

Overview of Activities

January – September 2020

Community Based Surveillance in 17 districts in Mogadishu

In the absence of diagnostics, the syndromic surveillance data collected relating to the COVID-19 pandemic will be essential for providing a foundational understanding of the burden in the region as well as for planning, implementing, and monitoring the effectiveness of current and future prevention initiatives. Thus, active epidemiologic (syndromic) surveillance is critical to understand the impact of COVID-19 on a population and to guide the implementation of resources and interventions accordingly.

Thus, the BRA has developed a Community Based Surveillance (CBS) framework that details the system that will help to detect cases early and enable stakeholders (e.g. individuals, health providers/systems, public health, governments) to act in a timely manner. This system will serve to prevent further spread of COVID-19, decrease morbidity and mortality in these regions, identify areas of high vulnerability or need, direct health-care engagement to reduce risks, and help communities understand the direct and indirect effects of COVID-19 and required response.

Using the digital survey, a 379-community health workforce working for the BRA was deployed to the 17 districts of Mogadishu to survey households starting in June. Before being deployed, the health workforce was trained in infection control measures and public health practices in accordance with World Health Organization's (WHO) guideline in delivering community-based healthcare during COVID-19 pandemic.

Data was collected from every ninth house in each district. Within each household, every single individual living there was eligible and therefore surveyed. The data was collected using an open-source digital syndromic survey developed by the BRA and a Canadian not-for-profit organization, Flatten. The survey included various demographic, socioeconomic, health, housing, health awareness and mobility questions related to COVID-19 and service delivery by the municipality and other stakeholders beyond COVID-19.

The first phase of the community-based surveillance activity completed in July. Subsequently, a results report was drafted and BRA is in the planning phases of the launch.

Procurement of 72000 local made face masks and Soap for health care workers

The procurement process of the 36,000 face masks and 36,000 soaps for the communities was completed.

31,000 masks were delivered to the following districts and camps with the amount specified below:

Kaxda

- Samo deeq
- Kaami
- Samowade
- Ijaabo
- Gar gaar
- Hilaac
- Xidig
- Nuurbile
- Nimcaysane
- aandeeq
- Ceebdiid
- Dalsan
- Xurmo
- Hagardiid
- Siman
- Wadajir
- Muqaal
- Dhibawe.
- Misaan
- Macquul
- Dacaaro
- Iskaashi
- Horyaal
- Barwaaqo ale

Daynille:

- kaamka deegaan bile
- kaamka xareed
- kaamka xuryaxalaal
- kaamka reesbarwaaqo
- kaamka xidig.
- kaamka bilan
- kaamka dayax
- kaamka galcad
- kaamka ganaane
- kaamka buurbishaaro
- kaamka mucaawiye
- kaamka barwaaqo
- kaamka sahal 2
- kaamka kundeeq
- kaamka alkheyr

- kaamka togdheer
- kaamka kaamil
- kaamka midnimo
- kaamka saxansaxo
- kaamka mustaxiil
- kaamka sool
- kaamka barisama
- kaamka hareeri cali
- kaamka deymadheere
- kaamka shabeelooyinka

Garasbalay

- Ala fuuto
- Buula warbo
- Al hidaaya
- Al ixsaan
- Janaale
- Deymaay
- Booraar
- Ceeldher
- Jeyjey
- Xasan nuur
- Xamaama gooy
- Hiiraan
- Salaxoow
- Buuleey
- Diirane
- Samsam
- Keeraay
- Banaaney
- Farlibaax
- Farjano
- Bulacle

36,000 soaps were also delivered to the following districts and camps alongside the 205 wash stations throughout the following districts:

Garasbaley

- Nastexo Camp
- Dardarow Camp
- Danwadag Camp

- Cifoole Camp
- Ubax Camp
- Farrey Camp
- Gargaar Camp
- Dhagax Guduud Camp
- Macruuf Camp
- Soodo Camp
- Qariirad Camp
- Jamame Camp
- Dulmi Diid Camp
- Dumaye Camp
- Wardinle Camp
- Calaf Suge Camp
- Geesgaudud Camp
- Ozingow Camp
- Biye Mace Camp
- Xariir Camp
- Degmada
- Ceel Jaale Camp
- yaaqle Camp
- Dudumi Dheer
- Tawakal Camp
- CadCeed Camp
- Xasailinta Center
- Analfuut Camp
- Buulo Waabo Camp
- Alhidaaya Camp

Yaqshiid

- Xrunta Degmada
- Waaxda Towfiiq
- Waaxda Tawakal
- Waaxda Kowda Luliyo
- Waaxda Horseed
- MCH1
- Saidhiga
- MCH2
- Waaxda Heegan
- Waaxda Jungal
- MCH3

