



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 happens 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 11 April 2020, Somalia has 21 confirmed COVID-19 cases (19 male and 2 female) in the country, 1 reported fatality and 1 recovered case. Some of the confirmed cases do not have any travel history outside the country, which could indicate local transmission of the virus. Since 9 April, COVID-19 tests are done at the National Laboratory in Mogadishu. Restriction, particularly on flights, are affecting import of goods, which could affect humanitarian operations. The UN launched a [website](#) with all measures and up-to-date information about the COVID-19 Response in Somalia.

 21

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



8 April 2020

First reported fatality



11 April 2020

Twenty one cases confirmed

¹ As of 11 April 2020.

² Somalia Humanitarian Response Plan 2020.



40 HEALTH FACILITIES
screening patients for
COVID-19 symptoms



13 INFO CENTRES
to inform people on
COVID-19



70,445 INDIVIDUALS
reached with hygiene promotion
activities and COVID-19 guidance
(cumulative)



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

SUPPORTING HEALTH WORKERS TO COMBAT COVID-19 IN SOMALIA



Mogadishu, April 2020

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Somalia has donated the first round of life-saving equipment that will be used at the De Martini Hospital, Mogadishu, the referral hospital to treat COVID-19 patients in Somalia. Some of the equipment will be also distributed at Points of Entry (PoEs) across the country in the coming days. The timely donation is possible thanks to the generous funding of IOM's Migration Emergency Funding Mechanism (MEFM), a flexible internal funding mechanism that enables IOM country offices to quickly access funding in order to provide rapid assistance during emergencies.

Among the most needed equipment at the De Martini Hospital, IOM delivered Personal Protective Equipment (PPE),

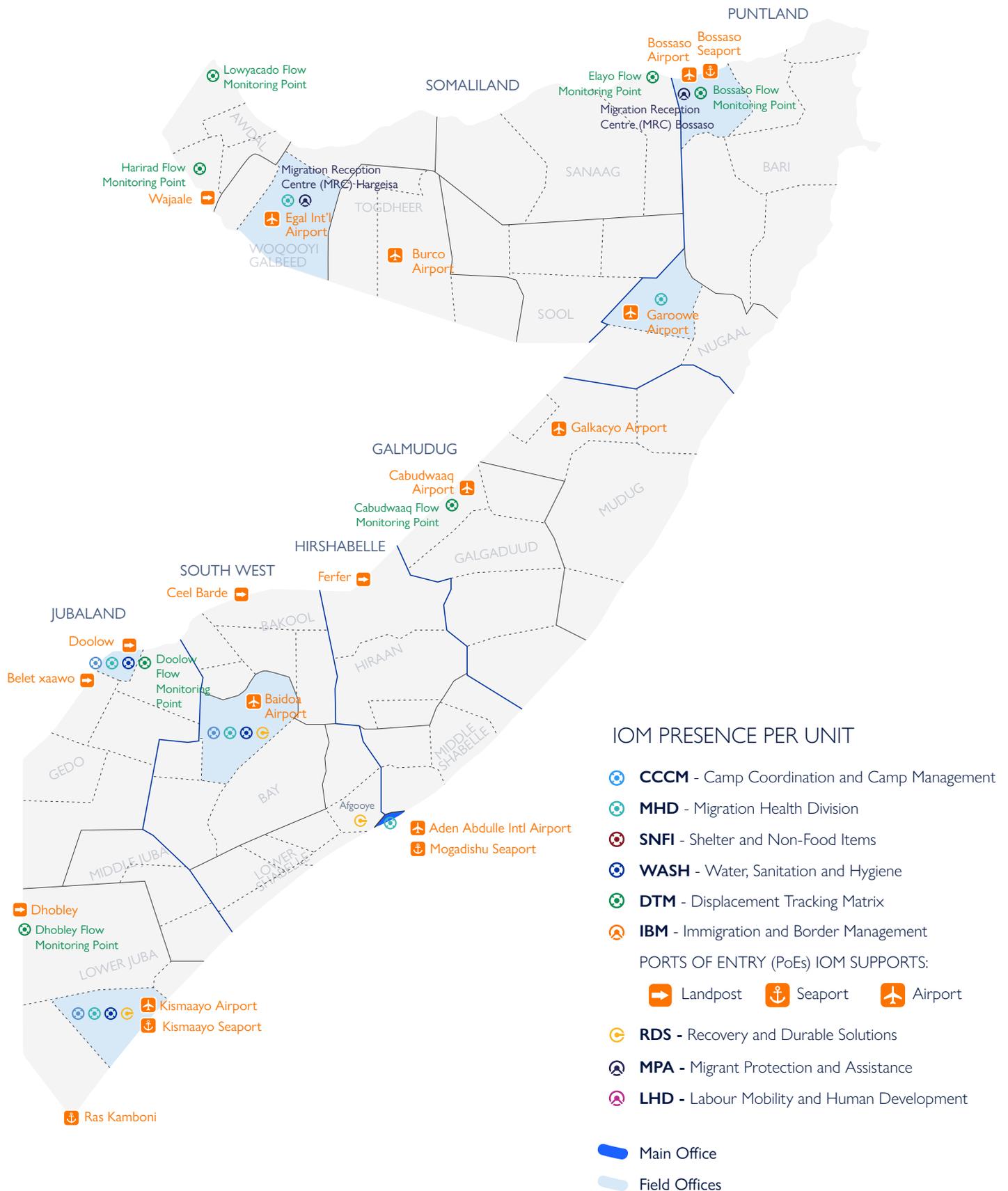
including 10 thermometers, 100 hand sanitizers, 400 surgical sterile gloves, 300 boxes of medical non-sterile gloves, 1,000 N95 face masks, 800 disposable gowns and surgical head caps, 8 blood pressure machines and 15 oxygen concentrates among others.

