

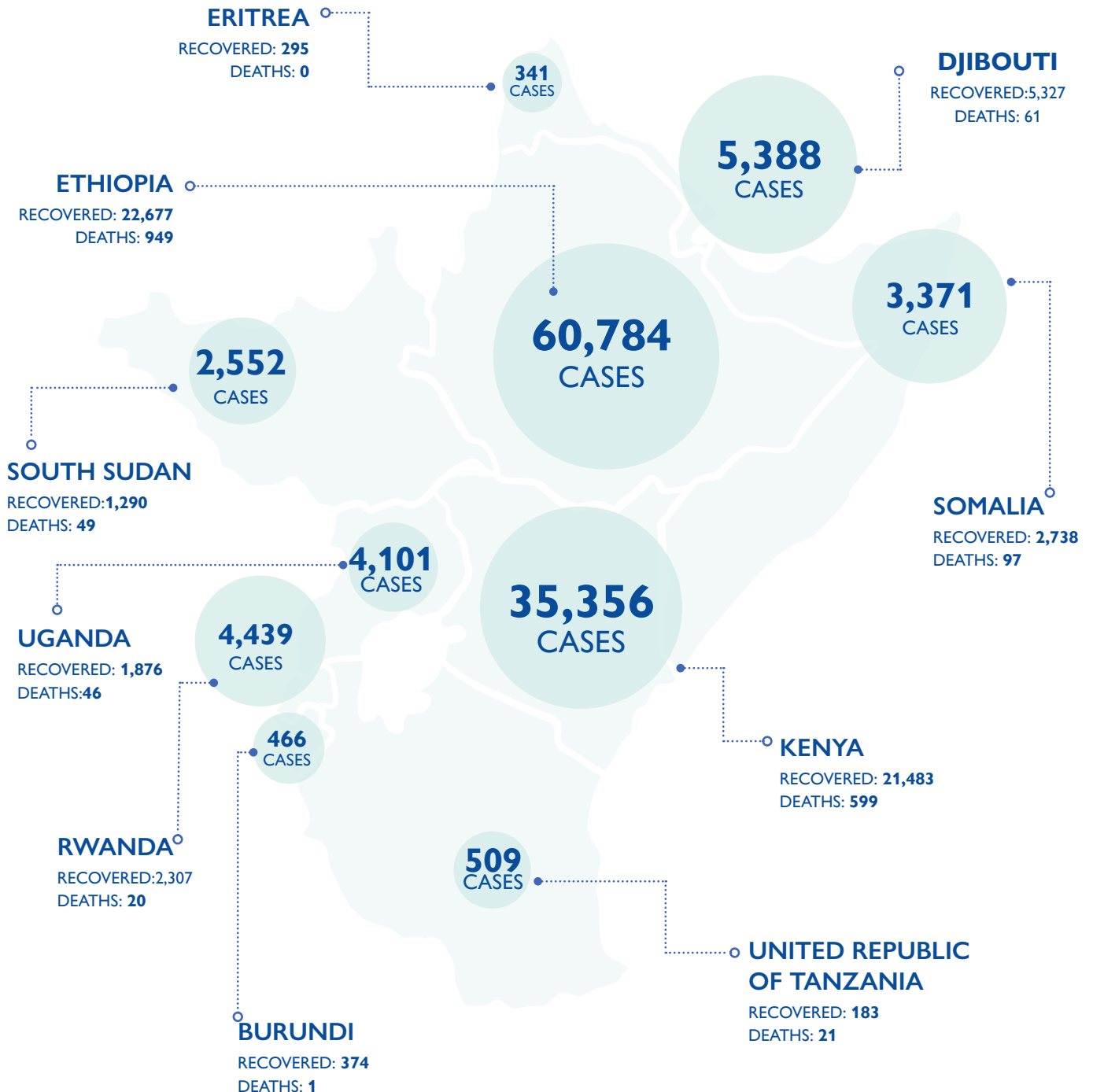
EAST & HORN OF AFRICA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT - #22

09 SEPTEMBER 2020 Update

117,307
CONFIRMED CASES

1,843
CONFIRMED DEATHS

58550
TOTAL RECOVERED



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80,784

Migrant Movements observed (DTM, July 2020) (73% reduction compared to July 2019)



579

Migrant arrivals in Yemen from the Horn (DTM, July 2020) (94% reduction compared to July 2019)



6.3M

IDPs (July 2020 – DTM, OCHA)



