



SITUATION OVERVIEW

The humanitarian crisis in Somalia, characterized by both natural and man-made factors, is one of the most complex and longstanding emergencies in the world. Somalia is currently facing Locust crisis, whilst simultaneously preparing for the Gu raining season. With 2.6 million displaced persons, COVID-19 poses an additional challenge in already fragile context where it may further hinder access to basic services, leaving the population highly vulnerable.

As a key source, transit and, to some extent, destination country for migratory flows, Somalia continues to have an influx of migrants from neighboring countries through irregular migration routes, especially from Ethiopia and migrant returnees coming from Yemen. The Assisted Voluntary Returns from Yemen have been suspended with the closure of seaports along the Somali coastline, which may increase the number of spontaneous returns. As such, the dangers of being dropped at sea before reaching the shorelines by smugglers may increase for the migrants, but also the potential of stigma by host communities should the COVID-19 outbreak happen in areas of return. Similarly, with the border closures, vulnerable Ethiopian migrants who may wish to return home are now stranded in Somalia. Recognizing that mobility is a determinant of health and risk exposure, there is a need to urgently adopt innovative, systematic, multisectoral and inclusive response to mitigate, prepare for and respond to COVID-19 amongst the migrant population.

As of 6 April 2020, Somalia has seven confirmed COVID-19 cases in the country. Currently, 31 cases are in quarantine and isolation and 166 close contacts of suspected cases are investigated. Throughout the country, community awareness campaigns were launched and are ongoing. At Points of Entry (PoEs) and at health facilities screening for COVID-19 started. Personal Protection Equipment, and other required material to prevent, investigate and treat COVID-19 are distributed at Federal Government and Federal Member State level.



CONFIRMED CASES¹



2.6 million
DISPLACED PERSONS²

11 March 2020

WHO declared COVID-19 a pandemic



16 March 2020

First confirmed case in Somalia and suspension of all international flights



29 March 2020

Ban on all domestic flights



3 April 2020

Seventh case confirmed

¹ As of 3 April 2020.

² Somalia Humanitarian Response Plan 2020.



40 HEALTH FACILITIES
supporting the COVID-19
response



13 INFO CENTRES
to inform people on
COVID-19



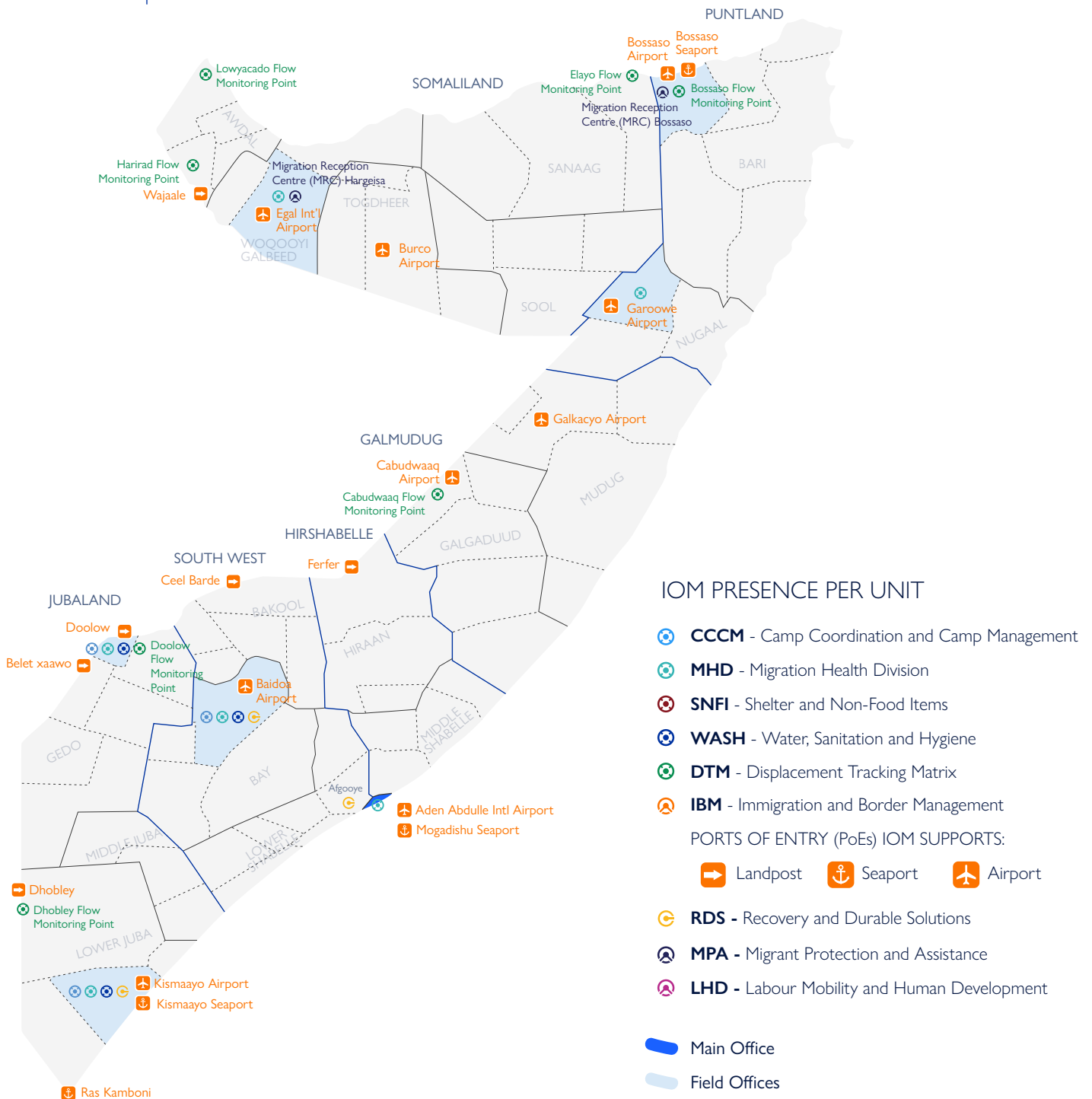
29,888 INDIVIDUALS
reached with hygiene promotion
activities and COVID-19 guidance



