

HIGHLIGHTS

- **COVID-19:** In June 2020, the Ministry of Health with support from WHO tested 2 467 suspected cases of COVID-19, of which 950 were positive (702 male, 248 female). About 49% (1 217) of the suspected cases were reported from Banadir region.
- **CHOLERA:** Cholera cases continued to be reported in Banadir, Baidoa, Hiran and Middle Shabelle regions. A total of 4834 and 26 deaths have been reported since the beginning of 2020.
- **EWARN:** 681 health facilities registered with EWARN recorded 266 872 consultations in June, highlighting a 5.5% (14 483) increase as compared to the previous month (252 389). Diseases causing the highest morbidity were acute respiratory infections (25 499 cases) and acute diarrhoea (18 832 cases).
- **ALERTS:** A total of 1 272 alerts were detected through the Early Warning Alert and Response Network (EWARN) of which 900 were verified as events. Verification and investigation were carried out by WHO trained rapid response teams who performed field case investigation and referred patients to health facilities in Puntland, Galmudug, Somaliland and Hirshabelle states.



Community Mobilizers and DFAs carrying out house-to-house COVID-19 surveillance and awareness activities in Hanti-wadag, Jowhar town

DISEASE SURVEILLANCE UPDATE

- The incidence of acute diarrhoea cases in June 2020 was 18 832 cases compared to 26 691 in June 2019, and number of acute respiratory cases reported in June 2020 was 25 499 compared to 27 122 cases in June 2019 (Fig.1).
- The number of acute respiratory cases decreased in June 2020 (25 499 cases) as compared to June 2019 (27 122 cases). This may be due improved water and sanitation provision by the health partners in 2020.

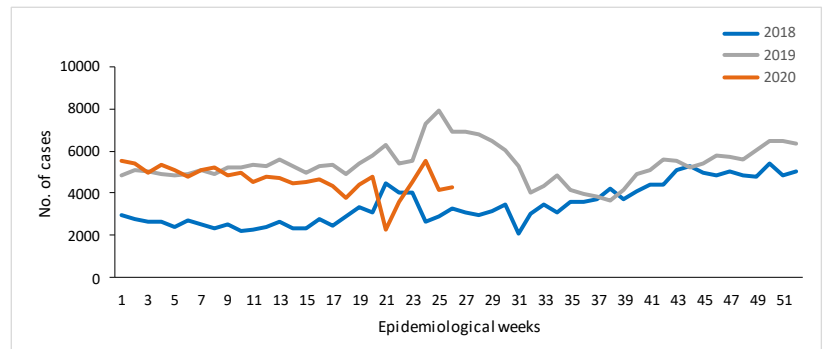


Fig. 1. Trends of acute diarrhoea cases in Somalia, 2018, 2019 and 2020

KEY INDICATORS – JUNE 2020

130 Health cluster partners
3.15 million People in need of health care

HEALTH NEEDS AND PROVISION

207 237 people identified as in need of emergency healthcare, **55%** of which were reached.

1074 health facilities registered with EWARN reported **266 872** consultations, which represents **0.53** consultations per person per year.

DISEASE BURDEN INDICATORS

681 health facilities registered with EWARN reported **1272** alerts of epidemic prone diseases.

MCV1 coverage rate was **64%** (**33 285** out of **54 409** infants under the age of 1).

OPV-3 coverage rate was **68%** (**34 964** out of **54 409** infants under the age of 1).

FUNDING (US\$)

8.3 million Required for WHO's health emergency programme

HEALTH INTERVENTION COORDINATION

- Much of the attention of health partners has been focused on the coordination of the response to the continued COVID-19 outbreak in the country.
- In Somaliland, a coordination meeting was conducted by the ministry of Health and discussed the establishment of sub-forums based on the COVID-19 pillars of preparedness and response plan to strengthen the COVID-19 response activities. So far two forums have been established including RCCE and case management.
- UNICEF supported the State MoH in distributing 4,000 IEC Materials including leaflets and posters for Baidoa, Hudur, Merka and Afgoye section and IDPs. There were 10 days of sound tracks engagement awareness-raising in Baidoa, Hudur, Merka and Afgoye, including in IDP sites for prevention of COVID-19.
- Sub-National Health Cluster coordination meeting was conducted on 18 June 2020 and discussed several health emergency priorities in the states and the partners have agreed to follow up on the fight against desert locusts in Puntland especially with the reports of newly hatched locusts being spotted in the recently aerial sprayed areas.

RESPONSE OPERATIONS TO COVID-19

Coordination

- On 1 June 2020, Dr. Mamunur Malik, WHO Representative, participated in a high-level meeting with the Minister of Health and Human Services of the Federal Republic of Somalia, Her excellency Dr. Fawzia Abikar Nur, together with five State Ministers of Health to discuss coordination, cooperation and support for response activities in the States. The meeting was very helpful in providing direction on how WHO will continue to provide technical and other forms of support to States in combating the COVID-19 pandemic.
- His Excellency Deputy Prime Minister Mahdi Mohamed Guled accompanied by the Minister of Health Her Excellency Dr. Fawzia Abikar Nur visited the De-Martino and Banadir hospitals, which are the two largest treatment centers for COVID-19 in the country. The directors of both hospitals briefed the authorities on the work and services provided.