Less than 20 per cent of health facilities in Somalia have the required equipment and supplies to manage epidemics according to OCHA. With this support, IOM was able to kick start its activities on COVID-19 preparedness and response.

IOM will continue its efforts in supporting the Federal Government of Somalia to prevent a possible outbreak, protect frontline health workers and save lives.

IOM SOMALIA COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE OPERATIONS

As of 11 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 finalized its country specific COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan. During the reporting period, IOM's main activities consisted of COVID-19 and hygiene awareness raising among IDP and migrant communities, while medical staff in health facilities continued to be trained on screening and already started screening patients. Specific attention was given to border areas and Points of Entry (PoEs) by disseminating COVID-19 and hygiene information to people crossing those points.



IDPs reached:

236 INDIVIDUALS
reached in **Doolow**
including **20 IDP leaders**
Indirect beneficiaries: 4,602

148 INDIVIDUALS
reached in **Kismayo**
including **11 IDP leaders**
Indirect beneficiaries: 10,793

500 INDIVIDUALS
reached in **Baidoa**
including **60 IDP leaders**
Indirect beneficiaries: 6,139

Joint activities of CCCM, MHD and WASH

CCCM CLUSTER

CCCM partners have conducted **COVID-19 AWARENESS SESSIONS** in **64 IDP sites**



CCCM teams conducting an awareness session next to a water point on COVID-19 in Qansahley IDP site © IOM Somalia 2020

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. Last week, the Mayor and District Commissioner office officials joined IOM team when they visited the sites in Baidoa to conduct COVID-19 awareness sessions.

In coordination with:

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

CCCM trained:



- FRONTLINE STAFF
- IDP COMMISSION
- LOCAL NGO STAFF
- SITE LEADERS

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

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 including:

-  **110 IDP COMMUNITY LEADERS** (44 male, 66 female) were trained
-  **38,128 INDIVIDUALS** were reached in **Baidoa, Bardhere, Doolow and Luuq** (6,355 HHs)



IOM WASH field teams conducting an awareness raisin session on hygiene promotion in Baidoa. © IOM Somalia 2020

DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX (DTM)

DTM continues to raise awareness among migrants crossing the border at seven Flow Monitoring Points. Additionally, the team started to collect data on mobility restrictions due to COVID-19 measures taken by authorities and includes COVID-19 indicators in the flow monitoring activities.

-  **HOUSE TO HOUSE VISITS** to advise people to **avoid crowded places**
-  **HANDWASHING DEMONSTRATIONS**
-  Increase **awareness** on **SOCIAL DISTANCING**
-  **HYGIENE PROMOTION** messages through **3 RADIO STATIONS** in **South West State**
-  **10 HANDWASHING POINTS** installed in **Baidoa**
-  **7 HYGIENE PROMOTORS** recruited at **Dhobley border**

MIGRATION HEALTH DIVISION (MHD)

MHD continues to prepare staff in the health facilities across Somalia for COVID-19 response, through training on adequate use and disposal of Personal and Protective Equipment (PPE). In the health facilities, screening of people entering the centres is ongoing. COVID-19 health education is integrated in the regular healthcare services provided by IOM and the Ministry of Health staff. Finally, MHD staff developed visibility material about preventive measures, which were distributed to the different health facilities.

-  COVID-19 awareness raising sessions in health facilities and IDP sites and reached:
 - 510 AT HUDUR STATIC CLINIC**
 - 685 THROUGH HUDUR MOBILE TEAMS**
 - 350 IN DHOBLEY**
-  **12 HEALTH WORKERS** were trained on COVID-19 screening in **Kismayo**
-  **700 PEOPLE** entering Doolow from Ethiopia were screened at **PoEs**
-  **2 HEALTH WORKERS** conducted screenings at **POEs in Baidoa**

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

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MIDA DIASPORA EXPERT DR. HASSAN MUBARAK SUPPORTS LOCAL HEALTH WORKERS IN MERKA



Participants of the two days training conducted in Merka by Dr Hassan Mubarak on COVID-19 © IOM Somalia 2020

Through IOM's MIDA FINNSOM programme, Dr. Hassan Mubarak has conducted a two days training in Merka, southern Somalia, to provide public health workers with basic knowledge on COVID-19. Over 40 public health workers attended the training which will benefit communities in hard to reach areas where there is a shortage of primary health services. IOM is working with the authorities and partners to ensure **no one is left behind**.

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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