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HORN OF AFRICA DROUGHT

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SUMMARY

The Horn of Africa is faced with the worst drought crisis in 60 years, resulting in lack of food and access to safe water for more than 12.5 million people in the region. The situation is especially dire in Southern Somalia, where a famine was declared by the UN in five regions. Emergency medical and nutritional interventions have become necessary. Rising food prices and deteriorating livestock have exacerbated the situation, and thousands of Somalis have been forced to move inside the country as well as across borders into Ethiopia, Kenya and Djibouti, where local communities and refugees are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance.

Based upon the results of assessment missions carried out in the last week of July in the Dollo Ado and Dadaab refugee camps, IOM's strategy builds upon its existing programmes and substantial capacity in the region to support needs identified together with lead authorities, UN agencies and partners. The first IOM priority is to develop a transportation network in close coordination with host governments, UNHCR and UNICEF to bring vulnerable populations arriving at border crossing points and informal settlements to better-serviced camps, ensuring medical screening and referral services as part of transport assistance. Given the arduous conditions of travel within Somalia, IOM considers this transport intervention to be both an immediate, life-preserving measure as well as an imperative part of protection assistance. IOM is also working with agency partners and government counterparts to fill gaps related to shelter, NFIs, medical assistance, and livelihood programmes. These gaps have been identified jointly with partner organizations and in coordination with the relevant UN partner agencies including UNHCR, UNICEF, FAO and WHO.

In **Ethiopia** an estimated 4.8 million people, including some 230,000 refugees, are in need of assistance according to OCHA. More than 120,000 refugees from Somalia are currently in Ethiopia's Dollo Ado area, in need of shelter, transport, and medical and food assistance. Approximately 2,000 refugees reach the camps every day after walking for days, with 50 per cent of the children being moderately or severely malnourished. Registration and ongoing support programmes risk being overwhelmed by the numbers of new arrivals. As the three existing refugee camps of Bokolomanyo, Melkadida and Kobe are at or over maximum capacity, a fourth camp at Hilowen is being prepared.

In **Kenya**, food insecurity is deepening in pastoral areas and impoverished urban settings, with Global Acute Malnutrition levels exceeding 30 per cent in northern districts, where rising conflict is exacerbating these problems. On May 30, 2011, Kenya's President Mwai Kibaki declared the drought a national disaster. An estimated 3.7 million people are presently in need of food assistance. The situation in Kenya is aggravated by the unprecedented number of Somali refugees who are fleeing the drought; the overcrowding in Dadaab camps, brought on by the ongoing effects of conflict in Somalia, means that already scarce resources are now being stretched further. More than 390,000 people are currently living in these camps, with an estimated 1,300 new arrivals per day. These movements are likely to continue as no rain is expected in the region until September – October. Refugees reaching Kenya, after having walked for days on end, are in great need of help, including transport, shelter, medical and food assistance. Due to the crisis the Kenyan government has agreed to the opening of two new settlement sites (Ifo Extension in Dadaab district and Kambios in Fafi district) which together could accommodate an additional 200,000 individuals.

Somalia has endured a complex political environment for 20 years, alongside extreme poverty, food insecurity, conflict and instability. Across the country, nearly half of the Somali population – 3.7 million people – is now affected by the crisis, of which an estimated 2.8 million people are in the south. People



from the affected regions have been fleeing either into Mogadishu or to Kenya and Ethiopia in search of food and better livelihoods. Within Somalia, an estimated 400,000 IDPs are currently residing in Mogadishu, of which 25,000 arrived in July alone. An additional 30,000 have arrived at settlements 50 kilometers from the centre of the capital. Over 178,000 Somalis have fled the country to seek assistance and refuge in neighbouring countries since the start of the year, with over 100,000 of those fleeing since May. As part of the UN initiative to expand programme delivery within Somalia, IOM has joined a recent assessment to estimate expanding capacity to address needs within the Country.

In **Djibouti** half of the rural population, an estimated 175,000 people, including some 18,500 refugees, is affected by the drought and is in need of assistance. The Government agency for refugees is providing transportation means for the small number of refugees having arrived at the border in July (approximately 700 individuals). The Government has also provided land for a new refugee camp.

