

HEALTH CLUSTER BULLETIN
March 2021



Somalia

Emergency type: Protracted; Covid-19, Floods, AWD/Cholera, Measles

 12.3M
POPULATION

 5.9 M
P'LE IN NEED

 2.6 M
IDPS

 6.3M
FOOD INSECURE

 1.09B US\$
REQUESTED

HIGHLIGHTS

- Somalia receives COVID-19 Vaccines.
- The Health Cluster holds the SAG elections
- Somalia successfully stops spread of type 3 polio strain.

HEALTH CLUSTER

119 HEALTH CLUSTER PARTNERS

4 UN; 31 INGOS; 82 NNGOS AND 4 OBSERVERS

2.8 M TARGETED POPULATION

3.9 M PEOPLE IN NEED

HEALTH ACTION



CONSULTATIONS

234,441 Consultations provided in March.
Total # of consultations

709,683 (Jan – March)

FUNDING (US \$) – FTS (FINANCIAL TRACKING SYSTEM)



2021 HRP

Health requested: **91.7M**
Funded: **3.2 M (3.4 %)**

COVAX update

The COVAX Astra Zeneca vaccine was received in the country in March, with 300,000 doses of vaccines, out of the 1.2 million planned for 20% of the population. The vaccines have since been distributed in Mogadishu, Somaliland and Puntland; further distribution followed in all States. The second batch of at least 700,000 doses of the Astra Zeneca vaccines is expected in April. The vaccination was planned to be done in phases, with the first phase targeting frontline workers to include health workers, teachers and security officers. This exercise was done with in partnership with all health actors especially in community mobilization, so as to improve the demand for vaccination among the population. In addition, the Risk Communication and Community Engagement Taskforce (RCCE) has designed new communication materials to be used for Covid-19 that focuses on behavior change, and encourages conversations around COVID-19 community engagement. These materials have been designed around different themes, intended to be as engaging as possible. The themes include graphics/artwork, 30-second films, and focused message for Imams, science animations, some of which have been translated to Somali. Messages are being broadcast on radio and on social media. Accountability to affected population is an important component and a hotline service is being prepared to support communication with the affected communities. Partners can access information on RCCE for COVID-19 response through the following link: <https://covid19som-ochasom.hub.arcgis.com/pages/rcce>.

Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) Election

The 2021 Health Cluster Strategic Advisor Group (SAG) elections was done in March with five National Non-Government Organizations (NNGOs) and four international Non-Government Organizations (INGOs) were shortlisted among those who applied through expression of interest. The National health cluster partners proceeding to the next stage of the voting process which as the final Stage through and on-line survey link. Results of the voting exercise are as below.

National NGOs	Votes (#)	International NGOs	Votes (#)
AYUUB NGO	34	CARE	40
Aamin Organization	24	SCI	34
MARDO	20	SOS Children's villages	24
Burhakaba Town Section Committee	18	ALIGHT	13
Riverine Relief Program	15		

Based on the voting results on simple majority on votes casted: The final declared SAG members for 2021/2022 will be: NNGOs representatives will be AYUUB, AAMIN MARDO Organizations and INGOs representatives will be CARE, Save the Children and SOS Children's Villages in the next two year as the National health cluster Strategic advisory group

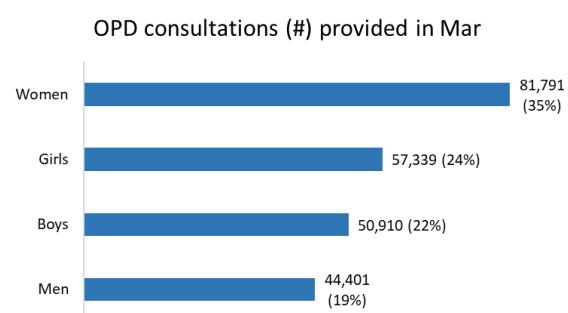
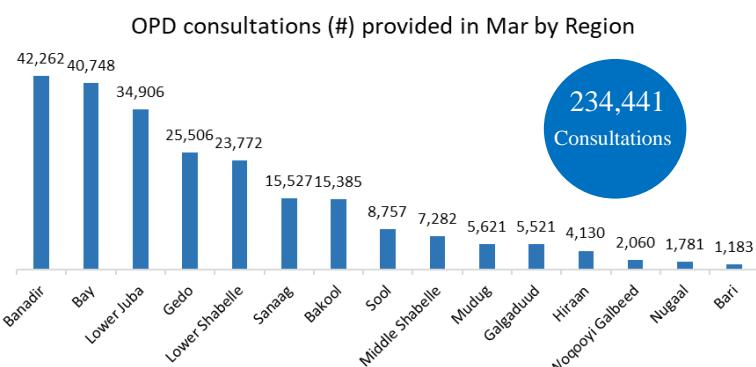
Polio update

Somalia's outbreak of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 3 (cVDPV3) has been successfully stopped, with no international spread. Dr Hamid Jafari, Director of Polio Eradication for WHO's Eastern Mediterranean Region, declared the outbreak closed a full 28 months after this strain of polio was last detected in Somalia. Despite extensive disease surveillance measures, no cVDPV3 has been identified since 7 September 2018, when the last child developed paralysis. In 2018 cVDPV3 outbreak was declared. This was part of a 2-strain polio outbreak in Somalia at that time, along with circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2. The eradication has been made possible through high-quality vaccination campaigns, on-the-ground leadership and sensitive surveillance measures.



Outpatient Consultations

In March, twenty-five (25) organizations provided 234,441 outpatient consultations across fifteen (15) regions. Most consultations, 35% (81,791) were provided to Women followed by Girls 24% (57,339), Boys 22% (50,910), and Men 19% (44,401).



Subnational update

Hirshabelle State

Limited access to health-care services in Hiraan region has been reported as the general hospitals in Beletwayne and primary hospitals are not fully functional; out of the 15 health centers, only 3 are fully functioning in Hiraan. The health facilities need medical supplies and financial support to sustain services.

South West State

Limited funding from health partners leading to shortage of medical supplies, medical equipment, human resources for health has been reported in South West State. Humanitarian access is also a huge in the state due to insecurity. There are concerns of increasing number of displaced people in major towns as most people move from rural areas to the key towns where there are some services available, specially Baidoa, Xudur, Wajid, Celberde Marka and Afgoye corridor as the drought has forced many people to leave their homes. All these factors increased the burden of morbidities and mortalities

In Lower Shabele lack of Isolation Centers for Covid 19 cases management including trained HR has been reported.

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