Surveillance and laboratory

- In June 2020, **2474 suspected** COVID-19 patients were tested, of which **950** were positive (248 female and 702 male). There were **576** recoveries and **4** deaths reported that month. 545 samples were collected and tested in the Garowe's laboratory, of which 119 (89 Male and 30 Female) were positive; 425 samples were collected and tested in Hargeisa's laboratory and 525 samples were collected and tested in Mogadishu's laboratory.
- A total of **1272 alerts** were detected through the Early Warning Alert and Response Network (EWARN) in June 2020, of which **900 alerts** were verified as events. Verification and investigation of the alerts was made by WHO trained rapid response teams, who performed field case investigation and referred cases to health facilities.
- Training has been ongoing in different locations so as to improve the quality of the response to the outbreak. In **Galmudug**, training on ODK platform for COVID-19 case investigation data-sharing was conducted. Additional training on case management and case detection for 30 health workers (male 21 and female 9) was also conducted with IRC in health facilities in Dusamareeb district. Furthermore, the MoH with support from WHO trained and deployed 17 rapid response teams (51 people) in Adado town. In **Somaliland**, the WHO re-trained 5 district DPOs on case investigation forms. Plans are in place to conduct virtual training of community surveillance workers through skype. The MoH of **Southwest state** trained and deployed 89 Integrated community surveillance teams. Each team consists of 3 CHWs (jointly with UNICEF) who are deployed in 4 districts (Baidoa, Baraawe, Marka and Elberde). In **Jubaland**, WHO Public Health Emergency and State Surveillance Officers trained RRTs to conduct screening at Kis mayo sites including Dhobley, Dolow, Luuq, Belad-xawa and Kismayo.

Case management

- Continued **trainings** have been organised in order to improve the quality of care for COVID-19 patients. In **Puntland**, 167 front health workers (77 women and 90 men) were trained in case management, surveillance and alert investigation, Infection prevention and control and sample collection in Garowe, Gardo, Bossaso and Galkayo.
- In **Galmudug** state, the Ministry of health officially opened Galkayo and Abudwak COVID-19 isolation centers, which has the capacity of 27 Beds and 8 oxygen machines. WHO closely working with Federal ministry of health dispatched 5 oxygen machines to Dusamareeb isolation center.
- In **South West state**, in coordination with IOM, WHO distributed 39 cartons of **PPEs** to the MOH for use in the Points of Entries in Hudur, Elbarde and Baidoa. WHO also provided two oxygen concentrators to the isolation center in Baidoa.
- In **Puntland**, WHO provided to different health facilities Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for 100 frontline health workers.

Risk communication and community engagement (RCCE)

- Risk Communication on COVID-19 has been a priority of the response to the outbreak in all states. In **Puntland**, 100 A4 posters and 1000 leaflets with awareness messages about COVID-19 were printed and distributed; 60 messages on COVID-19 prevention aired on TVs and radios; and sensitization meetings with 50 religious leaders and 50 community leaders took place. In **Southwest State**, 35 partners are working together on COVID-19 awareness messages to the community – including through radio campaigns and the setting up of messages on billboards. In Somaliland, soundtrack awareness, community engagements and messages in the media (e.g. TV, Radio and journals) were organised

Emergency medical supplies

- Somalia's Federal Ministry of Health distributed 27 635 locally-made face masks to 17 districts in Benadir. A further 165 locally-made face masks and 45 hand sanitizers were distributed at the points of entry in Doble and Kismayo.
- WHO provided additional PPE and laboratory supplies to the MoH: a stock of PPE was prepositioned in Hargeisa, including 30 400 pairs of gloves, 13 500 medical masks, 270 protective goggles, 2700 gowns, 1225 respiratory FFP2 and N95 masks and 101 face shields. Consumable laboratory supplies and centrifuge machines were distributed to the three Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) laboratories in Mogadishu, Hargeisa and Garowe; 3 600 sample collection kits were pre-positioned at Jubaland, South West, Hirshabelle, Galmudug states and Somaliland.
- The Ministry of Health received 3000 cartridges for GeneXpert COVID-19 testing from World Vision International. Selected TB centers in Jubaland, South West, Galmudug and Hirshabelle states will be able to start carrying out COVID-19 testing.
- WHO donated over 200 emergency medical supplies to Hirshabelle Health Authority to manage 1000 beneficiaries, in addition to medical supplies airlifted by an EU flight to Belad-weyne that will benefit 2000 flood affected people including women and children.
- On 15 June 2020, WHO working closely with ministry of health distributed 900 pieces of nasopharyngeal swabs and 6 Interagency Emergency Kits Basic Unit (IAEHK-basic unit) in order to care for 6000 patients for 3 months to the states.

Nutrition updates

- WHO provides support to state health ministries with regards to cases of severe acute malnutrition with medical complications in the drought, flood and conflict affected districts in Somalia. This is done notably through the provision of supplies to nutritional stabilization centers in the country, including the distribution of SAM Kits to the state health ministries on a quarterly basis.
- In June 2020, there were 1382 new admissions in 32 stabilization centers (3 SC in Banadir region, 10 SC in Jubaland, 5 SC in Gal mudug, 2 SC in Hirshabelle, and 12 SC in Puntland). There were 1308 discharges (95%), 1216 cured (88%), 48 deaths (3.5%), 57 defaulters (4.1%) and 13 medical referrals (0.9%). The overall completeness of reporting was 60% (32 out of 53 stabilization centers submitted monthly reports).

Monitoring of trauma cases

- Between January 2020 and June 2020, 4074 people were injured and 65 deaths were reported linked to conflict in Banadir, Hirshabelle, Gal mudug, Southwest, Puntland and Jubaland states. In the month of June alone, 1474 trauma-related injuries (462 were female and 6 under five years of age) and 15 deaths were reported.
- WHO, in close partnership with the Ministry of Health, has distributed to states 6 Interagency Emergency kits, which are sufficient to manage 6000 patients for 3 months.



Suspected COVID-19 swab sample collection in Baidoa isolation center on daily basis on 30 June 2020



Early warning alert and response network cascade training for health facilities in Bay region on 30 June 2020

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