**TO CONTINUE PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL AND REFUGEE
POPULATIONS WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM THE DROUGHT IN THE REGION,
IOM IS APPEALING FOR USD 26.6 MILLION.**



IOM RESPONSE TO DATE

IOM is present in all the affected countries of the region, and is working closely with host government, national and international partners to meet the rapidly escalating needs brought about by the current drought and famine. While working to address the acute aspects of the drought emergency, IOM is already focusing on support to host communities to expand livelihood opportunities as part of an effort to counter susceptibility to the effects of drought. To ensure coordination and integration of these efforts, IOM participates in the UN Country Team and UN security management structures in the region. In response to the crisis, IOM has established a dedicated coordinator within the Department of Operations and Emergencies at its HQ in Geneva, to augment liaison with the UN and the relief community, and to provide ongoing support to IOM country offices.

Ethiopia:

- At the request of the Government's Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) and UNHCR, IOM is working to support transport of refugees from border areas to camp facilities and between camps. The first movements took place on 2 August and included transport from the border to the camps and UNHCR referred family-reunification cases relocation between the camps.
- IOM co-chairs the NFI/Shelter sector under the auspices of ARRA along with UNICEF and UNHCR. Within this coordination mechanism, IOM has been requested to support ARRA's efforts with shelter and NFI materials.
- IOM medical staff have been deployed and, on behalf on WHO, have assisted the distribution of Oral Rehydration Salts and medical kits. ARRA has requested IOM support in establishing medical coordination mechanisms in two refugee camps as well as in providing a mobile clinic.
- To better inform its interventions, IOM completed a rapid needs assessment mission in Dollo Ado, together with ARRA and UNHCR.
- The IOM Regional Migration Health Assessment Coordinator has been deployed to Dollo Ado for an in-depth health needs assessment and will be joined by the Senior Migration Health Policy Advisor from IOM HQ to finalize IOM health intervention planning.

Kenya:

- In recognition of the importance of addressing cross-border flows, IOM is liaising with UNHCR, which is working closely with the government authorities to facilitate access to the border.
- At the same time IOM has signed an MOU with UNICEF to transfer vulnerable populations from temporary settlements to organized camp settings, with referrals to services and assistance. IOM is now supporting both UNHCR and UNICEF with the transportation of vulnerable Somalis arriving in Kenya.
- IOM is working at the request of the District Commissioner and in coordination with UNHCR to initiate movements. Under this framework, 31 July IOM started to transport stranded vulnerable individuals from Lobo, near the border with Somalia, to Dadaab.
- In Dadaab, IOM has been requested by UNHCR to work in the Ifo Extension by re-plotting the layout, pitching tents and train the youth (both locals and refugees) to produce Interlocking Stabilised Soil Bricks (ISSB).
- IOM is implementing emergency livelihood projects in the Dadaab community as well as health activities related to strengthening preparedness and response to outbreaks of diarrheal diseases in drought affected areas in the Turkana County. These interventions are carried out in coordination



with FAO (livestock and agriculture sector), the Ministry of Health and WHO (health sector), with initial support from the UN CERF.

- Through its long-standing presence in the area, IOM carried out a recent needs assessment mission in Dadaab and is currently planning for further interventions in the provision of shelter, NFI and medical assistance.

Somalia:

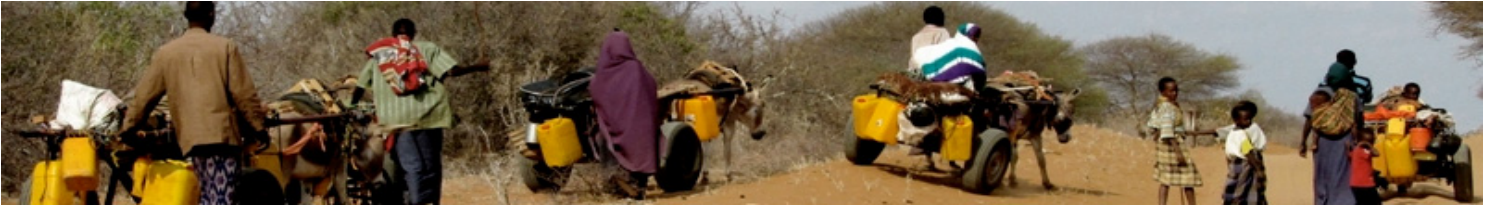
- IOM is building upon synergies with existing projects in protection, community stabilization and livelihood development. Project activities are currently being implemented in coordination with UN agencies and local implementing partners in South Central Somalia and may be augmented to support the drought response.
- IOM is currently working on a partnership agreement with local partners to initiate livelihood activities such as rehabilitation of community assets to tackle with the drought and cash-for-work programmes for vulnerable IDPs.

