and traced 149 (70%).

Suspected AFP Case detected by the CGPP Community Mobilizer in Kotulo Mandera, Kenya.

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Cross Border Activities Updates (SOMALIA)

- **Community based surveillance:** No suspected AFP cases was detected by the community mobilizer during the week.
- **Routine Immunization Outreaches:** No 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. **1,813** households visited, reaching **820** (356 males & 464 females)
- **Defaulter tracing:** During the week, border health facilities in Kenya reported **8** children < 1-year defaulters and traced 4 (50%).

Training on Community based surveillance in Gedo, Somalia. Photo credit: Ibrahim - SomaliAID

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

SURVEILLANCE REPORTING:

- A total of 26 suspected animal alerts were reported during the week: 4 cluster animal deaths / sickness in Lamu and Mandera, one case of suspected anthrax in Wajir, 5 cases of suspected brucellosis in Mandera, 1 case of animal bite in Kamkunji, 3 suspected RVF in Marsabit and Turkana & 12 suspected trypanosomiases reported in Garissa, Lamu, Mandera, Marsabit and Wajir.
- A total of 5 suspected human alerts were reported during the week: 1 acute watery diarrhea-Mandera , 1 Cluster human illness and 3 fever cough and breathing problem in Kamkunji Nairobi and Wajir.
- A total of 432 zero reports as well 4 cases of rumors were reported by the community health volunteers.

CGPP- CM Rashid in Adadijole- Wajir conducting active case search for Priority Zoonotic Diseases,

