

This bi-monthly 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 20 March 2012 to 1 April 2012. The next report will be issued on 17 April 2012.

Highlights:

ETHIOPIA - Steady increase in the inflow of Somali refugees registered in Dollo Ado. The Buramino Refugee Camp is swiftly filling to capacity as refugees continue to trickle in.

KENYA - IOM continues the provision of transport service between Kambioss and Hagadera refugee camps assisting refugees to collect food rations.

KENYA & ETHIOPIA – IOM has transported **112,589** refugees in Ethiopia and Kenya as of 31 March 2012.



A section of Buramino Camp. The Camp is now on the verge of reaching its maximum capacity.

Ethiopia Operations

Transportation:

Buramino Camp Swiftly filling up as Somali refugees continue to trickle into Dollo Ado – The Buramino Refugee Camp which was opened on November 2011, is filling up very fast. The camp is designed to take up to **20,000** refugees and is currently hosting a population of **15,677** refugees, whose transportation to the camp IOM has facilitated. The Buramino Camp was opened after Hilaweyn Refugee Camp filled to maximum capacity, accommodating more than **25,000** refugees. Buramino Refugee Camp is situated 23 km north west of the Dollo Ado Transit Centre and is the fifth camp to be set up after Hilaweyn, Kobe, Melkadida and Bokolmanyo refugee camps.

UNCHR and ARRA are expected to undertake a mission next week to inspect a potential site on the setting up of a sixth camp.

Movements :

As of 31 March 2012, IOM transported **22,861** refugees from the Dollo Ado Reception Centre to the Transit Centre and **15,677** refugees from the Transit Centre to Buramino Camp, with 769 refugees transported this week.

According to UNHCR reports, movement of refugees to the Reception Centre has been on a steady increase

over the past weeks with 1,873 refugees arriving this week compared to last week's figure of 1,293. The surge has been attributed to drought and conflict.

In January and February, most refugees were reported to have returned back to their homes to harvest their crops. However, the trend changed in March when the refugees started to return back to the camp. In particular, a sudden increase in the number of male refugees returning has been observed.

Kenya Operations

IOM Continues to provide transport service to Refugees to Collect Food Rations – The first cycle of this month's refugee transportation to collect food rations from Kambioss refugee Camp to Hagadera Refugee Camp took place on 1 April, 2012.

The Kambioss Refugee Camp hosts a total number of 12,000 refugees, according to UNHCR statistics. The transportation is provided for **2,688** heads of households and is carried out twice a month. IOM started to carry out this exercise on behalf of WFP following heightened insecurity at the Dadaab refugee Camp.

IOM will continue to do this until the security situation allows.

Movements :

As of 1 April 2012, IOM had facilitated transportation for up to **48,059** Somali refugees to the Dadaab Camp since 31 July 2011. Over **30,487** refugees have been relocated from the outskirts of Dagahaley Camp to Ifo 2 East Camp and **17,572** refugees have been transported from the Liboi border point to Dadaab.

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

PROJECT	ACTIVITIES	MARCH 1-18	March-April 19-1	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.	17,572
	No of Households	0	0		4,083
	Relocation from Dagahaley to IFO 2 East**				
	No of Individuals	74	0	↑ Relocation from Dagahaley to Ifo2 East is on-going	30,487
	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	30,487	↔ Medical assessments are linked to the number of movements	30,487
	No of Medical Referrals	0	98		190
	No of Medical Treatments	0	112		192
	No of Vulnerable Individuals	0	1,210		2,711
	Medical support to Red Cross in Ifo 2 East ****				
No of Individuals	0	0	↑ Medical support continues	6,994	
Emergency Shelters	IFO 2 East ***				
	Tent Setup	0	0	↑ Shelter Construction at Ifo 2 East have been completed	8,315
CUMULATIVE TOTAL					48,059

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

PROJECT	ACTIVITIES	MARCH 5– 18	MARCH 19– 1 April	TREND	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION	Transportation from Dollo Ado Transit Centre to Hilaweyn Camp*				
	No of Individuals	0*	0*	↔	25,992*
	No of Families	0**	0**	There was no movement to Hilaweyn Camp as the camp is at its maximum capacity.	5,198**
	Transportation from Dollo Ado Reception Centre to Transit Centre***				
	No of Individuals	1,338	2008	↑ Movements increased this week with increase in the num-	22,861
	No of Families	268	402 **		4,572**
	Transportation from Dollo Ado Transit Centre to Buramino Camp****				
	No of Individuals	945	769	↓ Movement slightly decreased this week .	15,677
	No of Families	189	154**		3,135**
FAMILY REUNIFICATION	Family Reunification				
	No of Individuals	242	480	↑ Family reunification increased this week as there were more cases identified.	3,053
HEALTH	Medical Assessments				
	Total Screened	2,525	3,,257	↑ Medical referrals decreased this week with lesser cases identified.	62,098
	No of Medical Referrals	32	32		709
	No of Unfit to Travel	28	28		706
CUMULATIVE TOTAL					64,530

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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.)