EHoA SITUATION OVERVIEW

The number of people infected with COVID-19 in the East and Horn of Africa is still increasing with over 117,000 people now infected. Migrants, including Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) are more likely to be disproportionately affected by the impact of the pandemic, compared to non-migrants. Migratory routes and displacement settings are by nature more exposed to conditions in which COVID-19 spreads. A lack of access to clean and sanitary conditions, coupled with the poorer and makeshift overcrowded living circumstances in which these groups often find themselves, along with an over-representation of pre-existing health issues, exacerbates the risk of exposure to the disease. Migrants are disproportionately at risk of experiencing stigma, xenophobia, along with being blamed for COVID-19. They often do not have access to national public health services, may not feature in government response plans, and may not have access to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as facemasks. Since many of these groups rely on mobility to find work and to do business, border closures and movement restrictions are particularly devastating for migrants. Meanwhile, thousands of migrants from the East and Horn of Africa remain stranded.

As of September 9, the number of positive COVID-19 cases in the region stands at 117,307. 1,545 new cases have been reported in the last day with most new cases reported in Ethiopia (1,136 daily increase 1.9%), followed by Uganda (201 daily increase 5.2%), Kenya (151 daily increase 0.4%) and Rwanda (30 daily increase 0.7%). Ethiopia remains the country with the highest number of confirmed cases in the region at 60,784 (51.8% of total case), followed by Kenya 35,356 (30.1%), followed by Djibouti 5,388 (4.6%).

IOM is supporting governments throughout the region to respond to COVID-19 in the areas of risk communication, disease surveillance, infection prevention and control, case management, at 'Points of Entry' (PoEs), procurement and logistics, among others. IOM is advocating for migrants, including IDPs, to be included in government responses to fight COVID-19. In April 2020 IOM launched a regional appeal for the East and Horn of Africa for \$71.6M, to meet the many needs of these communities. So far 72% of the required funds have been received. IOM has also launched an appeal for the Regional Migrant Response Plan for the Horn of Africa and Yemen for migrants along the 'Eastern Route'— many of whom have been stranded trying to reach Saudi Arabia and the Gulf.

Links to these appeals can be found here:

<https://ronairobi.iom.int/publications/iom-east-and-horn-africa-strategic-and-preparedness-and-response-plan-covid-19>

A link to the Regional Migrant Response Plan for Horn of Africa and Yemen' (RMRP) 2020 Appeal:

<https://ronairobi.iom.int/publications/regional-migrants-response-plan-horn-africa-and-yemen-2018-%E2%80%93-2020>

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IOM COUNTRY RESPONSE

Partnerships and Coordination


IOM's Regional Director participated in the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Regional Ministerial Meeting on the Impact of COVID-19 on the People on the Move, which resulted in the [Ministerial Statement](#) on the Impact of COVID-19 on People on the Move in the IGAD region, which sets out to enhance cooperation with countries of destination to guarantee the immediate provision of humanitarian assistance, and facilitation of safe and urgent release, return and reintegration; promote inclusive public health and socioeconomic response for people on the move; promote equal and non-discriminatory treatment irrespective of immigration, citizenship or displacement; and enhance community-approaches to address drivers of irregular migration, and durable solutions to return. IOM is working with the Government of Ethiopia to support 35 COVID-19 quarantine facilities in the capital Addis Ababa and in other regions. IOM **South Sudan** is participating in the national Strategic Advisory Group, the National Task Force, COVID-19 National Steering Committee, Technical Working Groups, and State Task Forces with the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, partners, and other stakeholders. IOM is also a member of the Needs Analysis Working Group, a key platform that provides decision-makers and responders with data and analysis on impact and needs. IOM is also continuing to lead the sub-committee on infection prevention and control/water sanitation and hygiene in communities and camp-like settings. In addition, IOM is participating in the Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Cluster Emergency Preparedness and Response technical working group to coordinate the COVID-19 response in Juba.

Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)

IOM **Somalia** is continuing to raise awareness on COVID-19, particularly targeting IDPs and migrant communities, to ensure they are aware of the risks, signs and symptoms and mode of transmission and the appropriate mitigation measures. In Somaliland and Puntland this includes the airing of daily radio messages on COVID-19. In coordination with the Camp Coordination and Camp Management Cluster, IOM has reached 921 IDP sites with COVID-19 related risk communication and community engagement activities. Over 21,000 people including leaders of religious, youth and women groups in Baidoa, Doloow and Kismayu were reached directly and indirectly with COVID-19 awareness messages by IOM Somalia. Over 7,000 people were reached with COVID-19 information across 38 IOM supported health facilities in Somalia while 28 migrants in Hargeisa received awareness messages. IOM also aired 58 radio messages in Bossaso and Hargeisa in addition to 54 awareness raising posters in Bossaso. IOM **South Sudan** is continuing with COVID-19 awareness and hygiene promotion activities to communities living in and out of Protection of Civilian sites (PoCs) in Juba and other locations. Over 255,000 people have been reached