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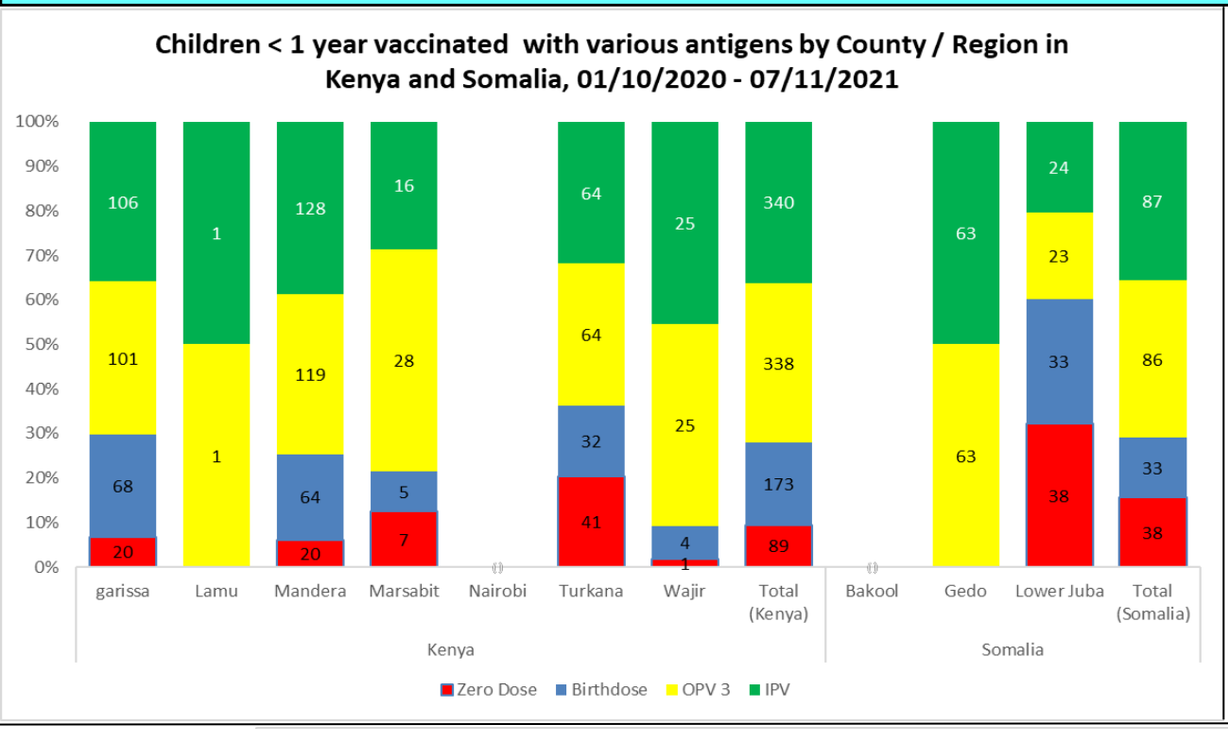
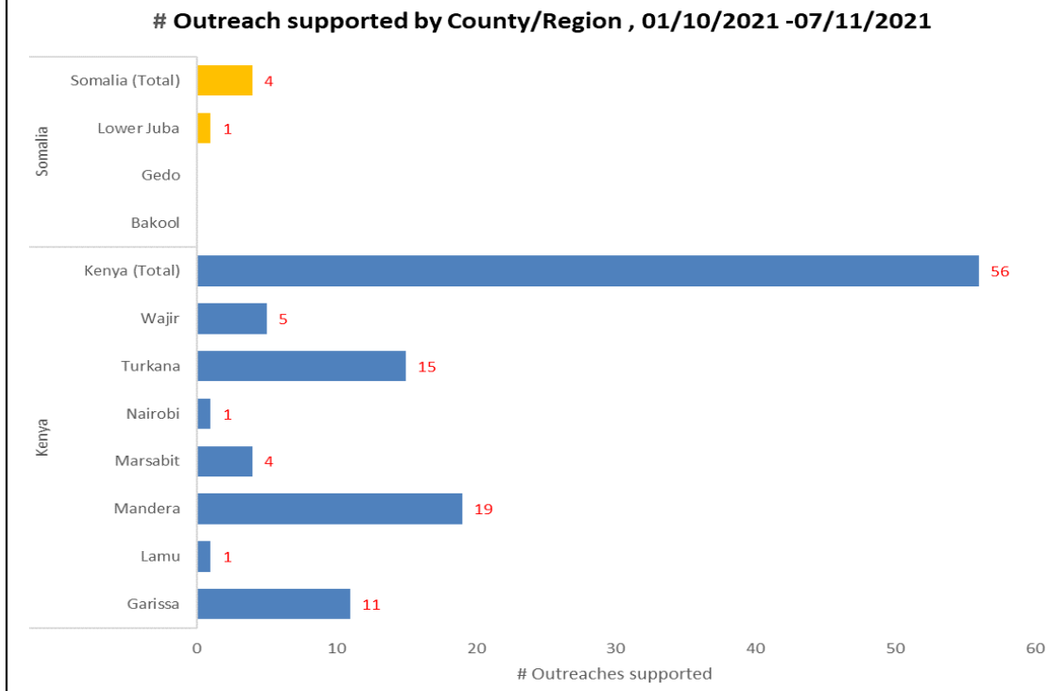
STRENGTHENING OF IMMUNIZATION SYSTEMS: OUTREACH SERVICES TO HARD TO REACH BORDER, NOMADIC PASTORALIST.





KENYA:

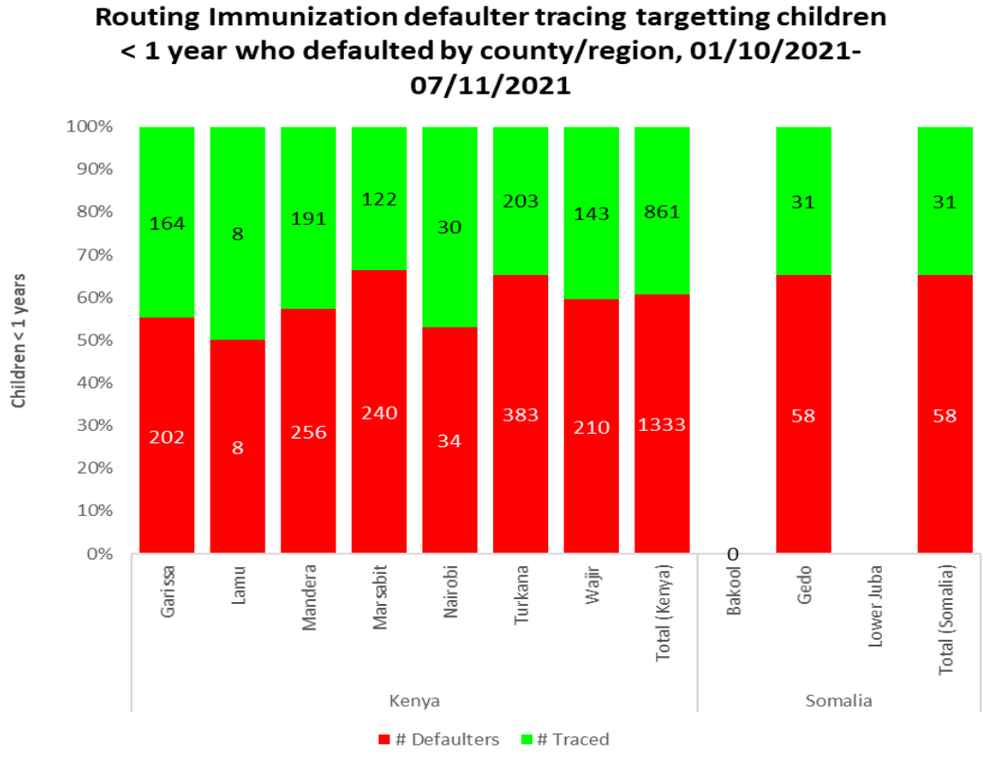
Total # of children Defaulted = ***1,333***

Total # of children traced= ***861 (65%)***

SOMALIA:

Total # of children Defaulted = ***58***

Total # of children traced= ***31 (53%)***



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.

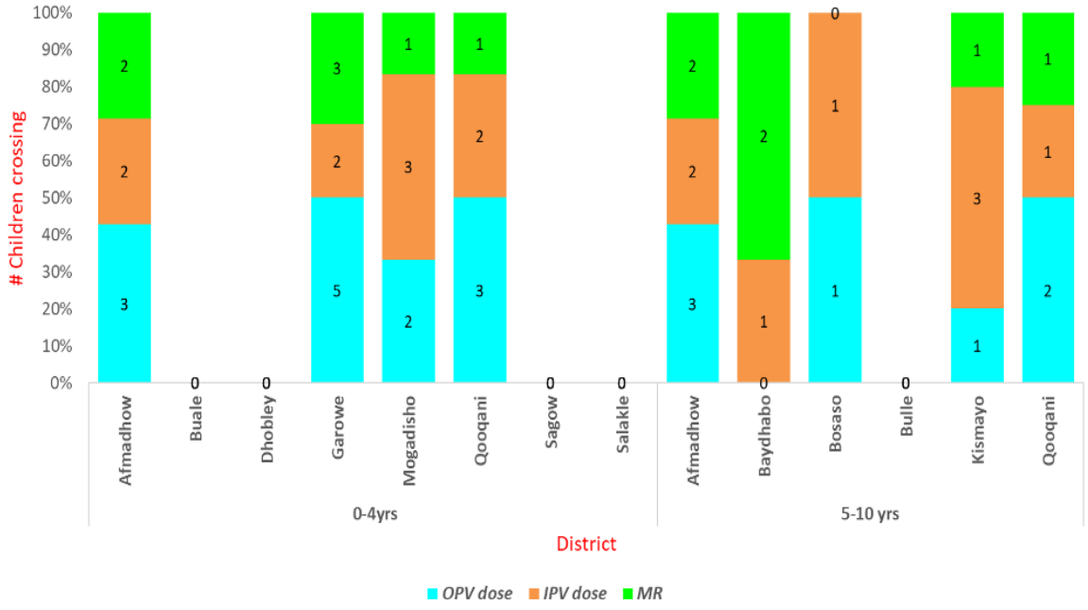
During migration of the pastoralist, parents are advised to complete their immunization schedule for their children in health facilities along their migratory routes. Facility-in-charges with the help of community mobilizers, also coordinate on children who have defaulted so that they can be traced to complete the uptake of the remaining antigens.