24 ENUMERATORS
at **7 BORDER POINTS**
collecting information

IOM SOMALIA COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE OPERATIONS

As of 5 April 2020



PROGRAMME UPDATES

In coordination and partnership with relevant actors at the national, regional and global levels, IOM will contribute to the overall objective of the National Preparedness and Response Plan for COVID-19, UN COVID-19 Country Preparedness and Response Plan (CPRP), as well as the IOM and WHO Global Strategic Preparedness and Response Plans to halt further transmission of COVID-19, and mitigate the impact of the outbreak, including the socio-economic impact. In order to ensure that IDPs, migrants, communities in hard to reach locations, returnees and vulnerable populations are assisted, IOM will build its response on existing partnerships with relevant actors at global, regional, national and sub-national levels. IOM will address cross cutting humanitarian and development needs through expansion of its programmes designed to engage directly with communities.

IOM continued mobilizing resources and finalizing its country specific COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan. Under the UN COVID-19 Task Force in Somalia, IOM has been identified as the technical lead on Psychosocial Support and Points of Entry (POE) in Somalia. During the reporting period, IOM's main activities consisted of raising awareness among IDP and migrant communities and training medical staff in health facilities on COVID-19 screening.



IDPs reached:

275 INDIVIDUALS
reached in **Doolow**
including **30 IDP leaders**

225 INDIVIDUALS
reached in **Kismayo**
including **43 IDP leaders**

300 INDIVIDUALS
reached in **Baidoa**
including **60 IDP leaders**

Joint activities of CCCM, MHD and WASH



Awareness session on COVID-19 in Kismayo IDP site. © IOM Somalia 2020

CCCM CLUSTER

- The CCCM cluster held a national ad-hoc COVID-19 meeting to discuss operational approaches during the COVID-19 crisis and to receive feedback from cluster members about information campaigns and what remaining tools are needed.
- The CCCM cluster has produced a site risk priority map which showcases some of the most at-risk sites in Somalia based on key COVID-19 related indicators.
- CCCM partners have conducted COVID-19 awareness sessions in 372 IDP sites in Somalia, which represents 37.6 per cent of the target goal of 989 IDP sites.

CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT (CCCM)

CCCM team continued to disseminate information to ensure IDPs are aware of the risks, signs and symptoms and mode of transmissions of COVID-19, and know the appropriate mitigation measure to reduce the risks.

In coordination with:

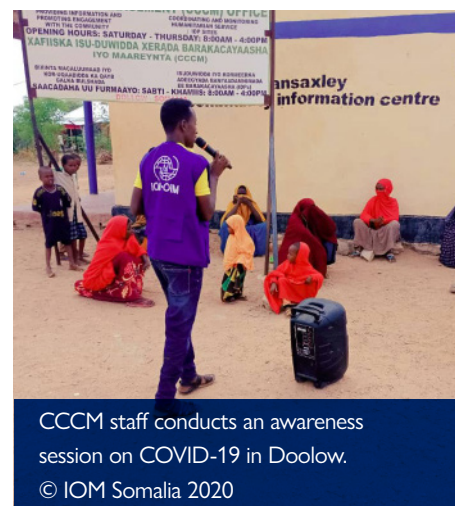
MINISTRY OF HEALTH	IDP COMMISSION OFFICES
HEALTH CLUSTER	IDP LEADERS
WHO	PARTNERS
	IDP GROUPS & COMMITTEES

CCCM trained:



FRONTLINE STAFF
IDP COMMISSION
LOCAL NGO STAFF
SITE LEADERS

to raise awareness on practices for **COVID-19 prevention**



CCCM staff conducts an awareness session on COVID-19 in Doolow. © IOM Somalia 2020

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE (WASH)

WASH teams continue to scale up its community mobilization and sensitizations sessions on good community hygiene and sanitation practices to IDP community leaders in coordination with MHD and CCCM on COVID-19. IOM continues to coordinate with the Ministry of Health WASH Unit, WASH Cluster partners, OCHA and other relevant partners on hygiene promotion activities.

- In Jubaland, the WASH team and Ministry of Health discussed COVID-19 with religious leaders and requested them to raise awareness about the risks related to COVID-19 in their communities.

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER MANAGEMENT (IBM)

IBM continued its coordination with the Immigration and Naturalization Directorate (IND) to confirm their priorities for COVID-19 support, specifically focusing on Points of Entry (PoE). This will help IOM to tailor its IBM activities and to support front-line immigration officers.

DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX (DTM)

DTM enumerators, in close coordination with the Ministry of Health in Dhobley, distributed soap and continued raising awareness on COVID-19 to the migrants who pass through Flow Monitoring Points.

 **HYGIENE PROMOTION** for households in South West State, **REACHING 16,086 INDIVIDUALS** in Barwaqo 2, Bula Jimca, Al-Furaqan, Hanano and Kormari IDP sites

 **3 LOCAL RADIO STATIONS** supported in airing COVID-19 messages **twice a day**

 **28 CARTONS OF SOAP** distributed to IDPs

 **AWARENESS RAISING** sessions in Mogadishu, integrated in **WASTE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

MIGRATION HEALTH DIVISION (MHD)

MHD started preparing staff in the health centres throughout the country for COVID-19 response, through training on adequate use and disposal of Personal and Protective Equipment (PPE). Additionally, MHD staff developed visibility material about preventive measures. In health facilities, staff are using screen TV to explain COVID-19 symptoms, preventive measures and risk factors to patients and relatives.

Activities are closely coordinated with the ministries of Health at Federal and Member State level and with local authorities.

 COVID-19 awareness raising sessions in health facilities and IDP sites and reached:

400 PEOPLE IN DHOBLEY

500 IDPs

through house-to-house visits in Hassan Barsame IDP site in Mogadishu

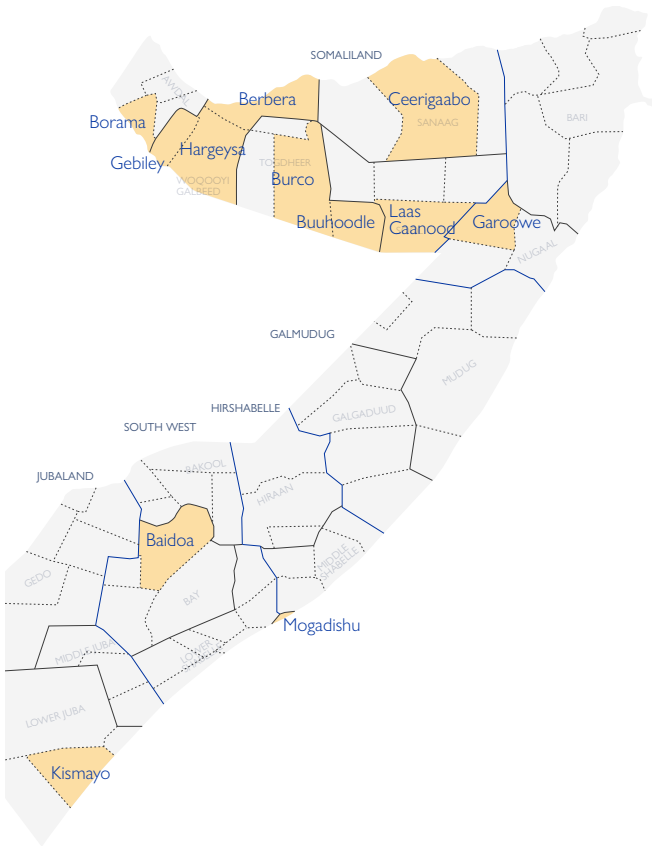
 **12 HEALTH WORKERS** were trained on COVID-19 screening in **Baidoa**

 **ONGOING SCREENING** at **40** health facilities



IOM donates PPE to the Ministry of Health and Development in Somaliland. © IOM Somalia 2020

MIDA HEALTH EXPERTS IN SOMALIA



LABOUR MOBILITY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (LHD)

Through IOM's Migration for Development in Africa (MIDA) programme, 27 diaspora health experts and 52 local health experts work across Somalia and stand ready to support the COVID-19 preparedness and response. See map.

MIGRANT PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE (MPA)

Somalia continues to receive migrants from neighbouring countries, especially from Ethiopia. To prepare the Migration Reception Centres (MRC), IOM distributed COVID-19 material kits consisting of gloves, two infrared temperature testing devices, detergents, hand sanitizers masks, two sets of PPEs, as well as printed awareness raising materials for dissemination, to the MRC in Bossaso and Hargeisa. Measures taken at MRCs include:

- MEDICAL CHECKUP** for all returnees & migrants
- AWARENESS RAISING SESSIONS** on COVID-19
- HAND SANITIZER** to returnees & migrants
- New measures to maintain **SOCIAL DISTANCE**

RECOVERY AND DURABLE SOLUTIONS (RDS)

RDS is reallocating stabilization funds to COVID-19 prevention and control measures in Jubaland and South West State, particularly focusing on increasing trust in local governments, while breaking the link between social tensions and disease transmissions. Additionally, support to health system and medical outreach capacity will be provided to 19 clinics in urban and peri-urban centres in Afgoye, Baidoa and Kismayo. This included:

- Procuring of **PPES** and **CLEANING SUPPLIES**.
- TRAINING** of health facility staff
- Establishing **ISOLATION CAPACITY**
- Establishing **HAND-WASHING** stations, **LATRINES** and **WASTE MANAGEMENT** infrastructure
- COMMUNICATION MATERIALS** in Somali
- RENTAL OF VEHICLES** to safely transport patients with suspected COVID-19 to referral hospitals.



IOM hygiene promoters in Kabasa IDP settlement, Doolow, conduct awareness sessions on COVID-19 to local community.

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IOM donates Personal Protective Equipment to the National Displacement & Refugee Agency in Hargeisa, Somaliland. It will be used at their Migration Response Centre.



IOM teams and partners conduct awareness sessions on COVID-19 prevention across Somalia. This week our field staff has demonstrated handwashing methods to IDP populations in Baidoa.

IOM GLOBAL INITIATIVES

The current outbreak of COVID-19 has affected global mobility in the form of various travel disruptions, restrictions and blockages. To better understand how COVID-19 affects global mobility, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) has been working to map the impacts on human mobility, at Global, Regional and Country level. Subsequently, the IOM globally have initiated the following activities:

- COVID 19 Travel Restriction Monitoring;
- COVID 19 Country Points of Entry (POE) Status Baseline Assessment.

The different products (Interactive Dashboards, Reports, Static Maps, Databases), along with the different methodologies can be found [here](#).

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