Djibouti

- IOM has liaised with UNHCR and is prepared to facilitate transportation if there is an increase in incoming refugee flows.
- As part of IOM's mixed migration response, the Migration Response Center (MRC) on Obock is providing vulnerable migrants affected by the drought with Non-Food Items and refers medical cases to local health providers

Uganda

- IOM is liaising with the Ugandan Office of the Prime Minister to provide assistance for preparedness and contingency, particularly through a proposal to enhance monitoring at critical border points.



IOM CAPACITY IN THE HORN OF AFRICA



IOM is present in 16 locations across the Horn of Africa region, with more than 560 staff.

SUMMARY TABLE OF IOM FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

Ethiopia

SECTOR	IOM PROJECTS	FUNDING REQUIREMENTS USD
MULTI-SECTOR	Immediate Humanitarian Assistance to the Drought Affected Somali Refugees	2,455,988
SHELTER AND NFIS	Transitional Shelter Support to Somalis Fleeing from Drought	2,054,079
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE	Livelihood Support to Drought Affected Persons in the Borena and Gambela Regions	952,630
	TOTAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS ETHIOPIA	5,462,697

Kenya

SECTOR	IOM PROJECTS	FUNDING REQUIREMENTS USD
MULTI-SECTOR	Emergency Transportation and Medical Assistance to Somalis Fleeing the Drought	2,678,047
	Relocation Assistance for Vulnerable Somalis Staying in the Outskirts of the Dadaab Refugee Camps	448,329
AGRICULTURE AND LIVELIHOOD	Immediate Emergency Livestock Support to Refugee Hosting Communities	400,000
HEALTH	Psychosocial Support to Somali Refugees in Dadaab Refugee Camps	802,461
	Provision of Emergency Assistance to Strengthen Preparedness and Response to Diarrheal Disease Outbreak in Affected Areas of Turkana County and Garissa County	1,326,014
	Provision of Comprehensive TB Diagnostics and Treatment in Dadaab	400,000
EMERGENCY SHELTER	Provision of Emergency Shelter in the Ifo Extension – Dadaab	8,531,303
	TOTAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS KENYA	14,586,154

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Somalia

SECTOR	IOM PROJECTS	FUNDING REQUIREMENTS USD
MULTI-SECTOR	Emergency Livelihood Support Through Enhancing Community Sanitation	1,500,000
AGRICULTURE AND LIVELIHOOD	Preventing Malnutrition and Stabilizing Vulnerable IDP Households in Bossaso and South Central	2,828,500
	Livelihood Support to Drought-Affected Communities	750,000
PROTECTION	Facilitation of Transport for Vulnerable IDPs	750,000
	Emergency Assistance to Communities Hosting IDPs	250,000
	TOTAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS SOMALIA	6,078,500

Djibouti

SECTOR	IOM PROJECTS	FUNDING REQUIREMENTS USD
PROTECTION	Emergency Transportation and Medical Assistance to Somalis and Ethiopians Fleeing the Drought	180,000
HEALTH	Provision of Emergency Assistance to Strengthen Preparedness and Response to Diarrheal Disease Outbreak in Affected Areas of Tadjoura and Obock	125,000
	TOTAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS	305,000

Uganda

SECTOR	IOM PROJECTS	FUNDING REQUIREMENTS USD
PROTECTION	Contingency Planning and Monitoring of Cross-Border Arrivals	159,000
	TOTAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS	159,000

IOM PROJECTS LIST

Ethiopia

MULTI-SECTOR

Title	Immediate Humanitarian Assistance to Drought Affected Somali Refugees
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide safe transportation assistance from the Dollo Ado transit centre to the camps in coordination with UNHCR and ARRA To support ARRA in providing primary healthcare services To distribute core relief items and hygiene & sanitation kits in Melkadida and Bolkomanyo refugee camps
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 74,000 Somali refugees assisted with safe transportation 21,000 refugees supported by the health interventions 10,000 beneficiaries receive hygiene kits 12,500 persons receive non-food items (2,500 NFIs kits)
Project Duration	6 months
Location	Dollo Ado transit centre and refugee camps
Funding requirements	USD 2,455,988

