



Somalia Emergency Health Update

BULLETIN HIGHLIGHTS

Weekly Highlights 4 - 10 February 2012

- ✦ On 6 February 2012, the International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting was celebrated in Somalia with the participation of Ministry of Health, Ministry of Women and Family and UN agencies. A number of activities were held to commemorate the day. In Hargeisa, the draft of the Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting policy and law/decreed was presented.

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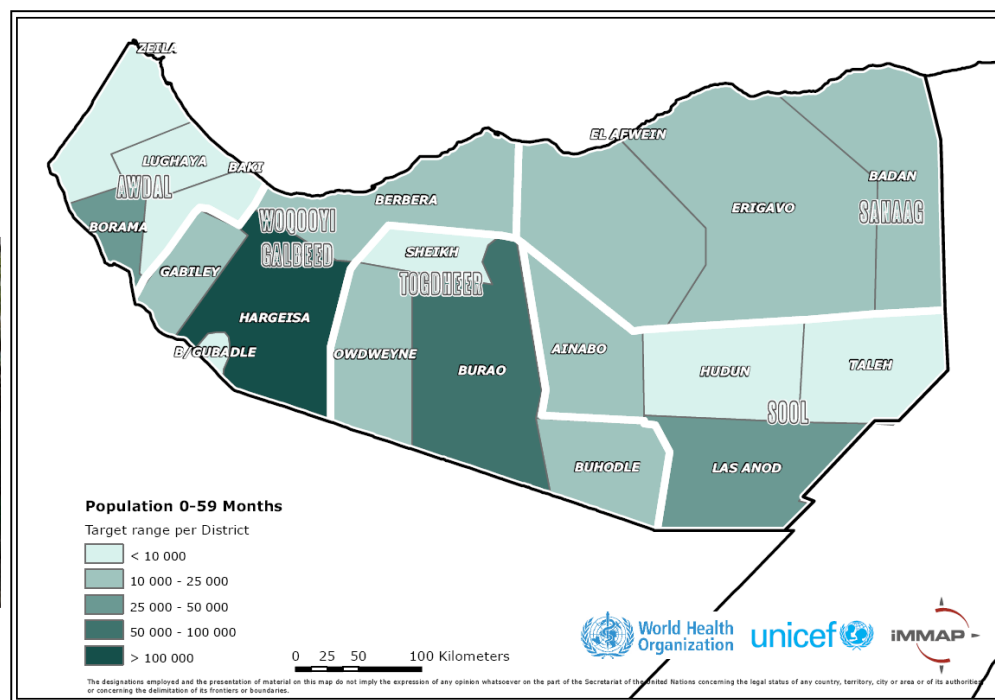
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Targeted population (children from 0-59 months) for Child Health Days 2012 in Somaliland



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Internally displaced persons at an camp in Mogadishu area receive free consultation health services

REGION	DISTRICT	Estimated population	Target population 0-59 months	REGION	DISTRICT	Estimated population	Target population 0-59 months
GALBEED	GABILEY	116,054	23,211	AWDAL	BORAMA	189,498	37,900
	B/GUBADLE	34,050	6,810		LUGHAYA	30,900	6,180
	HARGEISA	730,743	146,149		ZEILA	28,325	5,665
	Sub Total	880,847	176,169		BAKI	30,900	6,180
SAHIL	BERBERA	80,267	16,053	TOGDHER	Sub Total	279,623	55,925
	SHEIKH	34,467	6,893		BUHODLE	50,354	10,071
	Sub Total	114,734	22,947		OWDWEYNE	90,504	18,101
SANAG	EL AFWEIN	54,012	10,802		BURAO	308,384	61,677
	BADAN	93,292	18,658		AINABO	71,997	14,399
	ERIGAVO	79,032	15,806		Sub Total	521,239	104,248
	Sub Total	226,336	45,267	SOOL	TALEH	43,923	8,785
					HUDUN	34,056	6,811
					LAS ANOD	139,892	27,978
					Sub Total	217,871	43,574

