

OVERVIEW

This weekly report is produced by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) as part of its crisis reporting on the drought in the Horn of Africa countries. The report covers the period from 13 December to 19 December 2011. The next report will be issued on 27 December 2011.

Highlights

- KENYA & ETHIOPIA – IOM has transported **86,541** refugees in Ethiopia and Kenya as of 19 December, 2011.
- KENYA – IOM and other humanitarian agencies suspend activities in Dadaab Refugee Camp due to security concerns.
- KENYA – IOM conducts training of disease reporting committee based in Fafi District.
- ETHIOPIA – IOM steps up the provision of healthcare services in Melkadida and Bokolmanyo Camps.

ANALYSIS & TRENDS

IOM, other humanitarian Agencies Suspend Activities in Dadaab Refugee Camp Due to Security Concerns–

Following a security incident involving an explosive device on 19 December, 2011 IOM and other humanitarian agencies have temporarily suspended their services in the Dadaab refugee Camps. IOM will continue to conduct health assessments for refugees in the resettlement programme. However, all camp based relocations and medical staff support to Kenya Red Cross have been placed on hold until the security situation stabilizes.

Kenya Operations



IOM staff presents a certificate of participation to a committee member during the training in Dadaab

IOM Conducts Training of Disease Reporting Committees Based in Fafi District–

IOM in partnership with Kenya's Ministry of Livestock Development is holding a ten day residential training on the development for Disease Reporting Committees based in Alinjukur, Fafi District. The training focuses on livestock disease surveillance and reporting. By developing a system of regular reporting the aim of the committee is to curb outbreaks of diseases spread and massive losses are incurred. The twenty five participants are currently being trained on the identification of common diseases such as bout and general weaknesses as well as mitigation measures.

The host community will also benefit from start-up kits and drugs provided by IOM. The initiative is part of IOM's livelihood programme that seeks to support and revive livelihood systems among pastoralist and refugee host communities to respond to climate change and refugee influx in northern Kenya.



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IOM Successfully Completes Second Leg of Transportation of Refugees to Collect Food Rations– On 15 December IOM’s drought response team carried out the second round of transportation of refugees from Kambioos Refugee Camp to Hagadera Refugee Camp to collect food rations. This exercise benefitted a total of 2,145 families or 10,109 individuals. The transportation service provided by IOM corresponds with WFP’s food distribution schedule for the month. The first round of transportation for ration collection was carried out on 1 December and the next cycle set for 1 January 2012.

HORN OF AFRICA ACTIVITIES STATISTICS FOR KAMBIOSS-HAGADERA



MONTH	CYCLES	NO. OF FAMILIES	NO. OF INDIVIDUALS
November	1 Cycle	2,188	10,236
	2 Cycle	2,141	10,090
Total		4,329	20,326
December	1 Cycle	2,113	10,064
	2 Cycle	2,145	10,109
Total		4,258	20,326
CUMULATIVE TOTAL			40,499

IOM Medical Staff Attends to 2,135 Patients in Ifo 2 East Camp –IOM medical staff has been providing support to the Kenyan Red Cross (KRC) in Ifo 2 East Refugee Camp. The medical staff comprising of four nurses, two clinical officers and one doctor have attended to 2,135 patients by 19 December. The medical team is focusing on curbing the outbreak of waterborne diseases in the camp. Many of the patients have been treated for watery diarrhoea. The medical team is also offering Ante-natal care services and immunizing children between the ages of 0-12 months.

Movements – There have been no movements in Dadaab since 14 October following security concerns in the region.

The table below presents IOM’s drought response in Dadaab in relation to movement assistance, medical assessments and emergency shelter construction



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IOM RESPONSE IN DADAAB, KENYA

PROJECT	ACTIVITIES	05 - 11 DECEMBER	12 - 19 DECEMBER	TREND	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
Emergency Transportation	Transportation from Liboi to Dadaab *				
	No of Individuals	0	0	↔ Movements from Liboi stopped following security concerns at the Kenya –Somalia border. All IOM activities in Dadaab were halted from 14 October 2011 until further notice.	17,172
	No of Households	0	0		4,083
	Relocation from Dagahaley to IFO 2 East**				
	No of Individuals	0	0	↔ Relocation from Dagahaley to Ifo2 east stopped due to security concerns at the refugee camps. I	27,778
	No of Households	0	0		6,921
Health	Medical Assessments from Liboi to Dadaab Refugee Camps *				
	No of Individuals Screened	0	0	↔ Medical assessments are linked to the number of movements done.	17,172
	No of Medical Referrals	0	0		235
	No of Medical Treatments	0	0		515
	No of Vulnerable Individuals	0	0		2,128
	Medical Assessments from Dagahaley to IFO 2 East **				
	No of Individuals Screened	0	0	↔ Medical assessments are linked to the number of movements	27,778
	No of Medical Referrals	0	0		92
No of Medical Treatments	0	0	80		
No of Vulnerable Individuals	0	0	1,501		
Medical support to Red Cross In Ifo 2 East ****					
Emergency Shelters			188	↑ Medical support continues	2,135
	IFO 2 East ***				
	Tent Setup	663	663	↑ Shelter Construction at Ifo 2 East have been completed	8,315
CUMULATIVE TOTAL					44,950

* Started on 31 July, 2011 ** Started on 18 August, 2011 *** Started on 09 August, 2011 **** Started on 2 November, 2011

No change in figures presented since all activities in the Dadaab Refugee Camp were temporarily halted since 14 October 2011 following security concerns.

