EAST & HORN OF AFRICA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT - #18
12 AUGUST 2020 Update

67,352 CONFIRMED CASES

1,115 CONFIRMED DEATHS

35,962 TOTAL RECOVERED

ERITREA
RECOVERED: 248
DEATHS: 0

285 CASES

DJIBOUTI
RECOVERED: 5,133
DEATHS: 59

5,348 CASES

SOUTH SUDAN
RECOVERED: 1,175
DEATHS: 47

2,472 CASES

SOMALIA
RECOVERED: 1,728
DEATHS: 93

3,227 CASES

UGANDA
RECOVERED: 1,139
DEATHS: 9

2,171 CASES

KENYA
RECOVERED: 13,867
DEATHS: 438

24,175 CASES

RECOVERED: 183
DEATHS: 21

UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

BURUNDI
RECOVERED: 315
DEATHS: 1

27,425 CASES

509 CASES

408 CASES

RWANDA
RECOVERED: 1,478
DEATHS: 7

2,171 CASES

579 CASES

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

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

IDPs (July 2020 – DTM, OCHA)

80,784

6.3M

509

408

285

285

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EHoA SITUATION OVERVIEW

The number of persons infected with COVID-19 in East and Horn of Africa continues to increase with the disease now infecting over 67,000 people. Migrants, including Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), and similar vulnerable groups are more likely to be disproportionately affected by the impact of COVID-19, compared to non-migrants.

As of August 12, the number of positive COVID-19 cases in the region stands at 67,352. 1,222 new cases have been reported in the last day with most new cases reported in Ethiopia (584 daily increase 2.5%), followed by Kenya (497 daily increase 1.8%), Uganda (19 daily increase 1.4%) and Rwanda (19 daily increase 0.9%). Kenya remains the country with the highest number of confirmed cases in the region at 27,425 (40.7% of total case), followed by Ethiopia 24,175 (35.9%), followed by Djibouti 5,348 (7.9%).

IOM has launched a regional appeal for East and Horn of Africa for $71.6M in April 2020, to meet the many needs of these communities. So far 68% of the required funds have been received.


IOM COUNTRY RESPONSE

Partnerships and Coordination

IOM Regional Office in Nairobi and 27 partners including UNICEF, Save the Children, the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General for Yemen, and government partners including Yemen, Somalia and Djibouti launched an $84M US dollar ‘Regional Migrant Response Plan for Horn of Africa and Yemen’ (RMRP) 2020 Appeal to respond to the needs of thousands of vulnerable migrants along the ‘Eastern Route’ from Horn of Africa through Yemen to the Gulf, where many migrants travel hoping to reach Saudi Arabia. Many migrants are now affected by the impact of COVID-19 air, land and sea border closures and movement restrictions. Migrants on the route are stuck, some facing dangerous conditions with little access to food, water and medical care and ways of protecting themselves from the COVID-19 pandemic. Some are facing xenophobia and stigma. The RMRP is a multi-partner humanitarian and development framework to strengthen coordination, protection, capacity building, analysis and resource mobilization to address the protection concerns of migrants along this route. It aims to assist approximately 235,000 migrants and host community members, including some 160,000 migrants still trying to return home to Ethiopia and Somalia, as well as another 105,000 migrants expected to be in need of assistance in Yemen over the course of 2020.

IOM South Sudan is participating in the national Strategic Advisory Group, 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 helping draft the COVID-19 National Situation Report. IOM’s Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Technical Working Group has proposed the development of a COVID-19 guidance note for frontline workers on dignified identification and referral of cases, in partnership with UNICEF, the Danish Red Cross and War Child Holland. IOM Burundi is looking at the establishment of ‘health points of control’ throughout the country and is continuing with preparations for a virtual cross-border online coordination meeting.

Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)

IOM Ethiopia has reached nearly 69,000 people with COVID-19 hygiene awareness messages. Religious and community leaders have received training on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC), while over 5,000 people have received key messages on COVID-19. Nearly 700 people have been provided with training on effective handwashing. IOM is also conducting COVID-19 awareness and health education sessions for returnee migrants in quarantine. IOM Kenya has reached over 2,700 people and 750 households with risk communication and community engagement activities in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi. IOM also conducted over 70 hand washing demonstrations and trained 35 Community Health Volunteers on COVID-19 IPC. IOM South Sudan is continuing to conduct COVID-19 sensitization and hygiene promotion activities for communities living in Protection of Civilian (PoC) sites. Over 1.5 million people have been reached with COVID-19 risk communication and awareness messages by IOM through a network of 271 Community Hygiene Promoters (CHP). Among them are over 9,000 persons with special needs. IOM is continuing to display COVID-19 information, education and communication materials at over 645 IOM installed handwashing stations, as well as health facilities and markets. IOM is partnering with 50 water suppliers in the capital, Juba to broadcast COVID-19 awareness messages. Over 2,000 people have been reached with risk communication and mental health and psychosocial support messages aimed at behavioural and attitude change around COVID-19 by IOM’s Mental Health and Psychosocial Support teams. Almost 6,000 people have been reached through risk communication sessions conducted by IOM’s Mental Health and Psychosocial Support teams in PoC sites.