SHELTER AND NFIS

Title	Transitional Shelter Support to Somalis Fleeing From Drought
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide transitional shelters to refugees that have been in the camps longer than 6 months
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2,000 households benefit from transitional shelter support
Project Duration	6 months
Location	Melkadida, Bolkomanyo, Kobe and Hilowen refugee camps in Dollo Ado
Funding requirements	USD 2,054,079

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Title	Livelihood Support to Drought Affected Persons in the Borena and Gambela Region
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide drought affected households with food security solutions
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3,000 households in the Borena Region 3,000 households in Gambela Region
Project Duration	6 months
Location	Borena and Gambela Regions
Funding requirements	USD 952,630

IOM PROJECTS LIST

Kenya

MULTI-SECTOR

Title	Emergency Transportation and Medical Assistance to Somalis Fleeing the Drought
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide safe emergency transportation from the Somali/Kenyan border to the Dadaab refugee camps To assist refugees with medical screening and emergency care at the border To address the vulnerability of women and children in their journey towards the Dadaab camps
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 110,000 Somali refugees entering Kenya via the Liboi/Dobley border
Project Duration	6 months
Location:	Liboi and Dadaab refugee camps
Funding requirements	USD 2,678,047

Title	Relocation Assistance for Vulnerable Somalis Staying in the Outskirts of the Dadaab Refugee Camps
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve the protection of vulnerable refugees living on the outskirts of existing camps and being resettled to the Ifo Extension and Kambios camps To provide health screening and transportation to the most vulnerable refugees being relocated from the Dadaab outskirts, most notably the Dagahaley refugee camp, to the Ifo Extension and Kambios sites To contribute to the protection of vulnerable refugees in the new sites through the establishment of a handover mechanism to relevant partners and a medical referral system for critical cases at the receiving location
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18,200 vulnerable Somali refugees living in the outskirts of the Dadaab camps
Project Duration	6 months
Location	Dadaab refugee camps
Funding requirements	USD 448,329

AGRICULTURE AND LIVELIHOOD

Title	Immediate Emergency Livestock Support to Refugee Hosting Communities
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To respond to urgent livestock losses and restoration of livestock-based livelihoods needs of the most vulnerable people of North Eastern Kenya affected by severe drought and spill-over effects of refugee influx
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40,000 individuals from host communities (24,000 female and 16,000 male)
Project Duration	6 Months
Location	North Eastern Kenya (Dadaab and its environs)
Funding requirements	USD 400,000

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HEALTH

Title	Psychosocial Support to Somali Refugees in Dadaab Refugee Camps
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide psychosocial support to new arrivals for the restoration of their emotional well-being and enhancement of their coping mechanisms • To better understand the effects of physical trauma on the psychosocial health of the new refugee arrivals • To establish a healing and recovery environment for the new refugee arrivals • To empower the life-saving actors to address the psychosocial need of the refugee community in Dadaab
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 110,000 new Somali arrivals
Project Duration	6 months
Location	Dadaab refugee camps
Funding requirements	USD 802,461

Title	Provision of Emergency Assistance to Strengthen Preparedness and Response to Diarrheal Disease Outbreak in Affected Areas of Turkana County and Garissa County
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To contribute to the reduction of morbidity and mortality associated with the diarrheal disease outbreaks • To strengthen preparedness in high risk areas of Turkana and Garissa Counties for outbreak identification and response • To introduce relevant health promotion activities to assist in prevention of future diarrheal outbreaks including provision of limited primary health care provisions targeting maternal child health in rural areas for the host communities
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turkana County: 85,000 households directly reached, population of 255,000 indirectly reached, 300 cases treated in case of outbreak • Garissa County: 25,000 households directly reached, population of 75,000 indirectly reached, 100 cases treated in case of outbreak
Location	Turkana County and Garissa County, Kenya
Project Duration	6 months
Funding requirements	USD 1,326,014

Title	Provision of Comprehensive TB Diagnostics and Treatment in Dadaab
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To decrease morbidity and mortality due to Tuberculosis through early comprehensive diagnostics by means of use of radiology and laboratory advanced methods • To contribute towards identification of multi drug resistant TB strains, MDR TB being amongst the major threats with the influx of refugees, according to WHO Somalia, due to the disrupted health care system on the ground
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 600,000 persons, including refugees, asylum seekers and host community population