Kaaran

- Faanoole Sub- District
- Godey School

- Jabuuti Health Center
- Jabuuti Sub- District
- Jamhuuriya Health Center
- Xarunta Dhalinyarada
- Xarunka Haweenka
- Xarunta Ciidanka Ilaalada Deegaanka
- Waaxda jamhuuriya
- Kaaraan Health Center (Hawa Asi r)
- Kaaraan Orphanage School
- Kaaraan Police Station
- Nagiile Health Center
- Nagiile Sub- District
- Wajeer Health Center
- Wajeer Sub-District

Heliwa

- Bandar Wanaag MCH
- Bandar Wanaag MCH
- Heliwaa Police Station
- Heliwaa Police Station
- Waxara Cade MCH
- Waxara Cade MCH
- SOS Hospital
- SOS Children Center
- Heliwaa District Center
- Heliwaa District Center

Daynille:

- Xur iyo Xalaal Center
- Deegaan Bile Center
- Hiiraan Bile Center
- Daynile District Center
- Hagaridiid Center
- Daynile General Hospital
- Galad Center
- Togdheere Center
- Daynile Police Station
- Midowga Saxansaxo Center
- Al kheyraat Center

Kaxda:

- Shuute Camp
- Bananey Camp
- Tawakal Camp
- Yemani MCH
- Dabdheer Camp
- Daladda Barwaqo
- Saaxi Camp
- Hiran Camp
- Hilal Camp

Activation of the Emergency Operations Centre

The Emergency Operation Center is temporarily based at the incubator.

A communication expert was recruited and the main roles and responsibilities carried out include:

- Risk communication and community engagement: Strength communications with IDPs and urban poor with information on hygiene measures, using available national and community education programmes and adapting communication materials.
- Design of communicator messages for diverse forums (posters, radio, TV, social media) and for diverse audiences.
- Outreach to diverse leadership communities (including the religious leaders, political leaders, social leaders, business leaders, etc.).
- Create a communications control/misinformation centre: DSU – BRA – Daily Press Statements following FGS data release to ensure transparency.
- Write press releases and prepare information for the media
- Utilize social and community assets as a tool for all communication.
- Update all social media, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. Images, videos and creative content for social media is necessary in order to ensure it is not repetitive content.
- Ensuring visibility of donors in all communications

In addition to the roles above below are key campaigns and activities the communication expert supported in:

- Developed the Sheekooyinka Korona series where COVID survivors were interviewed and the conversations streamed as a way of reducing stigma around Corona.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KmPwYslnFA>
- Developed brief video on the CBS activity:
<https://twitter.com/DSUBenadir/status/1271887361710923776>
- Produced an informative infographic 2-minute awareness video explaining the new disease, how it spreads, common symptoms of the virus and instructions regarding the prevention of the virus.
<https://twitter.com/dsubenadir/status/1247591552618311685?lang=en>

- SNTV coverage of the CBS programme
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPygCGe_LI8
- Supported in hosting and facilitating the live twitter Q&A for the launch of CBS:

LIVE TWITTER Q & A
w/ **@HODANSOMALI**

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THE NEED FOR DATA IN MUNICIPAL PLANNING & SERVICE DELIVERY

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In addition, an Epidemiology Research and Knowledge Management Consultant was recruited in June 2020. The main roles and responsibilities include:

- Support and lead the multi-disciplinary research at BRA by:
 - Developing research objectives, projects and proposals.
 - Design studies and research methodologies.
 - Preparing papers for publication in leading international journals.
 - Disseminating research results through other recognised forms of output.
 - Supporting in Budget grant applications when/if needed.
- Prepare and support the development of reports to the BRA.

- Advise public policy and intervention based on evidence and research.
- Interface with external groups and stakeholders.
- Prepare and support the development of proposals for funding and grants.
- Evaluate and review developed or already implement measures and activities by BRA.
- Support activities in preparedness and response to public health and humanitarian crises.
- Mentor colleagues with research and development.
- Advocate research culture and evidence-based decision making at a local and federal level.

The consultant supported with developing the results report from the CBS. The report will be shared once it is published.

Awareness Campaigns on COVID-19 through Media outlets

Terms of reference were developed to begin the recruitment process for a communications consultancy company that can support the BRA in bolstering communication and awareness on COVID-19 across the city. The company developed a draft inception report (enclosed). Planning of campaigns have begun that will be executed by the company however, they are not live yet. Once they are, we will share the information.

Incubator

Detailed progress report for the activities at the incubator enclosed.

Challenges

- We have reported to the field staff to no avail that the printers that were delivered by UNDP for the incubator were faulty, broken and missing pieces upon delivery. They have not been able to be utilized ever since they were delivered. No efforts have been made from UNDP side to remedy this.
- Persistent delays in the release of funds
- The CBS activity ended in July and still the CBS teams have not been paid, this greatly affecting the reputation not only of the government but as well as partner agencies and thus the EU indirectly as they are funding the programme.
- Low amounts direct cash advance delay implementation given that processes from UNDP side continue to change.
- Insecurity