COMMUNITY BASED DISEASE SURVEILLANCE ON HUMAN ALERTS/ACTIVE CASE SEARCH

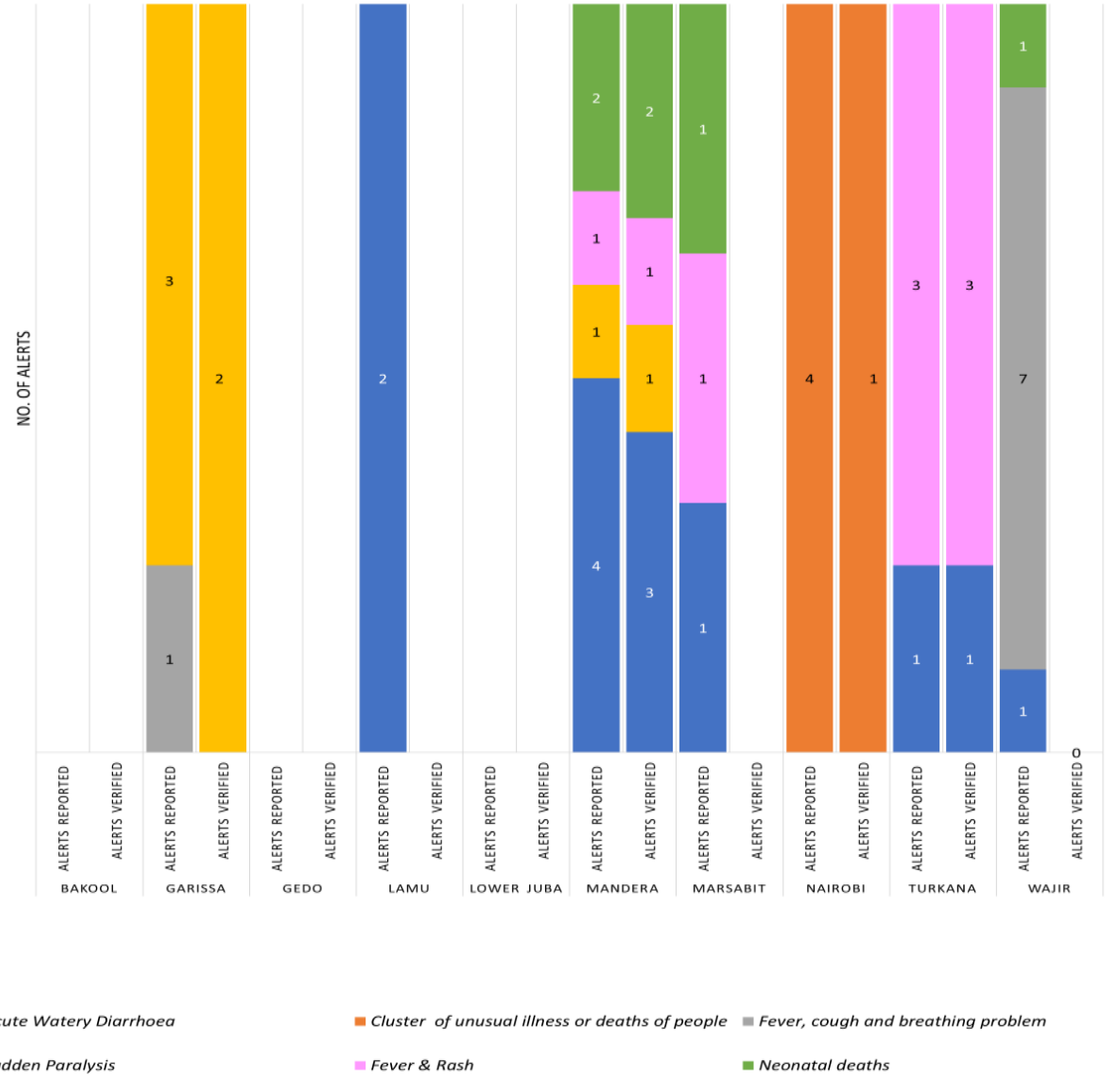
AFP active case search by County/Region in Kenya and Somalia, 01/10/2021 -07 /11/2021

