



IOM'S PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE



RETURN AND REINTEGRATION

- Supporting **over 1,900 Ethiopian returnee migrants** – predominantly from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) – quarantined in Addis Ababa with food, accommodation, NFIs, and onward transportation assistance, as necessary.
- Supporting over **1,400** returnee migrants from Djibouti quarantined in Dire Dawa and 169 returnees from Kenya in Moyale.
- **Over 2,000 returnees** are projected to return from KSA by 14 April and IOM is preparing to support, as necessary.
- Organized **virtual training for health professionals** and social workers of 5 implementing partners providing shelter services to returnees and other vulnerable populations.
- **Supporting the Protection team** under the Public Health Emergency Operations Centre (PHEOC), responsible for COVID-19 response to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), refugees and returnees, to develop guidelines on post-arrival arrangements for returnees, communicating COVID-19 to returnees, messaging and producing sample posters.
- IOM's frontline staff and first responders received **COVID-19 preparedness** training.
- Required **COVID-19 supplies** (e.g., masks, gloves, sanitizers) have been made available in all relevant locations.

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

- **29 IOM healthcare personnel** – including 17 doctors, nurses and other health staff in Addis Ababa and 12 nurses in different regions – are supporting the Public Health Emergency Operations Centre (PHEOC) with medical services in the COVID-19 response.
- **5,000** COVID-19 test kits will be made available to the Government of Ethiopia in the coming weeks.
- **375** individuals received COVID-19 sensitization through IOM mobile clinics in West Gedeo, Guji, and Welega
- Supporting the zonal health bureau in Gedeo to **assess proposed isolation sites**
- In discussion with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Atlanta to support upgrading of the **Emergency Operation Center (EOC)** at the Somali Region Health Bureau in Jijiga.
- Tuberculosis management for migrants and refugees is being offered in-person through **video-observed therapy** instead of in person visits.
- **100** Health Workers trained on mental health and psychosocial support (**MHPSS**) aspects of COVID-19 and provided MHPSS support to 2 individuals in quarantine.

 **65** Confirmed COVID-19 cases in the country  **X 2** Deaths



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH) / COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- **138,000 individuals** were reached with hygiene awareness messages, including in some targeted locations, provision of soap, WASH NFIs, and clean water
- 3 community **water management committees** have been trained on COVID-19 mitigation measures. Training for another 57 water management committees to follow.
- **113 hygiene promoters** were trained on COVID-19 prevention and control methods. Training for additional 250 volunteers to improve surge capacity for future needs also underway.
- **50,000 leaflets and 10,000 posters** were produced and distributed in relevant local languages (e.g. Amharic, Oromo, Somali, Tigrigna) on COVID-19 awareness and mitigation measures. Banners with relevant messaging were displayed in many rural areas and towns.



SITE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

(SMS)

- Supporting government Site Management **to decongest Collective Centres where IDPs live** in shared spaces.
- Coordinating with WASH actors to improve **public health measures in overcrowded IDP sites**, and supporting awareness-raising on prevention of transmission.



DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX (DTM)

- COVID-19 screening is underway at five Flow Monitoring Points (all of which are closed):
 - **Dawanle** (Djibouti border) is establishing an isolation centre
 - **Tog Wujale** (Somali border) has an informal quarantine space
 - **Galafi** (Djibouti border) has a quarantine centre in a health post compound and Dubti referral hospital is the designated isolation centre
 - **Metema** (Sudan border) currently has no isolation/ quarantine centre yet (in the pipeline)
 - **Humera** (Eritrea border) has an isolation centre established in the zonal hospital.
- A COVID-19 specific Flow Monitoring Dashboard will be published in early May reflecting data collected throughout the month of April at these 5 points.
- Access and baseline information are updated regularly and is available at <https://migration.iom.int/>

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