



IOM Response to the Horn of Africa Crisis

EXTERNAL SITUATION REPORT

13 December 2011

OVERVIEW

This weekly 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 6 December to 12 December 2011. The next report will be issued on 20 December 2011.

Highlights

- KENYA & ETHIOPIA – IOM has transported **84,979** refugees in Ethiopia and Kenya as of 11 December, 2011.
- KENYA – IOM resumes activities to erect 800 tents in Ifo 2 East Camp.
- KENYA – IOM medical staff continues with provision of medical assistance to refugees in Ifo 2 East Camp.
- ETHIOPIA – IOM medical team plays critical role in provision of health care services in Melkadida, Bokolmanyo Camps.

ANALYSIS & TRENDS

IOM Resumes Activities to Erect 800 Tents in Ifo 2 East Camp –One Month after IOM stopped carrying out shelter construction in Ifo 2 East Camp due to security concerns and a lack of available tents, the shelter team resumed its emergency shelter activities in the camp on 9 December setting up a total of 8,184 tents by 12 December 2011. The exercise is meant to erect an additional 800 more tents for the completion of some of the empty blocks in the camp. These tents will be in addition to 7,654 erected previously in Ifo 2 East Camp and will be used to provide shelter for refugees living in the outskirts of Dagahaley Camp.

Meanwhile, IOM is planning to start the relocation of approximately 3,000 refugees currently living in the outskirts of Dagahaley to Ifo 2 East Camp before the end of the year. The initial exercise that saw IOM relocating 27,000 refugees was halted due to security concerns in the area.



IOM staff erecting a tent in Ifo 2 East Camp



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Kenya Operations

IOM to Carry Second Leg of Transportation of Refugees to Collect Food Rations– IOM drought response team is set to carry out this month’s second leg of transportation of refugees from Kambioos Refugee Camp to Hagadera Refugee Camp to collect food rations in an exercise meant to benefit a total of 2,188 families or 10,236 individuals. The transportation services provided by IOM correspond with WFP’s food distribution schedule for this month. The first leg of transportation was carried out on 1 December, with the next cycle set for 1 January 2011.

IOM Medical Staff Continues with Provision of Medical Assistance to Refugees in Ifo 2 East Camp–As of 13 December IOM medical staff currently offering assistance to the refugee population in Ifo 2 East Camp have attended to a total of 1,761 patients. The medical staff comprising four nurses, two clinical officers and one doctor are supporting Kenya Red Cross (KRC) medical team to curb outbreak of waterborne diseases in the camp. Currently, many of the patients are treated for watery Diarrhoea with the medical team also offering ante-natal care services and immunizing children under the ages of one.

Movements – There have been no movements in Dadaab since 14 October following security concerns in the region.

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

IOM RESPONSE IN DADAAB, KENYA

PROJECT	ACTIVITIES	28 NOV – 05 DECEMBER	05 - 12 DECEMBER	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. All IOM activities in Dadaab were halted from 14 October 2011 until further notice.	17,172
	No of Households	0	0		4,083
	Relocation from Dagahaley to IFO 2 East**				
	No of Individuals	0	0	↔ Relocation from Dagahaley to Ifo2 east stopped due to security concerns at the refugee camps. I	27,778
	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	0	↔ Medical assessments are linked to the number of movements	27,778
	No of Medical Referrals	0	0		92
No of Medical Treatments	0	0	80		
No of Vulnerable Individuals	0	0	1,501		
Emergency Shelters	IFO 2 East ***				
	Tent Setup	0	530	↑ Shelter Construction at Ifo 2 East have been completed	8,184
CUMULATIVE TOTAL					44,950

* Started on 31 July, 2011 ** Started on 18 August, 2011 *** Started on 09 August, 2011

No change in figures presented since all activities in the Dadaab Refugee Camp were temporarily halted since 14 October 2011 following security concerns.



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Ethiopia Operations

IOM Relocates 1,446 Refugees to Buramino Camp– IOM is still continuing with the relocation of refugees from the overcrowded Dollo Ado Transit Centre to the new Buramino Camp with a total number of 1,446 refugees transported as of 11 December 2011 since the opening of the camp on 30 November 2011. IOM is doing the movement with support from UNHCR.

IOM Medical Team Plays Critical Role in Provision of Healthcare Services in Melkedida, Bokolmany Camps– As part of IOM’s support to the Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) in the provision of primary health care provision in Melkedida and Bokolmany Camps, the medical team plays a crucial role in the health centres handling in-patients and out-patients as well as referrals. Maternal health services have improved remarkably in the two camps after IOM last month assigned a midwife who is proving antenatal health care.

As of 11 December 2011 the IOM midwife has attended to 28 pregnant mothers and assisted in the delivery of six new born babies. The cumulative number of medical assistance and consultation stands at 6,334 patients.

Movement - As of 11 December, 2011 IOM has provided transportation assistance to 38,582 refugees from the Reception Centre to the Transit Centre and from the Transit Centre to Hilaweyn Camp. Meanwhile, the number of new arrivals in Dollo Ado Reception Centre continues to increase, after a dip observed in the past few weeks. This week, close to 799 refugees arrived at the Reception Centre, compared to last week’s figure of 496 refugees.

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

IOM RESPONSE IN DOLLO ADO, ETHIOPIA

PROJECT	ACTIVITIES	28 NOV - 4 DECEMBER	5 -11 DECEMBER	TREND	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
Emergency Transportation	Transportation from Dollo Ado Transit Centre to Hilaweyn Camp*				
	No of Individuals	0*	0*	↓ There was no movement to Hilaweyn Camp as the camp is at its maximum capacity.	25,992*
	No of Families	0**	0**		5,198**
	Transportation from Dollo Ado Reception Centre to Transit Centre***				
	No of Individuals	619***	879***	↑ Movements picked up this week as new arrivals increased.	12,590***
	No of Families	124**	176**		2,518**
	Transportation from Dollo Ado Transit Centre to Buramino Camp****				
	No of Individuals	384	1,062****	↑ Movement increased as relocation continues	1,446
No of Families	77	289	366		
Family Reunification	Family Reunification				
	No of Individuals	0	70	↑ Family reunification increased this week movements picked up	1,585
Health	Medical Assessments				
	Total Screened	1,003	1,941	↓ Medical referrals decreased this week as there were few cases with medical conditions.	398
	No of Medical Referrals	34	9		433
	No of Unfit to Travel	34	4		344
CUMULATIVE TOTAL					40,028

* The total number of movement also includes movements from the Transit Centre to camps, from the Reception Centre to the Transit Centre and between camps conducted earlier. ** Based on the assumption that one family has five members. *** Started 1 October 2011 **** Started movement from the Transit Centre to Buramino Camp on 30 November 2011.



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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.)