*No new suspected AFP case detected by community mobilizer this week in Kenya. This brings the suspected AFP cases to a total of **30** in Kenya and **7** in Somalia*

Vaccination status of children <15 yrs crossing (22/20/21 - 03/11/2021) Dhobley border to Kenya by Age group, N=20

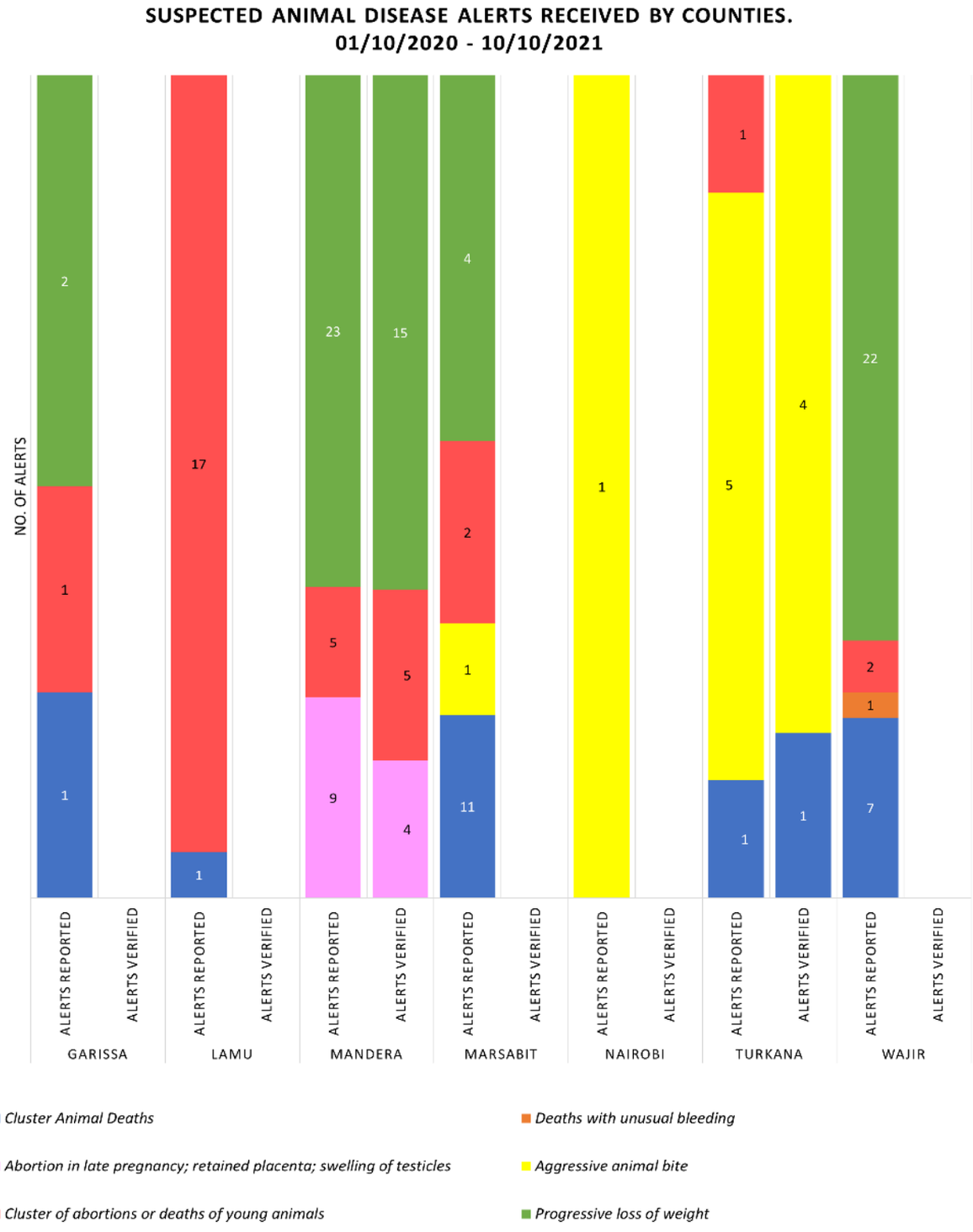


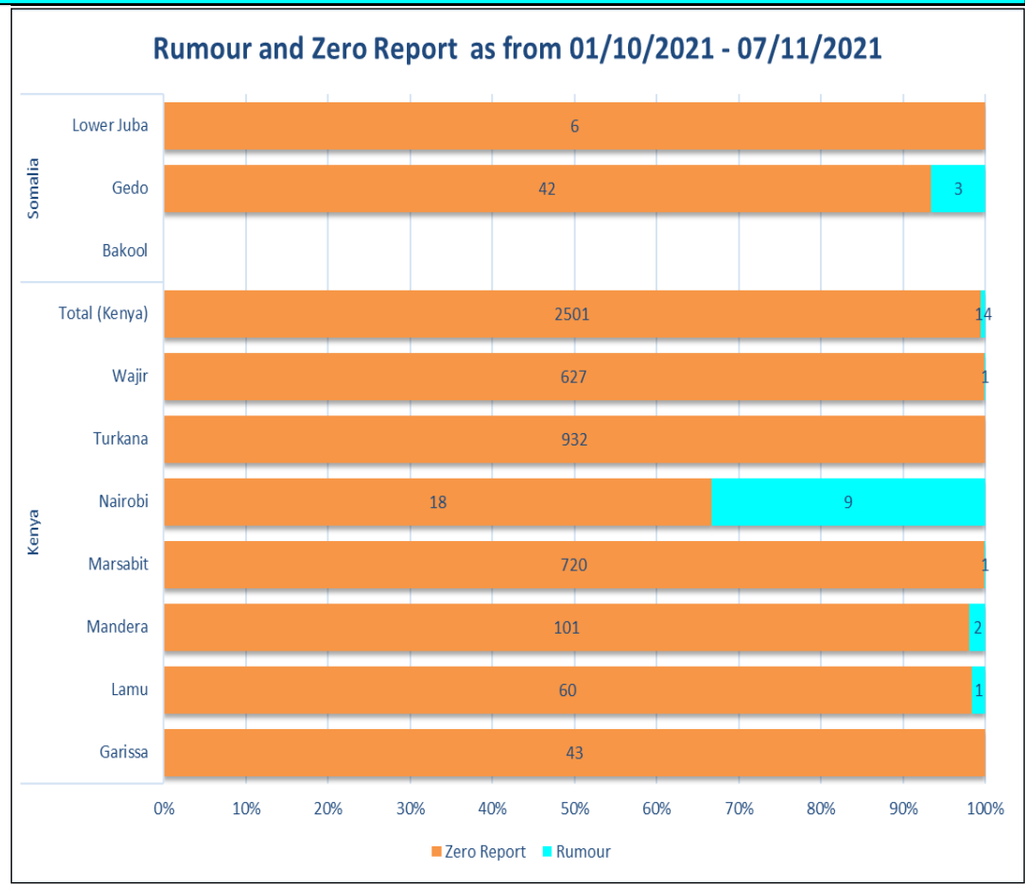
SUSPECTED HUMAN DISEASE ALERTS RECEIVED BY COUNTIES 01/10/2020 - 10/10/2021



- *In strengthening community disease surveillance, the community mobilizers conduct **active surveillance visits** to villages, nomadic settlements, traditional healers on the need to report suspected disease conditions e.g. AFP, Measles, Cholera/AWDs, & COVID-19. Any suspected disease conditions immediately are reported to health facilities in-charges and disease surveillance coordinators for follow up and verifications.*

