

Update 8: Somalia - Polio & Measles Outbreak Further Adds to Ongoing Challenges of COVID-19 Pandemic

- On November 10, 2020, World Health Organization (WHO) reported three circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 2 (cVDPV2) positive acute flaccid paralysis (AFP) polio cases in Somalia
- Two cases were reported in Banadir region and another one in Galbeed region
- In total, 12 vaccine derived polio cases have been reported in 2020
- The date of onset of the most recent vaccine derived polio case is 30 September 2020
- Twenty five vaccine derived polio positive environmental samples have been reported so far in 2020
- Steps taken in response to recent virus detections include detailed case investigations, healthy child sampling and raising community awareness
- Steps also included sensitizing health workers to acute flaccid paralysis and intensified active case search
- Also, sixty one new suspected cases of measles were detected in week 44, bringing the total to 2071 cases in the year 2020
- As of now, the country reported 4,301 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 107 deaths (2.5% of total reported cases), and 3,247 recoveries (75% of the total reported cases)
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Ministry of Health (<http://moh.gov.so/en>) for latest information on COVID-19 in Somalia

Source(s)

<https://reliefweb.int/report/somalia/somalia-polio-flash-update-week-44-2020>
<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/somalia/>

Targets Affected:

Somalia

Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- Advisories issued by both US Department of State as well as UK's Foreign Common Wealth Office restrict all travel to Somalia 'due to COVID-19 and crime, terrorism, civil unrest, health issues, kidnapping, and piracy'
- SW Subscribers should consider referring US Department of State and UK Government's travel advisory sites found at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/travel-advisory.html> and <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/somalia> for detailed information about the region
- Determine if all management teams in impacted areas are current on all government-designated guidelines and restrictions and are aware of possible misdiagnosis due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, polio and measles outbreak concurrently
- SW Subscribers should determine if third parties or captive units have in-house health professionals to detect sickness and quarantine suspected disease carriers spotted within the business premises, if any
- It is advisable that third parties or captive units educate employees and conduct workshops to help increase awareness about the diseases and its preventive measures
- SW Subscribers are advised to be aware of the compounding health risks and consequent impact on businesses due to increasing cases of COVID-19, polio and measles
- Consider implementing more detailed actions related to 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

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Impact level Definitions

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Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
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