

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 25 to 31 October. The next report will be issued on 8 November 2011.

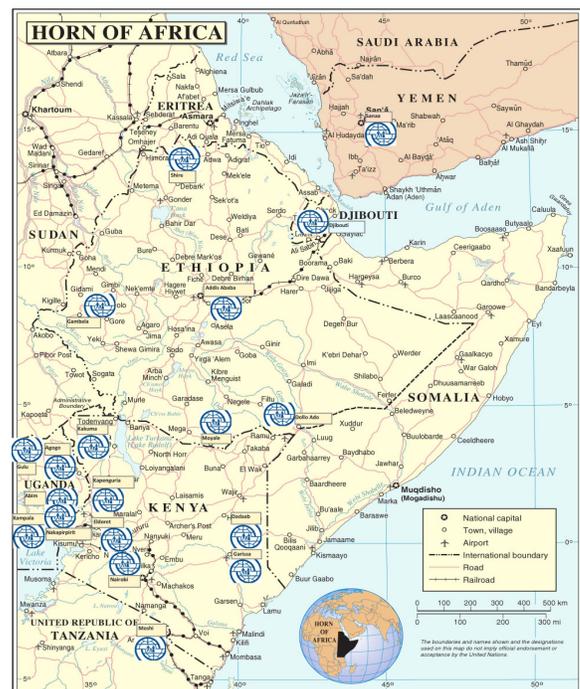
Highlights

- HORN OF AFRICA – Three month assessment of IOM’s achievements on the drought crisis.
- KENYA & ETHIOPIA – IOM has transported **79,738 people** in Ethiopia and Kenya as of 31 October 2011.
- KENYA – IOM humanitarian activities still stalled due to security concerns along Kenya/Somalia border.
- ETHIOPIA – The Ethiopian government steps up security measures in the Dollo Ado area.

ANALYSIS & TRENDS

Three Month Assessment of IOM’s Achievements on the Drought Crisis in the Horn of Africa – At the three-month mark of the Horn of Africa drought emergency, hundred of thousands of refugees still need assistance. The drought situation, coupled with high food prices and conflict the situation has however, not yet changed. The intensity of the crisis is however beginning to wane with donors, media and the public.

IOM has successfully accomplished several humanitarian interventions since the start of its drought response on 31 July 2011. Since then, IOM has transported close to 80,000 refugees in Kenya and Ethiopia and finished pitching, three days ahead of schedule, **7,654** emergency shelters out of the **7,500** planned at the Ifo 2 East Camp in October 2011. Approximately 150 pastoralists in northeastern Kenya received training on pasture conservation and storage while a livestock de-stocking exercise benefiting a community of 1,000 individuals took place in Kulan, Liboi. Efforts to build water preservation structures and many other community livelihood projects have been curtailed by the insecurity in Dadaab and the surrounding districts.



Hundreds of thousands of refugees still need assistance. However, IOM’s humanitarian activities in Dadaab including all movements and livelihood support for the refugee host communities stopped on 14 October due to the insecurity in northwestern Kenya.

As well as arranging transportation for over **34,000 refugees** in Ethiopia, IOM has successfully provided primary medical screening to over **32,000 people** and is ready to provide refugees transportation to the new Buramino Camp, once construction is completed. IOM is also supporting the Government of Ethiopia’s Administration for Refugee Returnee Affairs (ARRA) in the Melkedida Camp Health Centre assisting children under the age of five in the out-patient and in-patient departments. The organization has conducted close to **3,100 medical consultations** as part of its technical support and capacity building services. IOM’s health team also participated in a successful polio and measles campaign at the Melkadida Refugee Camp and provided training for health workers on acute watery diarrhoea treatment and prevention.

Kenya Operations

Security-Police Escorts in Dadaab Dedicated to Emergency Life-Saving Measures – Due to a limited number of security personnel available in the Dadaab area, agencies, including IOM, have been forced to prioritize the use of police escorts for only essential life-saving activities including food distribution, health and water services. However, according to UNHCR, conflict in Somalia continues to represent a complicating security factor. While the Government of Kenya is in the process of deploying more security personnel to the Dadaab area, other activities will recommence as and when the security is improved.



The newly-built Kakuma fish market in Lodwar, Turkana District will provide local residents with livelihood options.

Kakuma Fish Market is Built and Almost Ready for Business – Construction has been completed of a fish market in Lodwar in northwestern Kenya. The market centre will become a one-stop distribution point and facility for local fishmongers to preserve and sell fish from Lake Turkana. Local residents are currently selling fish under trees and are exposed to exploitation from intermediaries from other fish markets in the region.

IOM has donated two freezers and a refrigerator to the fish market, which is being wired for electricity. A toilet is also being built off-site, in compliance with public health requirements. The market centre, generously funded by the Government of Japan, is expected to open for business in about two weeks.