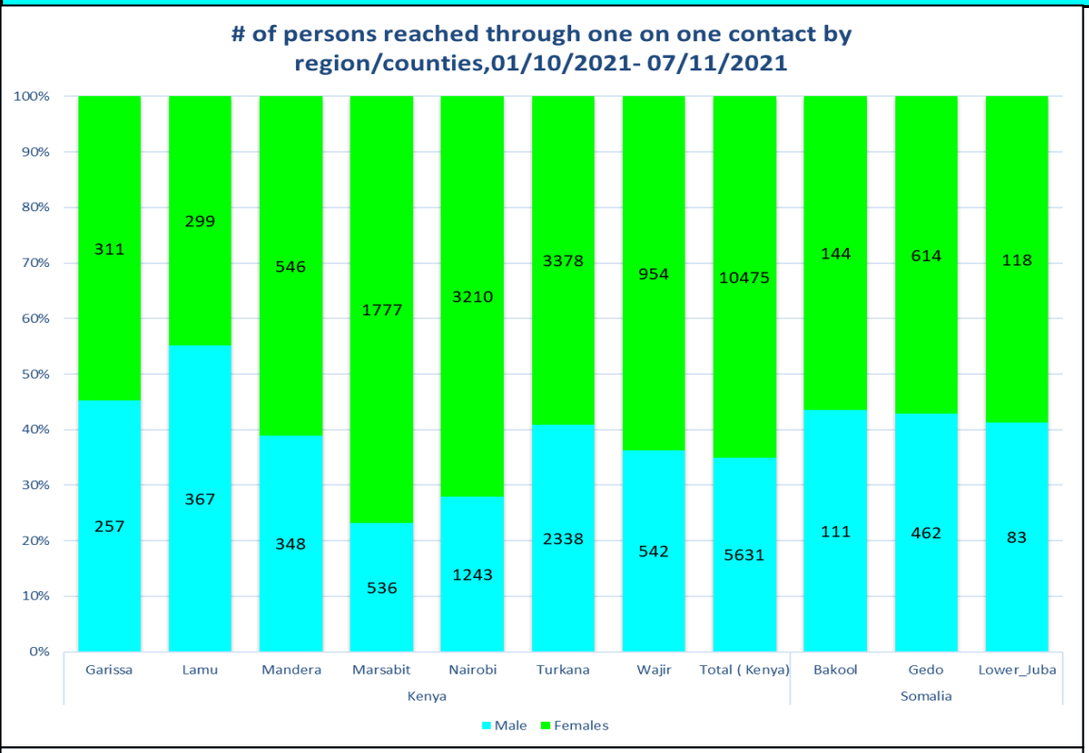
COMMUNITY BASED DISEASE SURVEILLANCE ON PRIORITY ZOONOTIC DISEASES.

