HEALTH CLUSTER BULLETIN
July - August 2019

Somalia
Emergency type: Complex; food insecurity, conflict, outbreak

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HIGHLIGHTS

- The Health Cluster rolled out the Integration of Gender and Gender Based Violence prevention and support into Health Cluster activities project in July
- Second round of OCV carried out in Heliwa, Kahda, Hamarjajab, Algoi, Kismayo Districts and Balad was carried out between 3rd and 9th August 2019, reaching 616726 people.
- World Breastfeeding week commemorated by Health Cluster Partners in different states
- Preparations underway for the Humanitarian Needs Overview/Humanitarian Response Plan for 2020

HEALTH SECTOR

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<td>346,831</td>
<td>2.6 MILLION POLIO*CHILDREN UNDER-5 YEARS OLD – VACCINATION CAMPAIGNS</td>
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<td>62,313 MEASLES* ROUTINE VACCINATION FOR UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE (NO CAMPAIGNS IN JULY OR AUGUST)</td>
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*coverage for two months

World Breastfeeding Week event at Dollow, Gedo Region. Photo Courtesy: Health Cluster Gedo Region

Health Cluster National Coordination meeting in Mogadishu July 2019
Situation update

There was a poor start of the April-June 2019 Gu rainfall season that resulted in the deterioration in food security conditions across the region. The recent heavy and unseasonable rains in parts of the country caused limited flooding driving up risks for increased water and vector borne diseases.

The driver of health challenges and needs have been drought and or drought-like situation and unpredictable/patchy rainfall resulting in water shortages and worsening food-security and malnutrition rates. Rainfall was generally climatologically average for the country according to satellite-derived CHIRPS model preliminary data. Both the Shabelle and Juba water levels have continued to rise, and localized flooding was reported in riverine areas in Jowhar district of Middle Shabelle.

The EWARN sentinel sites reported least 340,000 to 600,000 patient consultations between the months of June to August 2019. In April, Health cluster monthly monitoring data suggested that key service coverage may be trending downwards; though there were concerns over completeness of partner reporting overall. This is true for number of outpatient consultations per person per year and births by skilled birth attendants.

Fig1: EWARN Outpatient Consultations

Sub-National:

Puntland: A joint Health Facility Assessment was conducted by UNOCHA, WHO, IOM and WVI on 28th Aug 2019, to oversee the current health facilities in Garowe IDPs, and to supervise gaps/challenges and needs. Key opportunities of cooperation observed included in areas of supplies, interim medical referrals within the settlements to facilities with better supplies/services, transport support to critical patients in need of referral to the general hospital as well as information sharing and public awareness on respective available services by various facilities including those are open and accessible on 24/7 within all the settlements. In addition, service complementarity both in terms of health and nutrition services where a facility could extend a service which is gap in another facility will promote integration and cover some existing service provision gaps. Moreover one of the key challenges observed was lack of timely information sharing both at the regional health cluster level and bilateral exchange of information at individual organization level. Also a timely and up – to – date information sharing of planned and ongoing interventions at settlement level by partners, especially updating the regional health cluster focal point and MoH on planned activities prior to implementation at the settlement.

Gedo Region: The world breastfeeding week event was commemorated in Dollow, spearheaded by MOH with support from the health partners and the local authority. A comprehensive call for improved breastfeeding counselling was given to the community women and an end to the promotion of breast milk substitutes to enabling an informed decision on the best practices. Most of the health service providers are in Gaps with no Continuous support of activities guaranteed and scaling up of the support and assistance is needed. There are no enough
Public health risks, priorities, needs and gaps

During the reporting period (July-August) the leading causes morbidity among all age groups were severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI), Influenza like Illness (ILI), Other commonest causes of morbidity include diarrheal diseases; Acute Watery Diarrheal (AWD), Other Acute Diarrhoea (OAD) cases reported across the country, Malaria and Measles (See Fig below). There are other public health risks, more localised and reported (and better analysed and studied) from the locations that are most affected. Amongst these is the Polio outbreak where a series of campaigns by WHO together with the Government have been ongoing. The mOPV2 campaign is planned to cover 13 additional districts in Puntland and 3 in Somaliland, scheduled for 16th to 19th September, targeting 179,391 people.

Communicable diseases

AWD/Cholera:

Since December 2017, a total of 8680 cumulative cases including 46 deaths (CFR 0.5%) were reported from 3 states of Somalia (Hirshabelle, Jubbaland and South West State) and Banadir region since December 2017 a cumulative attack rate of 199 person per 100,000 population was reported with Kismayo (Jubbaland) and Daynile (Banadir), the most affected districts. This increase of AWD was attributed to adverse climatic conditions combined with other drivers of humanitarian crisis such as armed conflict leading to internal displacement and weakening of the fragile health system, which all contribute to increasing number of acute watery diarrhoea.
Health Cluster Response:

**Coordination and planning:** The health cluster is jointly involved in the HNO/HRP process for 2020 and has participated in the multi-cluster needs assessment process that will inform needs overview of the HRP.

**Cross Cluster Collaboration:** The Health Cluster is strengthening strategic collaboration arrangements with other clusters, aimed at providing rapid response mechanisms that define technical guidelines and programming targeting more gender inclusive projects. The cluster partners have been taken through a series of trainings and conceptualization of gender inclusivity in health emergencies. The cluster plans to work together with the Gender Based Violence Sub cluster under the protection cluster towards ensuring gender inclusive programming as well as capacity development of partners on matters of gender sensitivity and representation in health programing.

**Sub-National hubs:** Sub-National level clusters continue to carry out coordination activities are responding to localised emergencies, to include the recent rise of malaria cases, and flooding in parts of Jowhar. Public Health Emergency Officers facilitating coordination at state level together with state level FMoH officials continue to identify gaps and areas of improvement in service provision, as well as assist to mobilize partners to support vaccinations campaign as in the recent mass measles campaigns throughout the country.

**Funding**

The cluster is underfunded with only 21.9% of the requested funding so far received, to include a reserve allocation of USD 1.7million received in June 2019 and focused on priority life-saving humanitarian response in hard-to-reach and underserved areas. This funding was utilized using an integrated health and nutrition activities approach. The figure below illustrates the funding status of the cluster as of August 2019.

![Health Cluster Funding Status August 2019](image)

- Requested funding in USD Million
- Received Funding in USD Million

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