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SURVEILLANCE (30 JAN - 5 FEB 2012, EPI WEEK 5)

ACUTE WATERY DIARRHOEA (SOURCE: CSR SENTINEL SITES)

South Central Somalia

- In the reporting week², 62 health facilities in South Central Somalia reported **293 cases of AWD**, including 227 (78%) children under the age of five giving a CFR of 1.14. **Banadir region** which is home to a number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and informal settlements reported 191 (65%) of all the cases. Of these, 151 (79%) cases were children under the age of five years. Only 14 facilities reported this week from the region.
- WHO has urged all wash partners to step up activities in the affected districts. Currently, Health and WASH cluster are disseminating 'Stamp out cholera! campaign' radio messages to the most affected areas in Somalia. This activity will take place during the next 4 months.

Banadir Hospital

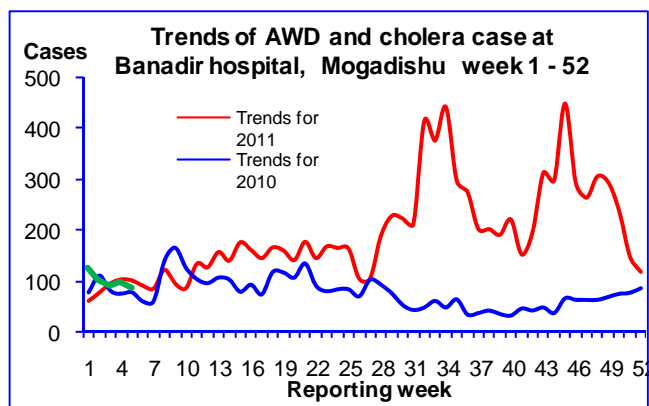
- For this reporting week, Banadir Hospital reported **84 cases of AWD**, including 70 (**83%**) children under the age of five (see graph). Of these cases, 42 (50%) are women and girls. This week, a slight decrease was observed compared to week 4 (95 cases were reported).

Lower Shabelle region

- 29 AWD cases** were reported from 26 health facilities, including 23 (80%) children under the age of five.

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- 54 health facilities from the six regions reported **11 cases of AWD**, including 10 (91%) children under the age of five.



MEASLES (SOURCE: CSR SENTINEL SITES)

South Central Somalia

- In week 5, 161 suspected measles cases were reported including 132 (82%) children under the age of five and one death under the age of five.

Banadir region

- 29 cases of suspected measles including 26 (90%) children under the age of five were reported.

Hiraan region

- 28 cases of suspected measles including 23 (82%) children under the age of five were reported.

Lower Shabelle region

- 26 health facilities in the region reported 50 suspected measles cases, including 41 (82%) children under the age of five.

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- In the reporting week, 7 cases of suspected measles including 5 (72%) under the age of five years was reported from 54 health facilities in six regions.

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- In week 5, 12 case of suspected measles were reported from 46 health facilities in six regions, including 6 (88%) children under the age of five. This signifies a 50% reduction in reported cases compared to week 4 (6 cases). Routine vaccination activities are ongoing at health facilities.

MALARIA (SOURCE: CSR SENTINEL SITES)

Banadir region

- **159** confirmed malaria cases were reported from 14 health facilities, of which 73 (46%) were confirmed by rapid diagnostic test or microscopy. Most of the cases in this region were reported from Madina district which accounted for 127 (80%) of the total cases in the region.

Lower Shabelle region

- **119** confirmed malaria cases were reported from 26 health facilities, of which 67 (34%) were children under the age of five.

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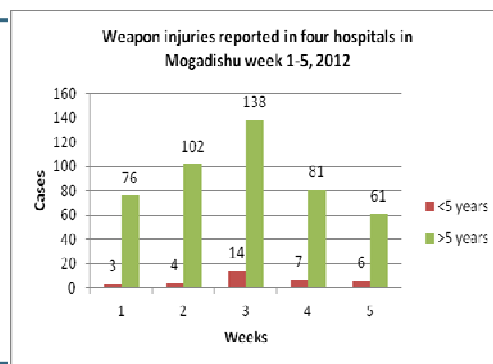
- In the reporting week, no cases of confirmed malaria were reported.

