Partnership and Coordination

As the designated lead agency for supporting the Government of Ethiopia (GoE) in the management of migrant returnees, IOM continues to support quarantine facilities in Addis Ababa and the regions (32 in total).

Disease Surveillance
Between 1 April and 27 September, Ethiopia received over 33,850 returnees: 9,328 from Djibouti, 7,198 from Somalia, 6,425 from Sudan, 3,842 from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), 1,453 from Kenya and 5,608 from others.


Continued to provide non-food items (NFIs) to migrants in quarantine, including blankets, soaps, dignity kits, wash basins, waste bins, mosquito nets, etc. and distributed baby food and milk.

Continued to distribute PPE to quarantine facility staff, including hand sanitizer and face masks.

Provided transportation assistance to 44 (24 F and 20 M) migrants from quarantine facilities to their place of residence.

Continued to conduct COVID-19 related sensitization sessions in all quarantine facilities reaching 414 (209 M, 205 F) individual returnees in different facilities.

Conducted COVID-19 screening of 752 individuals in different sites of East Wollega.

Construction of WASH facilities and temporary shelters to improve the reception of returnees at Dewelle PoE is ongoing.

Provided water trucking with capacity of 14,000L to Dulqabow treatment centre in Jijiga.

Conducted handwashing demonstration among 1,539 individuals in seven Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)/returnee sites in Dire Dawa, East Wollega, and West Guji.
Risk Communication and Community Engagement

- Conducted COVID-19 related health education among 3,713 individuals in more than seven IDP/returnee sites of Dire Dawa, East Wollega and West Guji.
- Conducted awareness-raising sessions to promote COVID-19 prevention among **4,908 individuals (2,388 M; 2,520 F)** through community volunteers in Jijiga and Moyale.
• In coordination with the PSEA Network, IOM is implementing a pilot Complaints and Feedback Mechanism (CFM) in Dire Dawa University quarantine facility. Trainings for selected quarantine facility staff is ongoing.
• Continued to provide dignity kits and psychosocial support to returnee migrants and social and health workers.
• Reached more than 434 individuals in Moyale, Dire Dawa and Bule Hora with community sensitization on gender-based violence (GBV) awareness, basic concepts of mental health and how to cope with COVID-19 related social stigma.

Site Management Support

• Shared Standard Operating Procedures (SoPs) for COVID-19 alert/outbreak and service mapping with implementing partners and sector offices in Deder and Dire Dawa.
• 8 Handwashing facilities were installed, communal kitchens were rehabilitated, and NFIs were distributed for 257 households (145 F and 112 M) in Kersa site.

Displacement Tracking Matrix

• Access and baseline information is updated regularly and is available at https://migration.iom.int

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