



# IOM RESPONSE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA

## External Situation Report | 10 August 2011

### OVERVIEW

#### Highlights

- ✦ In Ethiopia, IOM medical screening and transportation assistance reached 5,135 refugees, with daily movements surpassing 1,000 individuals.
- ✦ In Gode, South Eastern Ethiopia, IOM is taking part in an interagency needs assessment mission to evaluate refugees' conditions.
- ✦ In Kenya, IOM is starting operations to set up 7,500 tents in the Ifo refugee camp extension.
- ✦ In Kenya, IOM continues to facilitate the safe and dignified movement of refugees and continues to provide primary health care assistance.

### ETHIOPIA



#### IOM response as of 9 August 2011

Transportation assistance	<b>5,135</b>
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IOM is taking part in the joint rapid needs assessment (UNHCR/ARRA/UNOCHA/MERLIN/WFP/UNICEF/IOM) on the refugee situation in Gode, South Eastern Ethiopia. The mission is expected to be concluded by the end of the week.

#### Medical (Dollo Ado)

~IOM medical staff, in coordination with the Administration for Refugees/Returnees Affairs of the Government of Ethiopia (ARRA) and other humanitarian partners, continues to provide medical assistance to refugees both at the transit point and in the Melkadida camp. Pre-embarkation medical checks are also ongoing in conjunction with the provision of transportation services.

~In continued discussions with ARRA, the IOM medical team is scaling up operations in the on-going emergency.

#### Transportation (Dollo Ado)

~Movement to date. As of 9 August IOM assisted a total of 5,135 refugees, providing safe and dignified transport to the new arrivals from the Dollo Ado Transit Centre to Hilowen camp, and to members of separated families to Melkadida, Bolkomanyio and Kobe camps. IOM buses and locally-hired mini vans are the used means of transportation.



IOM doctor examining a refugee in pre-embarkation medical check-up (Photo: IOM ©2011)



IOM buses heading to Hilowen refugee camp (Photo: IOM ©2011)

Date	From Transit Centre To:	Number	Comments
01 - 04 August	Hilowen	273	New arrivals
	Melkadida, Bolkomanyo, Kobe	649	Family reunifications
05 August	Hilowen	1,069	New arrivals
06 August	Hilowen	910	New arrivals
08 August	Hilowen	1,069	New arrival
09 August	Hilowen	1,146	New Arrivals
	Kobe	19	Family reunification
01 - 09 August	<b>Total Transportation Assistance</b>	<b>5,135</b>	



IOM response as of 9 August 2011	
Transportation assistance:	<b>891</b>
Primary health care assistance:	<b>39</b>

### Emergency Shelter (Ifo Camp)

~At the request of UNHCR, IOM is working in the Ifo extension where demarcation and tents pitching activities are on-going to prepare the camp to host up to 60,000 refugees. 7,500 tents are expected to be erected in the 360 hectares piece of land by 30 September 2011.

~IOM foremen and workers responsible for pitching tents at the Ifo 2 and Ifo 3 refugee camps participated in a Training of Trainers exercise offered by Shelter Box.

### Transportation

~Movement to date. As at 9 August, transport and pre-embarkation medical screening had been provided to 891 vulnerable Somali refugees. This assistance is provided in conjunction with UNHCR Protection staff and is in response to ad hoc requests from the Provincial Administration.

### Livelihoods Support to Host Communities

~Building on the results of needs assessments carried out in host communities, livelihood recovery activities are envisaged in the areas of:

**Livestock:** off-take of 800 sheep and goats

**Water:** rehabilitation of a water pan, construction of an elevated water tank in Liboi, construction of water kiosks at two borehole sites in Dadaab, distribution of plastic water tanks for storage of government-supplied water.

~Building on ongoing programmes, IOM envisages scale up of activities in the areas of livelihood, capacity building for government officials and early recovery programmes in Mogadishu.



IOM foremen and workers assist in pitching tents at Ifo camp in Dadaab during the Training of Trainers exercise (Photo IOM Mary Muriithi © 2011)



Asylum seekers wait to board a bus at Hamey in Liboi. Majority of the new arrivals are women and children (Photo: IOM Mary Muriithi ©2011)



Pastoralists have lost their livestock (Photo: IOM Mary Muriithi ©2011)

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