Ethiopia Operations

IOM Steps up the Provision of Health Care Services in Melkedida and Bokolmanyo Camps

In addition to the deployment of doctors and nurses and a mid-wife, who are supporting the Ethiopian Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) in the provision of primary health care both in Melkedida and Bokolmanyo Camps, IOM has already deployed two visiting specialists, a Psychiatrist and an Ophthalmologist who are offering specialized mental and eye care services in the camps. IOM started implementing its extended health support to build the capacity of ARAA in its new project which is supported by the humanitarian response fund to enable IOM to field experienced doctors and nurses to support primary health care in the two camps.



Dr. Dr Yilikal, an ophthalmologist, examining a refugees at Bokolmanyo camp

In addition, plans have been made for visiting doctors from Addis Ababa University Faculty of Medicine to provide medical consultations for refugees with special needs such as mental health, gynaecological complications and eye care, critical services which have so far not been available in the two camps. The project will also see the construction of two temporary satellite clinics and two emergency wards for management of acute watery diarrhoea as an essential preparedness measure. This initiative will provide direct health services to 6,000 refugees in the two camps, enhance preparedness for potential epidemics and reach up to 45,000 refugees with key messages to increase health seeking behaviour and awareness on key public health issues. Meanwhile, IOM doctors, nurses and Midwives are continuing with their support to ARRA in the two camps attending to both inpatient and outpatient cases and also attending to pregnant women and assisting them with delivering new born babies.

So far, IOM medical staff have attended to a total of 6,807 cases of medical assistance and consultations.

IOM Continues with Relocation of Refugees to new Buramino Camp– IOM continues to assist the relocation of refugees to the new camp Buramino in close coordination with UNHCR and the Ethiopian Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA). So far IOM has transported 1,949 refugees from the Transit Centre to Buramino Camp. Both IOM and UNCHR have also agreed that those unfit to travel will be placed at the stabilization Centre located in the Transit Centre for further medical assistance before their relocation.

Movement - As of 19 December, 2011 IOM has provided transportation assistance to 39,642 refugees from the Reception Centre to the Transit Centre and from the Transit Centre to Hilaweyn Camp.



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The table below presents IOM's drought response in Dollo Ado in relation to movement assistance, primary health care health care and family reunifications.

IOM RESPONSE IN DOLLO ADO, ETHIOPIA

PROJECT	ACTIVITIES	5 - 11 DECEMBER	12 - 19 DECEMBER	TREND	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
Emergency Transportation	Transportation from Dollo Ado Transit Centre to Hilaweyn Camp*				
	No of Individuals	0*	0*	↓ There was no movement to Hilaweyn Camp as the camp is at its maximum capacity.	25,992*
	No of Families	0**	0**		5,198**
	Transportation from Dollo Ado Reception Centre to Transit Centre***				
	No of Individuals	879***	1,060***	↑ Movements picked up this week as new arrivals increased.	13,650***
	No of Families	176**	212**		2,730**
	Transportation from Dollo Ado Transit Centre to Buramino Camp****				
No of Individuals	1,062****	503****	↑ Movement increased as relocation continues	1,949	
No of Families	289	101**		467	
Family Reunification	Family Reunification				
	No of Individuals	70	96	↑ Family reunification increased this week as movements picked up	1,681
Health	Medical Assessments				
	Total Screened	1,941	1,563	↓ Medical referrals increased this week as there were cases with medical conditions.	1,961
	No of Medical Referrals	9	36		469
	No of Unfit to Travel	4	23		367
CUMULATIVE TOTAL					41,591

The total number of movement also includes movements from the Transit Centre to camps, from the Reception Centre to the Transit Centre and between camps conducted earlier. ** Based on the assumption that one family has five members. *** Started 1 October 2011 **** Started movement from the Transit Centre to Buramino Camp on 30 November 2011.

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IOM's Drought Response builds on its substantial capacity and implementation of over 30 programmes in the Horn of Africa countries of Djibouti, Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia. IOM prioritizes its work with lead agencies, partners and government counterparts to develop a transportation network to bring vulnerable populations arriving at border crossing points and informal settlements to better-serviced camps, ensuring medical screening and lifesaving referral services as part of transport assistance. IOM is also working with stakeholders to fill gaps identified in needs assessments related to shelter (with UNHCR); livelihood programmes; and medical assistance, capacity-building and primary care services (in support of ARRA, the Ethiopian government refugee agency.)