



IOM Response to the Horn of Africa Crisis

EXTERNAL SITUATION REPORT

27 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 20 December to 26 December 2011. The next report will be issued on 4 January 2012.

Highlights

- ETHIOPIA – IOM has transported **43,343** refugees in Ethiopia as of 26 December.
- ETHIOPIA – IOM relocates over **600** refugees to new Buramino Camp.

Ethiopia Operations

IOM Relocates over 600 Refugees to new Buramino Camp–IOM in close collaboration with UNCHR and the Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) have relocated 607 Somali refugees to the new Buramino Camp. During this reporting period, the total number of refugee relocated came to 2,556 with IOM planning to relocate an additional 1,500 refugees by 30 December, 2011. According to UNHCR the number of refugees in Dollo Ado Complex has surpassed the 140,000 mark with the number of new arrivals expected to surge in the coming months due to heavy rains which are now subsidizing.

Movement - As of 27 December, 2011 IOM has provided transportation assistance to 40,787 refugees from the Reception Centre to the Transit Centre and from the Transit Centre to Hilaweyn Camp. In this reporting period, there was a decrease with 1,074 refugees arriving in the Reception Centre compared to last week's figure of 1,215 refugees.



An IOM nurse attends to a patient at one of the camps

IOM Health Team Attends to 7,210 Refugees in Melkedida and Bokolomanyo Camps– The IOM health team in Dollo Ado has attended to a total of 7,210 patients in form consultations and medical assistance in both Melkedida and Bokolomanyo Camps. Two visiting specialists, a Psychiatrist and an Ophthalmologist are offering specialized mental and eye care services have been deployed in the camps. The two specialists have so far attended to more than 100 patients in both camps. Prior to this, IOM had deployed doctors, nurses and a midwife who are currently supporting the Ethiopian Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) in the camps health centres.



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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	12 - 18 DECEMBER	19 - 25 DECEMBER	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	1,060***	1,009***	↑ Movements picked up this week as new arrivals increased.	14,795***
	No of Families	212**	222**		2,959**
	Transportation from Dollo Ado Transit Centre to Buramino Camp****				
No of Individuals	503****	607****	↑ Movement increased slightly this week.	2,556	
No of Families	101	121**		511	
Family Reunification	Family Reunification				
	No of Individuals	96	130	↑ Family reunification increased this week as there were more cases identified.	1,811
Health	Medical Assessments				
	Total Screened	1,941	1,563	↔ Medical referrals is the same as last week	
	No of Medical Referrals	9	36		465
	No of Unfit to Travel	4	23		484
CUMULATIVE TOTAL					43,343

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.)