



IOM Response to the Horn of Africa Crisis

EXTERNAL SITUATION REPORT

10 January 2012

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 3 January 2011 to 9 January 2012. The next report will be issued on 17 January 2012. *Please note the report will now be published after every two weeks.*

Highlights

- KENYA & ETHIOPIA – IOM has transported **93,231** refugees in Ethiopia and Kenya as of 8 January.
- ETHIOPIA – IOM deploys one medical doctor to Bokolmanyo Camp to strengthen medical support.

ANALYSIS & TRENDS

IOM Medical Intervention in Ethiopia and Kenya– As part of IOM’s support to the Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) in the provision of primary health care at the Melkedida and Bokolmanyo Camps, the IOM Migration Health team continues to attend to the in and out-patients. With a view to improve the quality of health services in Bokolmanyo Camp, IOM on 7 January 2012 deployed a doctor to support a nurse and a midwife who are currently offering medical support. IOM has already deployed two visiting specialists, a Psychiatrist and an Ophthalmologist who are offering specialized mental and eye care services in the camps.



IOM started implementing its extended health support to build the capacity of ARRA in its new project which is supported by the humanitarian response fund to enable IOM field experienced doctors and nurses to support primary health care in the two camps. The project will also see the construction of two temporary satellite clinics and two emergency wards for management of acute watery diarrhoea as an essential preparedness measure. This initiative will provide direct health services to 6,000 refugees in the two camps, enhance preparedness for potential epidemics and reach up to 45,000 refugees with key messages to increase health seeking behaviour and

awareness on key public health issues. As of 8 January 2012 the health team has performed 8,253 consultations and medical assistance in both camps.

As of December 19, 2011 a total of 2,135 refugees in Ifo 2 East Camp have received medical assistance from the Kenya Red Cross with assistance from IOM medical staff. The team of four nurses, two clinical officers and one doctor are supporting Kenya Red Cross (KRC) medical team to curb the outbreak of waterborne diseases in the camp. Since the beginning of the exercise on 2 November 2011 most of the patients were treated for watery diarrhoea. The team has also offered Ante-natal care services and immunized children between the ages of 0-12 months.

Ethiopia Operations

IOM Deploys one Medical Doctor to Bokolmanyo Camp to Strengthen Medical Support – On 7 January 2012, IOM deployed one medical doctor to Bokolmanyo Camp in an effort to continue to improve access and the quality of health services in the camp where IOM had earlier deployed a nurse and a midwife. As of 8 January, the IOM health team had attended to 8,253 patients in the two camps.

Meanwhile, IOM is in the process of constructing a health post in Melkadida camp which will enable more than 45,000 refugees in the camp receive ample medical services and also as a buffer against possible disease outbreaks.

Movement - As of 8 January, 2012 IOM had provided transportation assistance to 47,882 refugees from the Dollo Ado Reception Centre to the Transit Centre and from the Transit Centre to Hilaweyn Camp and Buramino Refugee Camps. UNCHR reports indicate that approximately 510 refugees arrive daily at the Reception Centre, registering a surge from last week's figure of 369. The number of families reunified increased this week from 66 to 95 as movements from the Transit Centre to Buramino Camp picked up and more cases were identified.

Meanwhile, IOM continues with the relocation of refugees to and from the Transit Centre to Buramino Camp with a total of 1,992 refugees transported this week, bringing the cumulative number of refugees assisted by IOM to 6,062 since the exercise began in 30 November 2011. Thirty three migrants were referred for further medical attention among the 2,645 screened since 1 January 2012, bringing the cumulative total of medical referrals to 34,619.

As of 6 January 2012 the total refugee population in Dollo Ado stands at 142,658.

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



Refugees wait to be relocated to Buramino Refugee Camp in Dollo Ado Centre



A section of the new Buramino Refugee Camp in Dollo Ado



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IOM RESPONSE IN DOLLO ADO, ETHIOPIA

PROJECT	ACTIVITIES	26 - 31 DECEMBER	1 - 8 JANUARY	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	475***	558***	↑ Movements increased slightly this week as the number of new arrivals increased.	15,828***
	No of Families	95**	112**		3,166**
	Transportation from Dollo Ado Transit Centre to Buramino Camp****				
No of Individuals	1,514****	1,192****	↑ Movement increased this week as relocations were mainly devoted to this camp(the movements decreased)	6,062	
No of Families	303	398**		511	
Family Reunification	Family Reunification				
	No of Individuals	66	95	↑ Family reunification increased this week as there were more cases identified.	1,972
Health	Medical Assessments				
	Total Screened	2,055	2,645	↔ Medical referral is the same as last week.	34,619
	No of Medical Referrals	33	33		531
	No of Unfit to Travel	27	28		539
CUMULATIVE TOTAL					47,882

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.)