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with hygiene promotion sessions held at water points and through house to house campaigns, including through the utilization of megaphones. They were also reached with key messages including signs and symptoms and prevention measures, all aligned with the guidance from the Risk Communication and Community Engagement Technical Working Group. IOM is continuing to display COVID-19 information, education and communication materials at over 691 installed handwashing stations. IOM has partnered with a local radio station to disseminate COVID-19 awareness messages, also highlighting gender equality and gender-based violence mainstreaming. As part of a continuing media engagement in South Sudan, the third show in a series broadcast messages on COVID-19 prevention and challenges faced by people living with disabilities in the fight against COVID-19. IOM **Uganda** is in partnership with the United Nations HIV/AIDS Project in Karamoja to broadcast radio messages on COVID-19 prevention in northeastern Uganda.

Disease Surveillance


Over 4,000 people were screened for COVID-19 by IOM **Ethiopia** at government-run health posts in West Guji, East Wollega and Gedeo zones. IOM **Ethiopia** is supporting the Ministry of Health in conducting screenings at PoEs in Doolow, Xudur, Baidoa, Hargeisa, Dhobley and Kismayo. IOM **Uganda** is supporting the reinforcing of disease surveillance and prevention at Entebbe International airport and other POEs. IOM also handed over equipment and supplies in support of the reopening of the airport. The equipment includes thermo scanners, a walk-through disinfectant booth, a GeneXpert machine, COVID test kits, a laptop and mobile phones, 10 automated sanitizers, four-standalone air conditioners, as well as infrared thermometers. The support will bolster detection, prevention and response to COVID-19. Port health authorities, immigration and security officials, as well as screeners will be trained and facilitated to conduct screening for six months.

Points of Entry

IOM **Burundi**, in collaboration with the Migration Management Department (Commissariat Général des Migrations) conducted a rapid needs assessment at the Kabong border in Nyanza-Lac, Makamba province. This assessment will guide the refurbishment of the Kabonga port to improve COVID-19 screening along with reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission by establishing separate exit and entrance routes. Also included is the installation of waiting areas to minimize physical contact among travellers. The rehabilitation of the port will help with early detection, notification and referral of suspected cases of COVID-19. This will ensure safer border crossings. There are plans to use community health workers to perform community event-based surveillance (CEBS), ensuring a “no-touch policy” at one of Burundi’s ports. IOM also organized dialogues between the police and communities in Muyinga and Bujumbura rural provinces. The dialogues are meant to empower border communities and the police to address issues related to cross-border crimes, such as human smuggling and trafficking. IOM **Ethiopia** is constructing water, sanitation and hygiene facilities at Dewelle and Galafi PoEs to improve COVID-19

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National Laboratory Systems

In Somalia, the Migration for Development in Africa (MIDA) expert attached to the Ministry of Health is a member of the committee that established guidelines, checklists and requirements for private laboratories to issue COVID-19 certificates to travellers leaving Somalia. IOM **Uganda's** Migrant Health Assessment Clinic is collecting COVID-19 samples for UN staff and other diplomats as part of a Memorandum of Understanding between IOM and the UN Resident Coordinator's Office.

Infection Prevention and Control

IOM **Ethiopia** is proceeding with hygiene promotion activities and the installation of three water tanks and taps at the Wajale and JJU quarantine facilities in Jijiga. IOM also provided water trucking for Dulqabow treatment center. More than 300 returnees were reached with COVID-19 awareness messages by two hygiene promoters hired by IOM. Nearly 1,000 people participated in hand washing demonstrations. IOM Kenya trained 54 frontline workers from the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport on infection, prevention and control for COVID-19. IOM **Somalia** is continuing with community mobilization and sensitization sessions on hygiene and sanitation practices to IDP communities. IOM also rolled out activities in Bossaso targeting stranded migrants and host communities. Over 1,500 people in Jubaland and Puntland were provided with hygiene kits while 12 handwashing points were installed in Bossaso. Over 14,300 people in Jubaland, South West State and Puntland were reached through hygiene promotion activities while some 140

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individuals attended capacity building activities. Twenty hygiene promoters were recruited in Baidoa and Bossaso. IOM **South Sudan** is supporting water, sanitation and hygiene activities at three PoEs in Juba, Nimule and Wau while also continuing to operate 691 handwashing stations. More than 13,500 people in Wau, are benefiting from 5 handwashing stations constructed by IOM while an estimated 26,500 people in Juba are benefiting from 10 such hand-washing facilities. Over 42,900 people in Juba are benefiting from 51 operational handwashing stations built by IOM. Over 30 households in Magwi benefited from IOM's water, sanitation and hygiene/non-food item distribution activities.

