“THIS PROJECT AIMS TO IMPROVE THE CAPACITY OF SOMALI AUTHORITIES TO RESPOND TO THE DROUGHT BY CONTRIBUTING TO IMPROVED CO-ORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT OF IDP SETTLEMENTS IN MOGADISHU AND IN THE THREE REGIONS OF SOMALIA, AS WELL AS TO IMPROVE LIVELIHOODS OF VULNERABLE IDPS.”

There is a great need to build the capacity of national and local authorities to manage the current influx of IDPs into Mogadishu as a result of the famine.

There is a pronounced lack of registration and profiling capacities as well as limited understanding of the guiding principles and standards applied to the protection of and assistance to IDPs including a lack of capacity to provide for IDPs voluntary returns to their areas of origin.

To create increased capacity and respond to current and future disasters, the TFG has recently set up the Office of the Humanitarian Coordinator in the Office of the Prime Minister with the responsibility to focus on the macro and micro policy response to the drought.

In addition there is a need to enhance the capacity of the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) to support the local authorities to carry out life saving humanitarian activities.

With the increased need for a coordinated humanitarian response to manage natural disasters and longer-term early recovery strategies some of the challenges faced include:

- Lack of policy, legal and institutional frameworks;
- Inadequate resources and equipment;
- Lack of analytical information and database to assist in making informed decision;
- Lack of disaster management capabilities such as technical expertise in this sector; and
- Lack of coordination among line ministries

IOM IN ACTION

- To improve the disaster management capacities of the National Disaster Management Agency and other relevant authorities.
- To provide emergency livelihood support to 2,700 drought affected IDPs in Mogadishu, Bosaso and Hargeisa.
- To provide emergency health, including protection, to 1000 drought affected IDPs, with a focus on victims of Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV).
- To profile and provide assisted voluntary return and reintegration as well as emergency assistance to 1000 IDPs and other migrants
Capacity Building for Central and Regional Authorities

- Provide training and equipment to build the capacity of the Office of the Humanitarian Coordinator and National Disaster Management Agency;
- Place experts in the DHA and DMA.
- Monitor service delivery to IDPs
- Build the capacity for better service delivery through support for a centralized coordination system and the strengthening of existing referral systems and direct victim assistance in Mogadishu.

Provision of Emergency Livelihood Support to Drought Affected IDPs

- Provide livelihood support through cash-for-work or voucher-based labour intensive work to drought-affected IDPs in Mogadishu including the survivors of SGBV and vulnerable members of the host communities to provide temporary employment/income generation.
- Provide sustainable livelihood support through vocational training and support to fishery communities to drought-affected IDPs including the survivors of SGBV in Mogadishu.
- Provide livelihood support to drought-affected IDPs in Puntland, including cash-for-work or voucher-based labour intensive work through construction/rehabilitation of key community assets to combat drought and floods, as well as support to small-scale business through vocational training or microfinance.
- Provide livelihood support to drought-affected IDPs in Somaliland, including cash-for-work or voucher-based labour intensive work through construction/rehabilitation of key community assets and boost the local economy such as communal water points, irrigation and river embankment; support to small-scale business through vocational training or microfinance.

Provision of Emergency Health to Drought Affected IDPs

- Provision of support to health care providers providing emergency health, and referral of drought affected IDPs (dignity kits, etc)
- Social mobilization/awareness raising on emergency health response
- Provide psychosocial support and protection to drought affected IDPs, with a focus on victims of trafficking and SGBV (including distribution of Sanyo solar lanterns) through community health workers trained by implementing partners
- Provide support to health facilities for better emergency health response

Profiling and Provision of Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration as well as Emergency Assistance to Drought Affected IDPs

- Develop a profiling database and train relevant stakeholders in data collection, data management, including registration
- Register and profile IDPs in Mogadishu
- Collaborate with UNHCR in the voluntary return exercise to ensure protection concerns are addressed for those IDPs wishing to voluntary return to their areas of origin;
- Identify local service providers able to transport vulnerable IDPs willing and able to return home voluntarily;
- Undertake a pilot project to assist those IDPs willing and able to return home through the provision of a reintegration package;
- Provide assisted voluntary return to IDPs from Bosasso and Hargeisa who are willing to return to their areas of origin;
- Identify a NGO in each area of return to monitor the return, reception and reintegration of the IDPs under the pilot project
- Identify, through the MMTF, local NGO partners and the Migration Response Centres (MRCs) in Hargeisa and Bosaso, IDPs in need of emergency humanitarian assistance;
- Collaborate with IDP community leaders and local partners to identify most vulnerable IDPs including women and the elderly who will then be registered for assistance through the MRCs in Somaliland and Puntland
- Provide identified IDPs with emergency assistance such as health, psychosocial counselling, dignity kits and emergency NFIs.