

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 17 October to 24 October. The next report will be issued on 01 November 2011.

Highlights

- KENYA & ETHIOPIA - A total of **78,050** people have been transported as of 24 October 2011 from Dollo Ado to Hilaweyn Refugee Camp in Ethiopia and from Liboi and the outskirts of the Dagahaley Refugee Camp to Ifo 2 East in Dadaab, Kenya.
- KENYA - IOM temporarily stops transportation assistance for refugees arriving from Somalia due to security concerns.
- ETHIOPIA – Preparations are underway to open up a new camp in Dollo Ado as the Hilaweyn Refugee Camp reaches its maximum capacity.
- ETHIOPIA – Heavy rains slow down humanitarian work in Dollo Ado and reduces the number of new arrivals at the Reception Centre.

ANALYSIS & TRENDS

IOM Halts Transportation Assistance from the Kenya/ Somali border: On request by the Government of Kenya, IOM has temporarily stopped all transportation assistance for drought and conflict displaced refugees arriving in Liboi from Somalia, due to ongoing Kenyan military operation in northern Kenya and in Somalia. IOM is working in close collaboration with the Government of Kenya and in support of UNHCR transportation and shelter programmes in Dadaab.

Ethiopia Operations



Vulnerable asylum seekers arrive at the reception centre waiting to be registered for movement

Movements – As of 23 October 2011, IOM had provided transport assistance to 33,100 refugees from the Reception Centre in Dollo Ado to the Transit Centre and from the Transit Centre to Hilaweyn Camp. Heavy rains in Dollo Ado have led to a significant decrease in the number of new arrivals registered at the Reception Centre. 1,026 refugees reported to the Reception Centre between 17-24 October as compared to 3,253 refugees registered between 10-16 October. The rains have also made the roads impassable and hampered humanitarian work in the region.



Hilaweyn Camp at Its Maximum Capacity:

The movement of refugees from the Transit Centre in Dollo Ado to the Hilaweyn Refugee Camp has stopped because the camp has reached its maximum holding capacity of 25,000 people. Hilaweyn Camp was the fourth Camp to be open for operations after the Kobe Refugee Camp. A fifth camp, Buramino is expected to be complete and open to refugees by 1 November 2011. The Transit Centre will in the meantime host the arriving refugees until Buramino camp becomes operational.

Health:

No new case of Measles, Polio Reported in Dollo Ado Refugee Camps as the Crude Mortality Rate stabilizes:

The crude mortality rate among children at the camps in Dollo Ado has dropped significantly below the emergency threshold for the first time this year, according to UNHCR reports. No new cases of measles and Polio have been reported following successful immunization campaigns that reached out to thousands of children between 6 months and 15 years. IOM in partnership with ARRA, UNICEF, GOAL, and Humedica carried out anti polio campaigns in Melkedida refugee camp in the month of August. IOM was involved in the identification of the cases, provided logistical support such as distributing medical supplies and equipment as well as setting-up a vaccination out post inside the Melkadida Camp. On request by the Government Administration for Refugees and Returnees Affairs (ARRA), IOM has also trained health workers on Acute Watery Diarrhoea preparedness in the Melkadida and Bokolmanyo camps. The crude mortality rate now stands at 1 death per every 10,000 people per day and is attributed to the well coordinated efforts by the government and partnering humanitarian agencies.

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

IOM RESPONSE IN DOLLO ADO, ETHIOPIA

PROJECT	ACTIVITIES	10 - 16 OCTOBER	17 - 23 OCTOBER	TREND	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
Emergency Transportation	Transportation from Dollo Ado Transit Centre to Hilaweyn *				
	No of Individuals	1,955*	0	↓ There was no movement to Hilaweyn Camp as it has reached its full capacity	25,796*
	No of Families	391**	0		5,188**
	Transportation from Dollo Ado Reception Centre to Transit Centre***				
	No of Individuals	3,253***	1,026	↓ Movements decreased this week due to the limited space at the Transit Centre to accommodate the new arrivals.	7,304***
	No of Families	651	205		1,461
Family Reunification	Family Reunification				
	No of Individuals	57	0	↓ No family reunification has been carried out this week. All transportation assistance was programmed for new arrivals.	1,278
Health	Medical Assessments				
	Total Screened	5,208	1,026	↓ Medical referrals decrease this week as movement slowed down	30,887
	No of Medical Referrals	42	19		193
	No of Unfit to Travel	42	19		232
CUMULATIVE TOTAL					33,100