Puntland

- In week 5, no cases of confirmed malaria were reported.

CONFLICT RELATED INJURIES

- In the month of **January 2012**, 451 casualties from weapon-related injuries were treated in 4 hospitals in Mogadishu. 30 cases (7%) are under the age of five (see graph). Four deaths were reported (above five years).
- From **1 January – 5 February 2012**, 492 casualties from weapon-related injuries were treated in 4 hospitals in Mogadishu, with 34 (7%) cases under the age of five. Four deaths (all above five years).



HEALTH PROMOTION

- ✦ Health partners in **Middle Jubba region** are conducting health education on AWD prevention for the local residents from the various districts. **Somali Aid Foundation** is implementing ongoing malaria awareness and prevention initiative control especially in riverine areas where recent flooding has affected a number of districts in Middle and Lower Jubba regions.

DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES

- ✦ In the month of January 2012, **WHO** supplied one Trauma A & B Kit in Doolow field hospital in **Lower Jubba region** in response to the pressing health needs of the population affected by the ongoing fighting in the region. These kits are able to provide treatment for 100 surgeries.

HEALTH RESPONSE

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

- ✦ Health cluster partner **IRS** reported between 3-9 February 2012, from their mobile clinic in Galkaayo (**Mudug region**), a total of 202 consultations, including 114 female and 145 under the age of 5 years. IRS is providing basic primary and secondary health care services for IDPs and host communities in Halaboqad, Alle-amin 1 & 2 and Gar-soor IDP camps.
- ✦ Through mobile clinics in the Bartamah IDP camp, Holwadaag district (Mogadishu), **WARDI** provided a mobile health clinic. On 6th February a total of 297 patients visited the mobile clinic, including 123 female and 93 under the age of 5 years. Some of the cases were referred to the WARDI health center for further laboratory analysis. The target population of the medical team included children, pregnant and lactating mothers and elderly people. Pregnant women were provided with long-lasting insecticide treated nets to preventive measure against malaria.
- ✦ On 5th February, a mobile health team of **WARDI** provided free health services in the community center of Hamarjajab district, Mogadishu. A total of 309 patients received treatment, including 93 children under the age of five and 57 pregnant women. The most common diseases included severe malnutrition among children, common colds, malaria and anemia.
- ✦ From 3-6 February 2012, **SOYDA** carried out mobile activities at the IDP camps in **Karan district** in the Mogadishu area. The activity was an integration of health, nutrition and hygiene promotion interventions. More than 1500 benefited from the campaign, including 629 children. Other health services provided were free medical consultations and treatment of chronic cases, rapid diagnostic laboratory testing, nutritional screening for children under the age of five years, health and sanitation education to prevent water-borne and vector-borne diseases, and distribution of aqua tabs and chlorine for water sterilization. Oral rehydration salts were also distributed.
- ✦ During the reporting week, **UNFPA** reported 43 surgeries for fistula patients in the **Galkaayo**, among them were 2 cases from south central Somalia. In addition, 283 clean delivery kits were distributed to 283 pregnant women in 14 Galkaayo IDP settlements. About 154 cases of delivery were registered and 8 complicated deliveries referred to Galkaayo Medical Centre for further treatment. 862 mothers were provided with anti-natal care.
- ✦ The International Day of Zero Tolerance to FGM was celebrated on 6 February 2012 with the participation of Ministry of Health, Ministry of Women and Family and UN agencies. A number of activities were held to commemorate the day. In Hargeisa, there was the presentation of the draft FGM/C policy and law/decreed. In Galkaayo, there was a workshop held for 50 participants and in Mogadishu there was a public gathering of more than 100 people in the city.
- ✦ The **Horn International Relief And Development Organization (HIRDO)** reported from their MCH facility in Mataban (Hiraan region) a total of 117 consultations, including 77 under the age of five and 53 female. The major diseases reported in this MCH were influenza like illness, pneumonia and suspected measles.

