# CBS in the COVID-19 Response

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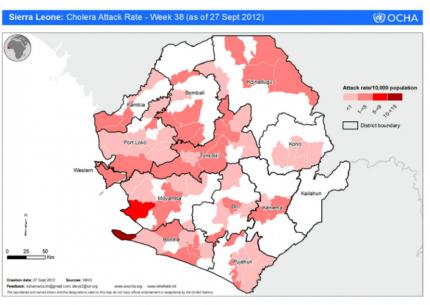
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## Innovation sparked by a crisis: Sierra Leone 2012











## Early warning leads to early action Red Cross Red Crescent







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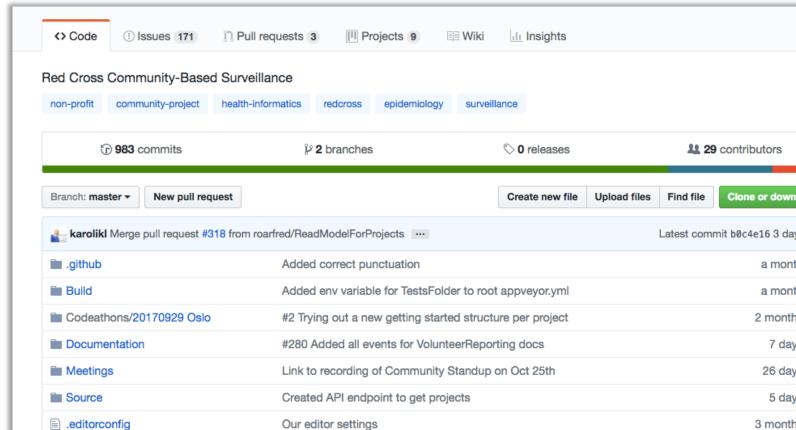








## Techvolunteers



Nyss today







# CBS and Nyss in Somaliland



- Cholera outbreak 2017
- First pilot: May 2018
- 131 active volunteers
- Close to 10.000 SMS reports of health risks related to epidemic-prone disases (meales, acute diarrhoea, COVID-19 and malnutrition)
- Several outbreaks detected early

# CBS and Nyss in Somaliland



#### Measles

- December 2018, March 2019
- Volunteers detected cases of fever and rash, reported via Nyss and provided first aid and health promotion to their community
- Health authorities responded quickly with treatment and isolation of cases

## COVID-19 detection in Somaliland

#### 26 March 18:00

A volunteer detects a fellow community member with cough, fever and difficulty breathing

#### **DETECTION**

SRCS supervisor. The supervisor calls the volunteer to cross-check the information

Nyss immediately triggers

an alert, which notifies the

26 Mars 18:00

#### **ALERT**

#### 26 March 20:00

A rapid assessment team from MoH arrives in the village. The sick person is asked to isolate at home, and is tested for COVID-19 the next morning.

**RESPONSE** 

### PREPAREDNESS

health risks.

Volunteers continue to

of COVID-19 and other

support their communities

and report suspected cases

#### **TRAINING**

131 SRCS CBS volunteers are trained in COVID-19 symptoms and asked to report to Nyss if detected.

8. March

#### **SMS REPORT**

The volunteer visits the person, and confirms that the symptoms matches COVID-19. She learns the sick person has recently returned from London. She sends an SMS report to Nyss.

26 March 18:00

#### **ESCALATION**

Supervisor escalates the alert to the ministry of health, whilst the volunteer supports the community.

26 March 18:00

#### CONFIRMATION

Ministry of Health confirms the person tested positive for COVID-19.

31 March

### CBS for COVID-19 in Somaliland

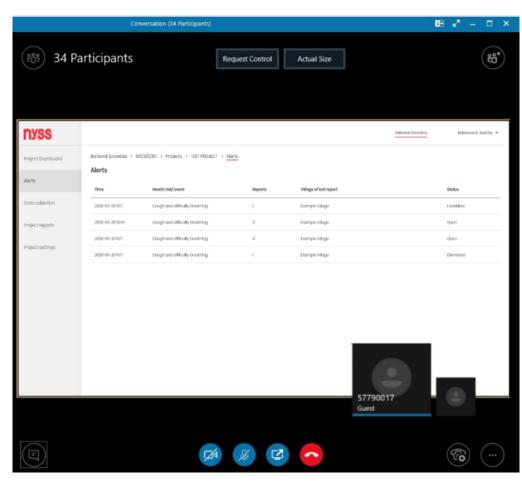


- Within one week, SRCS adapted their existing CBS activities and Nyss to include Covid-19
- 25 alerts of COVID-19 have been triggered
  - 22 of these escalated to the Ministry of Health for response
- When discovering signs and symptoms, volunteers immediately start contact tracing, encouraging home isolation and social distancing, thereby limiting community transmission

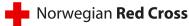




# Expansion of CBS for COVID-19 to South/Central Somalia



- SRCS and ICRC to implement CBS for COVID-19 in all regions of South/Central Somalia
  - Linked with existing primary health care and contact tracing activities
- Online training for 31 SRCS and ICRC staff on CBS and Nyss early May
- Will include reporting of diarrhoea as part of the flood response





# Thank you!

For more information on CBS og Nyss, see

www.cbsrc.org