* Transportation from the Dollo Ado to the Hilaweyn Camp started in August 2011 and includes movements from the Reception Centre to the Transit Centre and from the Transit Centre to the camps. ** Based on the assumption that one family has five members. *** Started 1 October, 2011



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Kenya Operations

Movements – Since 12 October 2011, there has been no movement from Liboi to Dadaab and from Dagahaley Refugee Camp to Ifo 2 East Refugee Camp. All movements were stopped following security concerns along the Kenya/Somalia border. All humanitarian agencies operating in Dadaab have unanimously agreed to put all non-essential activities on hold until further notice. According to UNHCR, the current overall population in the Dadaab Refugee Camp stands at 463,710 as of 23 October 2011.

IOM stops all humanitarian interventions in Dadaab and its environs - All IOM activities in Dadaab were abruptly brought to an end after two humanitarian workers from partner organizations were kidnapped at the Ifo Extension Camp on 13 October, leading to intense military operations at the Kenya/ Somali border. Among the activities halted include the joint IOM and Government of Kenya measles and polio immunization in Liboi for the arriving refugees, transportation assistance for the refugees from the outskirts of Dagahaley camp to the Ifo 2 East Camp and the livelihood interventions for the refugee host communities in northern Kenya. IOM had by 7 October 2011 finished setting up emergency shelters at the Ifo 2 East Camp.

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

IOM RESPONSE IN DADAAB, KENYA

PROJECT	ACTIVITIES	10 - 16 OCTOBER	17 - 23 OCTOBER	TREND	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
Emergency Transportation	Transportation from Liboi to Dadaab *				
	No of Individuals	737	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	191	0		4,083
	Relocation from Dagahaley to IFO 2 East**				
	No of Individuals	2,876	0	↓ Relocation from Dagahaley to Ifo2 east stopped due to security concerns at the refugee camps. All	27,778
	No of Households	684	0		6,921
Health	Medical Assessments from Liboi to Dadaab Refugee Camps *				
	No of Individuals Screened	737	0	↓ Medical assessments are linked to the number of movements done.	17,172
	No of Medical Referrals	2	0		235
	No of Medical Treatments	10	0		515
	No of Vulnerable Individuals	97	0		2,128
	Medical Assessments from Dagahaley to IFO 2 East **				
	No of Individuals Screened	2,876	0	↓ Medical assessments are linked to the number of movements	27,778
	No of Medical Referrals	6	0		92
No of Medical Treatments	52	0	80		
No of Vulnerable Individuals	111	0	1,501		
Emergency Shelters	IFO 2 East ***				
	Tent Setup	0	0	↓ Shelter Construction at Ifo 2 East have been completed	7,654
CUMULATIVE TOTAL					44,950

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



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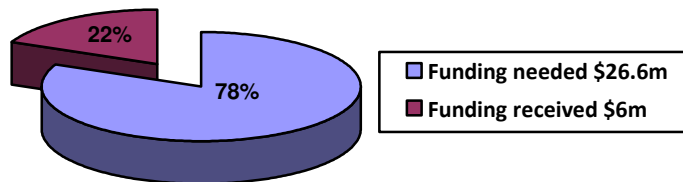
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FUNDING STATUS

IOM remains funded at 22 percent of its USD 26.6 million Regional Appeal to provide assistance to refugees and host communities suffering from the drought. Further funding is required for psycho-social support to refugees in Kenya and for livelihood projects in Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia.

FUNDING STATUS FOR IOM HORN OF AFRICA APPEAL



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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.)