Movements – All movements in Dadaab are on hold since 14 October following security concerns along the Kenya/Somalia border.

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



IOM Response to the Horn of Africa Crisis

EXTERNAL SITUATION REPORT

1 November 2011

IOM RESPONSE IN DADAAB, KENYA

PROJECT	ACTIVITIES	17 - 23 OCTOBER	24 - 30 OCTOBER	TREND	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
Emergency Transportation	Transportation from Liboi to Dadaab *				
	No of Individuals	0	0	↔ Movements from Liboi stopped following security concerns at the Kenya–Somalia border. All IOM activities in Dadaab halted on 14 October 2011 until further notice.	17,172
	No of Households	0	0		4,083
	Relocation from Dagahaley to IFO 2 East**				
	No of Individuals	0	0	↔ Relocation from Dagahaley to Ifo2 East Camp stopped due to security concerns at the refugee camps.	27,778
	No of Households	0	0		6,921
Health	Medical Assessments from Liboi to Dadaab Refugee Camps *				
	No of Individuals Screened	0	0	↔ Medical assessments are linked to the number of movements.	17,172
	No of Medical Referrals	0	0		235
	No of Medical Treatments	0	0		515
	No of Vulnerable Individuals	0	0		2,128
	Medical Assessments from Dagahaley to IFO 2 East **				
	No of Individuals Screened	0	0	↔ Medical assessments are linked to the number of movements.	27,778
	No of Medical Referrals	0	0		92
No of Medical Treatments	0	0	80		
No of Vulnerable Individuals	0	0	1,501		
Emergency Shelters	IFO 2 East ***				
	Tent Setup	0	0	↔ Shelter construction at the Ifo 2 East Camp is completed.	7,654
CUMULATIVE TOTAL FOR MOVEMENTS					44,950

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

No change in figures presented since all activities in the Dadaab Refugee Camp temporarily halted on 14 October 2011 following security concerns.

Ethiopia Operations

Security – The Ethiopian government has stepped up security in the Dollo Ado area following the murder of an outspoken Al-Shabaab critic who was a local elder. He lived 30 kms from Dollo Ado, in the Mandera region on the Kenyan side of the Ethiopian border. The government has also advised all humanitarian agencies to be vigilant. IOM is participating in the interagency security meetings and following security curfews.

Movements – As of 30 October 2011, IOM has provided transportation assistance to 34,394 refugees from the Reception Centre to the Transit Centre and from the Transit Centre to Hilaweyn Refugee Camp. UNHCR reports that more than 200 refugees arrive daily at the Reception Centre in Dollo Ado. There has been a slight increase in the number of new arrivals registered at the Reception Centre this week from 1,026 refugees in the last reporting period to 1,098. The overall camp population stands at 134,110 as of 28 October 2011, according to UNHCR.

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

IOM RESPONSE IN DOLLO ADO, ETHIOPIA

PROJECT	ACTIVITIES	17 - 23 OCTOBER	24 - 31 OCTOBER	TREND	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
Emergency Transportation	Transportation from Dollo Ado Transit Centre to Hilaweyn Camp* (as of 30 October 2011)				
	No of Individuals	0*	196*	Increased movements offset absentees from the previous week.	25,992*
	No of Families	0**	39**		5,227**
	Transportation from Dollo Ado Reception Centre to Transit Centre***				
	No of Individuals	1,026***	1,492***	Movements increased slightly this week as new arrivals also increased at the Reception Centre.	8,796***
No of Families	205**	220**	1,681**		
Family Reunification	Family Reunification (as of 30 October 2011)				
	No of Individuals	0	132	Family reunification increased to match more identified cases.	1,410
Health	Medical Assessments (as of 30 October 2011)				
	Total Screened	1,026	1,426	Medical assessments increased as movements picked up this week.	32,313
	No of Medical Referrals	19	29		222
	No of Unfit to Travel	19	29		261
CUMULATIVE TOTAL FOR MOVEMENTS					34,788

*Transportation from the Dollo Ado Transit Centre 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

Pressure Mounts in the Transit Centre as it Accommodates More Refugees – New arrivals trickling into the Dollo



Refugees wait in the Dollo Ado Transit Centre for relocation to the camps.

Ado Reception Centre are creating mounting pressure in the Dollo Ado Transit Centre for adequate facilities such as toilets and tents. UNHCR reports that there are 5,531 refugees in the Transit Centre. Although the rain has subsided, it continues to pose a health concern with fears that refugees could contract acute watery diarrhoea, pneumonia and dengue fever, due to the lack of proper sanitation measures in place.

On 26 October 2011 during an interagency meeting in Dollo Ado, ARRA urged all humanitarian agencies setting up the new camp to increase efforts to ready Buramino Camp with sanitation and water facilities,

land demarcation and portable shelters (rubhalls). IOM is ready to provide refugees transportation assistance once Buramino Camp becomes operational.

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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.)