Case Management and Continuity of Essential Services

IOM **Ethiopia** conducted an assessment for COVID-19 response in six IDP sites in Oromia region and distributed COVID-19 awareness banners. IOM installed 67 handwashing stations in key locations in Nekempte and participated in meetings to launch a plan for COVID-19 alert/outbreak in Dire Dawa. Awareness raising on hygiene practices and COVID-19 prevention in IDP sites is ongoing. IOM Kenya in coordination with the UN Resident Coordinator's Office, provided training on Camp Coordination and Camp Management to 31 county government officials from Turkana County.

Logistics, Procurement and Supply Management

IOM **South Sudan** is supporting a partner in Kapuri, Central Equatorial State, with critical WASH items to be distributed to households as part of COVID-19 infection prevention and control. An estimated 4,000 individuals will benefit from these items. IOM is also continuing with the prepositioning of key WASH supplies to key logistics hubs which are still accessible by road with the aim of ensuring the uninterrupted provision of these items to WASH cluster partners.

Protection

IOM Djibouti is assisting 29 vulnerable migrants through its Migration Response Center (MRC) in Obock. The migrants are receiving food, water, shelter, non-food items and medical and psychosocial assistance. IOM **Ethiopia** conducted a training on mental health aspects of COVID-19 for 15 Dilla University lecturers, 38 government officials in Oromia region and seven community volunteers. IOM also provided a training on leadership, communication skills, mental health, psychosocial support and the protection aspects of COVID-19 to 14 IDP committee members in East Hararghe. Furthermore, IOM provided orientation to 130 women leaders in Bulehora on mental health and the psychosocial support aspects of COVID-19. Also provided was awareness and referral for gender-based violence. In Somalia, IOM has resumed the Assisted Voluntary Return programme after months of suspension due to COVID-19 induced movement restrictions. In this regard, IOM assisted five Ethiopian migrants to return to Addis Ababa from Mogadishu. IOM is also supporting vulnerable migrants returning from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and supporting vulnerable migrants through the provision of direct assistance and basic services at the MRCs in Hargeisa and Bossaso.

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Camp Coordination and Camp Management