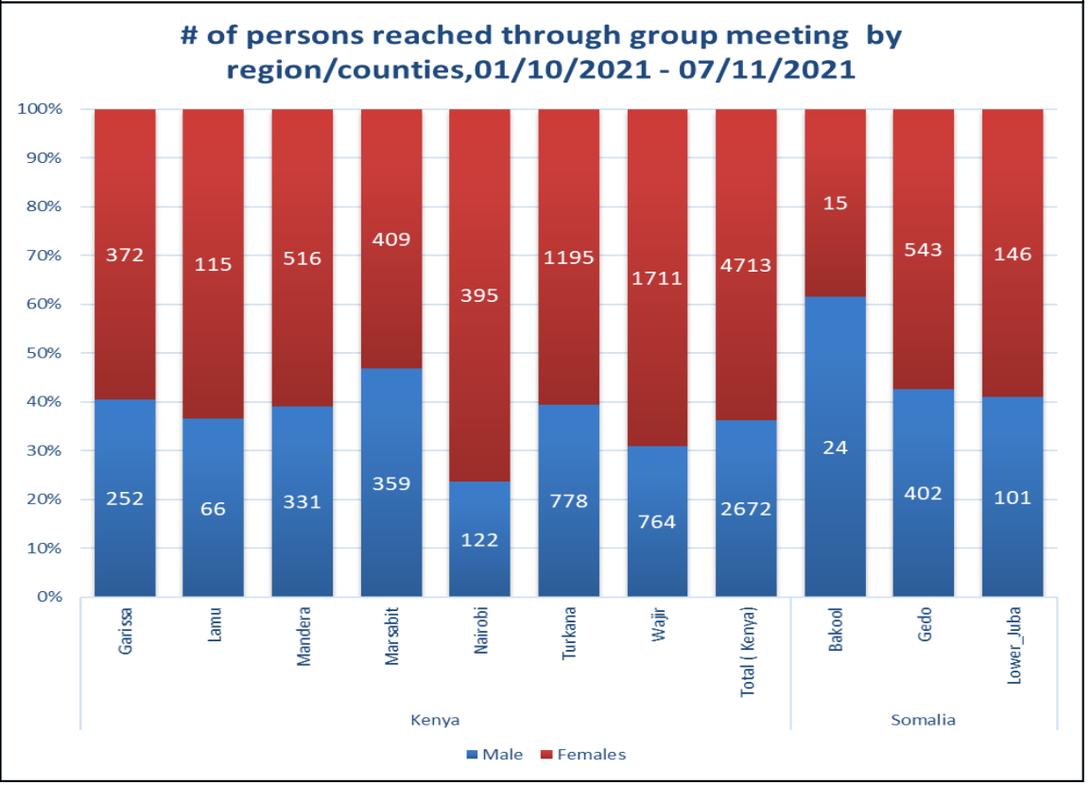




- **Rumor report** – this are hearsay information on diseases or disease intelligence reports collected by the community mobilizers from informal sources e.g. livestock owners, animals markets, abattoirs (Slaughterhouse) and milk vendors.
- Example: *"Corona vaccine which are brought in Africa are fake , which will cause harm to our bodies after a period of 1yr."* Kamukunji 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 (01/01/2021 - 07/11/2021)





COVID-19 SITUATIONAL UPDATES AS OF 10 OCT 2021.

KENYA

Confirmed cases	**253,879**
Male cases	**146,878**
Female cases	**107,001**
Death **(CFR= 2.1%)**	**5,314**
Recoveries & discharges	**247,458**
A total **2,743,182** COVID-19 tests have been conducted.	

Source: MoH

Counties support-	**Confirmed**	**COVID-19**
Nairobi	101,563	609,566
Mandera	396	3,684
Wajir	283	2,850
Garissa	2,270	4,636
Turkana	2,239	6,267
Marsabit	835	1,778
Lamu	693	1,080

SOMALIA

Confirmed cases	**22,667**
Deaths (CFR 1.7%)	**1,258**
Recoveries & discharges	**9,813**
A total **342,331** COVID-19 tests have been conducted.	

Regions supported by CGPP	**Confirmed cases.**	**COVID-19 full vaccination**
Jubaland State	1,212	36,911
South West State	495	20,762

Source*: WHO Somalia*

- Social mobilizations is to sensitize communities on the importance of personal hygiene, regular handwashing, physical distancing and wearing of masks (especially in this period of COVID-19) in disease prevention at community level.
- Community mobilizers & Community Disease Reporters (CMs/CDRs) are looking for suspected AFP & Zoonotic cases using simplified lay case definitions to identify suspected AFP cases and other disease conditions (e.g. measles, Acute Watery Diarrhea—AWDs). This is done through one to one meeting at household level or group meeting organized at the community level.
- The CMs engage in community mobilization for RI services especially during outreach clinic sessions and in RI defaulter tracing.

CHALLENGES

- Population movement and crossing through informal crossing points due to ravaging droughts affecting Community-Based Disease Surveillance activities at the border.
- Closure of some key health facilities in Gedo, Somalia due to lack of funding.
- Competing priorities by the counties e.g. COVID-19.
- Poor internet connectivity affecting communication and report transmission in border regions.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS/CONFERENCES	DATE
• CM's/CDR's training in Garissa and Turkana	Nov 15-19
• Polio coordination meeting in Gedo, Somalia	Nov 15-19
• Community dialogue and sensitization meeting in Mandera County.	Nov 15-19
• Weekly surveillance working group meeting	Nov 18
• Weekly Communication WG Coordination meeting	Nov 18
• RCCE Community Feedback Sub-WG Meeting ESAR	Nov 16

PICTURE SPEAK

Immunization outreach services conducted in Bula Gode, Wajir county.

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Dialogue with bone setter in Lamu East, during active case search. Photo credit , Abubakar – Secretariat