

COVID-19 RESPONSE KEY HIGHLIGHTS

March 2020 — September 2020



A long haul truck driver getting tested for COVID-19 at Mombasa's Point of Entry. © IOM 2020



7,447

Tests carried out at IOM's Laboratory in Nairobi



12,100

Testing kits sourced for the Government



8,231

Samples processed for truckers at Mombasa's Point of Entry



2,717

Individuals sensitized on risks and prevention



3,050

Internally Displaced Population (IDP)s supported through WASH programme



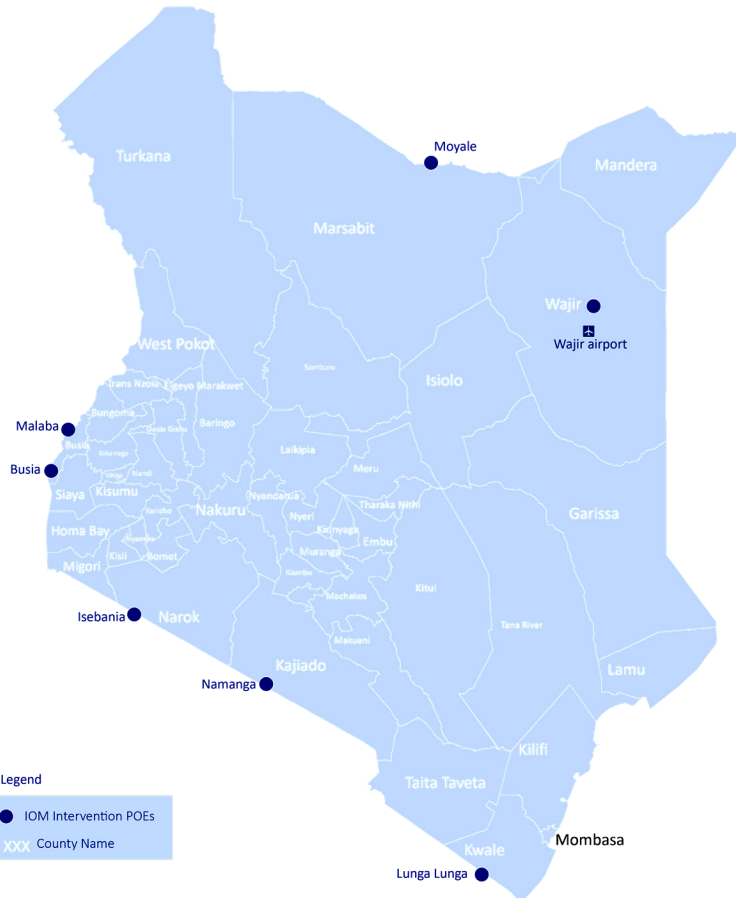
2,724

Ethiopian beneficiaries received food assistance

Following the COVID-19 outbreak in March 2020, IOM was among the first organizations to respond to the Government of Kenya's call for support. With IOM Kenya's strong operational capacity, leading role at points of entry and expertise in the areas of migration health and immigration and border management, the mission has been providing extensive support in case management, surveillance, infection prevention and control, capacity building of testing laboratories, carrying out rapid assessments at 7 points of entry, risk communications and community engagement.

In April 2020, IOM Kenya in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Directorate of Immigration conducted a joint rapid assessment at the Points of Entry (PoEs) in Namanga, Busia, Malaba, Wajir, Lunga Lunga, Moyale and Isebania borders. The preliminary findings of the assessment indicated that despite the closure of the borders approximately **400 migrants and border communities move through the informal border crossing points**. Additionally, truck drivers were identified as a high risk group for the spread and transmission of the disease, bringing much of the trade in the region to a grinding halt. The study also indicated that migrants who remained stranded due to the closure of the international borders were **vulnerable due to limited resources for their continued livelihood** in the midst of the pandemic. As a result, **IOM Kenya reprogrammed its resource mobilization strategy** to assist migrants and communities across the country's capital and the above mentioned 7 points of entry.

IMMIGRATION AND BORDER MANAGEMENT



IOM Kenya's Points of Intervention

Upon carrying out the rapid assessments jointly with the Department for Immigration and the Ministry of Health, at the seven PoEs, IOM continued to support the Government with enhancing the testing capacities. Through the DTM project, IOM is supporting the government to enhance preparedness in prioritized PoEs and to identify locations for establishing Points of Control (POC) where travelers cross the borders illegally. This will help inform interventions to mitigate vulnerability at these locations due to an increased migration flow.

Additionally, in partnership with the department of Immigration, IOM is conducting e-gates assessment at major PoEs including JKIA and Moi International airport to enhance infection prevention at the major transit airports and land borders.