IOM PROJECTS LIST

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated 1000 newly diagnosed patients, and initiated adequate treatment for 1000 newly diagnosed TB cases
Project Duration	6 months
Location	Ifo, Hagadera, Dagahaley camps and host community of the Dadaab town and surrounding areas
Funding requirements	USD 400,000

EMERGENCY SHELTER

Title	Provision of Emergency Shelter in the Ifo Extension – Dadaab
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To plan the layout and demarcate the Ifo Extension To build the required infrastructure in the Ifo Extension To provide shelter and reduce the vulnerability of refugees currently living in the Dadaab camp outskirts and relocated to the Ifo Extension site To refer refugees to protection services in the camps
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 60,000 Somali refugees living in the outskirts of the Dadaab camps
Project Duration	6 months
Location	Dadaab refugee camps
Funding requirements	USD 8,531,303

Somalia

MULTI-SECTOR

Title	Emergency Livelihood Support Through Enhancing Community Sanitation
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve sanitation and hygiene in and around IDP settlements in Mogadishu, thus mitigating the risks of infectious diseases To improve livelihood for the most vulnerable IDPs through cash-for-work initiatives
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1,600 vulnerable IDPs in IDP camps in Mogadishu
Project Duration	6 months
Location	Mogadishu
Funding requirements	USD 1,500,000

AGRICULTURE AND LIVELIHOOD

Title	Preventing Malnutrition and Stabilizing Vulnerable IDP Households in Bossaso and South Central
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase food security and stabilize vulnerable IDP households
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20,190 men, women and children in Puntland and South Central Somalia
Project Duration	6 months
Location	Bossaso, Puntland and South Central Somalia
Funding requirements	USD 2,828,500

IOM PROJECTS LIST

Title	Livelihood Support to Drought-Affected Communities
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve livelihood of the host communities through support to public assets and enterprises
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 750 direct beneficiaries in drought-affected communities in South Central Somalia
Project Duration	6 months
Location	South Central Somalia
Funding requirements	USD 750,000

PROTECTION

Title	Facilitation of Transport for Vulnerable IDPs
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To facilitate access to transport for vulnerable IDPs To improve IDPs access to food and basic services
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10,000 vulnerable IDPs in South Central Somalia
Project Duration	6 months
Location	South Central Somalia
Funding requirements	USD 750,000

Title	Emergency Assistance to Communities Hosting IDPs
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve co-ordination for and management of IDP settlements in Mogadishu through technical support and capacity building of the authorities and communities To raise IDPs awareness on health issues impacting their communities (HIV/AIDS, Acute Watery Diarrhea and cholera) through community outreach activities
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 80 authorities working with IDPs 200 community volunteers
Project Duration	6 months
Location	Mogadishu
Funding requirements	USD 250,000

Djibouti

PROTECTION

Title	Emergency Transportation and Medical Assistance to Somalis and Ethiopians Fleeing the Drought
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide safe transportation to Somalis and Ethiopians entering Djibouti from the Ethiopian/Djibouti and Somali/Djibouti border to the designated Refugee Camps as required To facilitate adequate referral to care and treatment for the vulnerable

IOM PROJECTS LIST

	Somalis and Ethiopians, and especially women and children
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4,200 drought displaced Somalis and Ethiopians
Project Duration	6 months
Location	Border area and refugee camp
Funding requirements	USD 180,000

HEALTH

Title	Provision of Emergency Assistance to Strengthen Preparedness and Response to Diarrheal Disease Outbreak in Affected Areas of Tadjoura and Obock
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To contribute to the reduction of morbidity and mortality associated with diarrheal disease outbreaks To strengthen local medical service preparedness in the high risk areas of Obock and Tadjoura for outbreak identification, response and treatment To introduce relevant health promotion activities in order to assist in prevention of future outbreaks including provision of limited primary health care
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vulnerable population in Obock and Tadjoura
Location	Obock and Tadjoura
Project Duration	3 months
Funding requirements	USD 125,000

Uganda

PROTECTION

Title	Contingency Planning and Monitoring of Cross-Border Arrivals
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure Ugandan authorities and key international agencies are adequately prepared to respond to anticipated secondary movement of Ethiopian and Somali migrants across land borders into Uganda To ensure timely and accurate reporting of cross border arrivals in remote areas of the Karamoja sub-region
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Internal Affairs – Immigration; Office the Prime Minister – Disaster Preparedness & Refugees; District Authorities, UN agencies, NGOs.
Project Duration	3 months
Funding requirements	USD 159,000

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