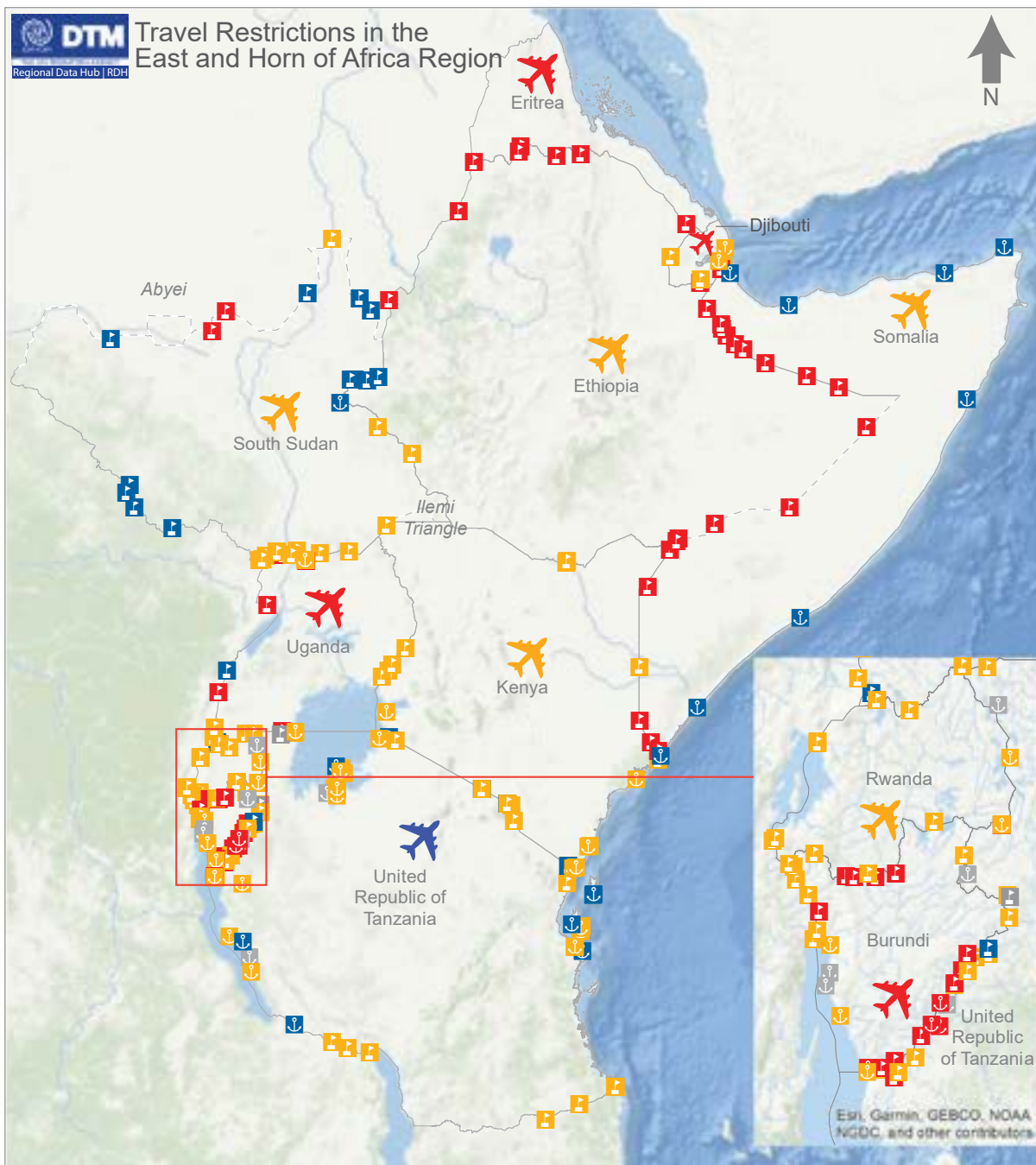
IOM Somalia is disseminating information to ensure IDPs are aware of the risks, signs and symptoms and mode of transmissions of COVID-19 and the appropriate mitigation measures. Awareness raising sessions were conducted at information centres, marketplaces or during community meetings, with emphasis on how to practise social distancing. Over 17,000 people including leaders of IDPs, women groups, youth groups and religious leaders have been reached with COVID-19 awareness raising sessions. Over 6,400 people in Wau protection of civilian site have been provided with reusable facemasks by IOM **South Sudan**. The masks were donated by UNHCR, UNICEF, IOM and the women-led cloth face covering production pilot teams supported by IOM. Over 800 reusable face masks were sewed by 29 internally displaced women in Wau as part of efforts to enhance women's participation in COVID-19 response. Over 4,600 such masks have been produced since July 2020. IOM Tanzania is continuing to support voluntary repatriation of Burundian refugees to Burundi in strict adherence to COVID-19 prevention measures. IOM Somalia has established over 1,000 handwashing points in IDP sites.

Displacement Tracking Matrix

IOM **Burundi's** Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) continued with flow monitoring data collection at Burundi's borders with the United Republic of Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of Congo as part of COVID-19 surveillance. DTM in Djibouti is collecting data daily at migrant sites across the country. IOM has identified over 1,300 stranded migrants across 19 sites. They are in immediate need of water, food, hygiene kits and non-food items. Over 3,500 people - among them over 600 migrants - were reached with COVID-19 awareness and information across flow monitoring points in Obock City and eight other areas. DTM in Somalia is conducting awareness raising for migrants across seven Flow Monitoring Points reaching for over 3,500 people. DTM in **South Sudan** is continuing with its COVID-19 mobility impact support, providing information on movement restrictions, active measures and the impact of the outbreak on different population groups in the country at 90 locations. DTM field enumerators conducted over 2,200 interviews representing 6,330 individual movements through flow monitoring points at the country's borders, internal transit hubs and displacement sites. DTM initiated a monitoring mission to Tambura and Yambio to assess the population movement in these areas, including at Gangura Flow Monitoring Point which has been identified as a priority PoE by the PoE Technical Working Group. The mission will provide partners with updated information on the movement dynamics to inform planning for the COVID-19 response.

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POINTS OF ENTRY & MOBILITY RESTRICTIONS



Status of international flights*

- Not Restrictive
- Partially Restrictive
- Totally Restrictive
- Disputed Areas
- Countries East and Horn of Africa

Status of other border points

- Sea Border Point
- Land Border Point
- Closed for entry and exit
- Partial closure
- Open for entry and exit
- Unknown

Source: International Air Transport Association (IATA) Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM)

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*Details of the travel restriction can be found on IATA website: <https://www.iata.org/>