IMPACT:

 **8,231** Samples processed for truckers at Mombasa's Point of Entry

 **2,570** Truckers tested at Malaba and Busia in addition to Mombasa.

MIGRATION HEALTH

The IOM laboratory in Nairobi is authorized to perform SARS-CoV-2 testing services to humanitarian workers, refugees and UN staff supporting both Nairobi, Kakuma and Dadaab refugee camps. IOM has also relocated a ThermoFisher PCR laboratory equipment to the ICRH laboratory in Mombasa Coast general Hospital to support the COVID-19 testing among truck drivers loading cargo from the port of Mombasa. To date —

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Tests has been carried out at IOM's Laboratory in Nairobi

 **12,100**

Testing kits were made available for the Government with 4,500 for Malaba/Busia and 7,600 for Mombasa



A medical staff testing specimen. Through the thermoFisher PCR equipment at the International Center for reproductive Health Kenya laboratory © IOM 2020

The **Eastleigh Community Wellness Centre (ECWC)**, run by IOM Kenya in partnership with AMREF, provides free, non-discriminatory, and comprehensive migrant-friendly health services to both migrants and the host community. Since the onset of COVID-19 in Kenya, the ECWC has continued to offer a range of essential healthcare services to over 9,000 men, women, boys, and girls and conducted over 1,000 household visits during community outreach for health promotion. During this period, **464 women have received antenatal care** while **279 women have accessed postnatal care services**. Family planning counseling and options have also been provided to 523 women.

HIV SCREENING



TB SCREENING



NUTRITIONAL SCREENING



CASE MANAGEMENT, SURVEILLANCE AND INFECTION, PREVENTION & CONTROL



269 Frontline workers trained to date

135 border officials, 54 airport staff, 40 community health volunteers and 25 community health extension workers

35 Staff members deployed

To assist with disease surveillance and response at government designated

27 Points of Entry received IPC supplies

That included gloves, hand sanitizers and masks worth nearly USD 20K

As part of IOM's case management, surveillance and infection, prevention and control (IPC) initiatives, the mission has trained 269 frontline workers engaged with different government and community engagement bodies. Between 25 August to 4 September, IOM conducted IPC training for 54 airport staff at JKIA and further provided Personal Protective Gears (PPE)s. Furthermore, 120 Kenya Police Service officers and guards in Kakuma and 15 port health and immigration officers in Lokichogio were also trained during this period. In June 2020, IOM trained 25 Community Health Extension workers from Dadaab and Garissa.

IOM Kenya also deployed 35 staff to assist with disease surveillance and response at government designated quarantine facilities as early as March 2020 until the end of August 2020. IOM staff included doctors, nurses, data, administration and finance staff.

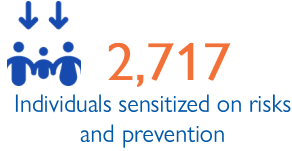
Additionally, on May 2020, IOM donated Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) supplies (gloves, hand sanitizers and masks) worth 20,000 USD towards improving IPC at 27 Points of Entry.

IOM also operates a primary healthcare center in Eastleigh area, which is an informal settlement that is home to urban refugees, migrants and host communities. The continuation of primary healthcare services and the dissemination of infection, prevention and control messages targeting the urban migrants in Eastleigh is essential to mitigate the spread of COVID.

RISK MANAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

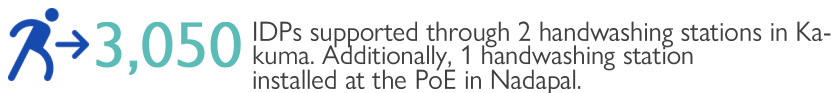
In Nairobi's Eastleigh, an area predominantly populated by migrants, IOM conducted risk communication awareness raising drives targeting the local community with messages covering topics such as infection prevention, health promotion and hygiene.

OUTREACH BY THE NUMBERS:



In August 2020, IOM also conducted a series of camp coordination and camp management (CCCM) training to build the capacity of County Government Officers in administration and disaster management. A total of 32 staff from the county government of Turkana participated in the trainings.

WATER SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)



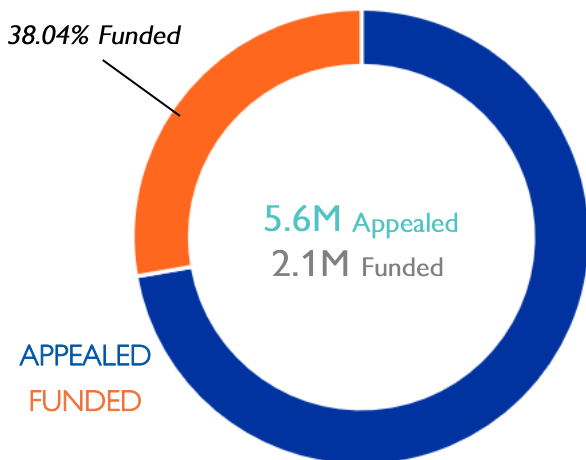
MIGRANT PROTECTION, ASSISTANCE AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

During the airport shutdown IOM supported 12 stranded migrants with full board hotel accommodation, meals and personal need items. Migrants were also provided with medical care and assisted return once the airports were opened.

On September 2020, IOM distributed foodstuffs to 491 Ethiopian families as part of support towards mitigating the effects of COVID-19 among migrant

IOM counsellors also provided Psychosocial support by way of tele-counseling to the migrants and staff deployed to the response.

FUNDING SITUATION:



A funding Appeal of USD 5.6M was launched in April 2020
To-date only USD 2.1 has been funded.

The test kits in Mombasa are being rapidly depleted.

IOM had secured funding for 7,600 Thermofisher test kits and these will likely be exhausted in 6 weeks' time.

There is an urgent need to mobilize resources to sustain the testing among the truck drivers which is of great public health importance and also a requirement for the cross-border movement of goods and trade.

IOM Kenya's COVID—19 response is currently being supported by