Over 2,900 beneficiaries were reached directly and indirectly with risk communication and mental health and psychosocial support messages aimed at behavioural and attitude change by IOM’s Mental Health and Psychosocial Support teams in Malakal PoC and town as part of COVID-19 prevention efforts. Over 2,000 individuals were reached through 22 risk communication sessions conducted by IOM’s Mental Health and Psychosocial Support teams in Bentiu while over 400 people were reached with 150 such sessions, in Wau. teams in Malakal PoC and town as part of COVID-19 prevention efforts. Over 2,000 individuals were reached through 22 risk communication sessions conducted by IOM’s Mental Health and Psychosocial Support teams in Bentiu while over 400 people were reached with 150 such sessions, in Wau.

IOM is coordinating support to at least 35 quarantine facilities in Addis Ababa and regional locations.

IOM Ethiopia is the lead agency in supporting the Government of Ethiopia with the support and management of more than 20,000 migrants who have returned to the country due to COVID-19.
Disease Surveillance

IOM Ethiopia is continuing with the distribution of hygiene related items including soaps, dignity kits, medicine, clothes and beddings to over 35 quarantine facilities in Addis Ababa and the regions. IOM also provided food and water assistance to 23 migrant returnees in Moyale as well as onward transportation assistance for those returning from Moyale. IOM has screened over 2,600 individuals for COVID-19 in quarantine centres and at various government health posts. IOM is also continuing to provide PPE such as facemasks, gloves and sanitizers to quarantine centre staff in Moyale and Semera. IOM Kenya is supporting the Ministry of Health with surveillance at four quarantine sites, assisting over 70 people.

Points of Entry

IOM Burundi has finalized plans for COVID-19 capacity assessment of ‘Points of Entry’ (PoEs), on Burundi’s borders with the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda. IOM, the Ministry of Health and airport authorities visited Melchior Ndadaye International Airport in Bujumbura to assess preparedness for COVID-19 response before the airport can be reopened. IOM Kenya is providing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including masks, gloves, disposable surgical gowns and sanitizers to frontline officers at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. IOM has also provided PPE at 27 PoEs. IOM South Sudan is continuing with COVID-19 screening, IPC, water, sanitation and hygiene, and risk communication and community engagement activities at three POEs at Juba International Airport, Wau Airport, and Nimule Ground Crossing. Over 260,000 travelers have been screened for COVID-19 at these sites since February. Due to the increased number of returnees recorded at the PoE of Nimule Ground Crossing, IOM is working with local authorities to obtain further information regarding returnees mainly coming from Uganda and collect additional data through the Displacement Tracking Matrix. IOM is continuing to lead IPC, water sanitation and hygiene, and risk communication and community engagement activities at the three PoEs mentioned above. at risk population such as truck drivers. A concept note is being developed jointly as requested by the National Steering Committee to help advocate for support for this initiative. IOM Displacement Tracking Matrix is conducting a mobility restriction monitoring exercise, which remotely collects information about mobility restrictions and preparedness measures at PoEs. IOM Uganda has been requested by the Ministry of Health to support a rapid assessment of the COVID-19 response capacities and practice at Uganda’s PoEs. The Mission is considering the request with a view of conducting an assessment encompassing Migrant Health and Border Management as well as a joint approach in assessing One Stop Border Posts. A team led by the IOM Uganda Chief of Mission conducted a visit to Entebbe International Airport, which has been closed since mid-March. The Government has requested for IOM support to reopen the airport in accordance with emerging regulations, while reducing loopholes that might lead to the spread of COVID-19.

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National Laboratory Systems

IOM Ethiopia has trained 21 health professionals on COVID-19 IPC at Addis Ababa Science and Technology University.

Infection Prevention and Control

IOM South Sudan has constructed 18 more handwashing stations, bringing the total to over 600 since the outbreak of COVID-19, benefiting nearly 200,000 IDPs and host community members. IOM has distributed water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and non-food items (NFIs) to 116 households. IOM also distributed dignity kits to over 600 women and girls while complimenting with COVID-19 sensitization activities. IOM conducted four training sessions on COVID-19 to more than 200 beneficiaries of its cash for work programme at a Protection of Civilian (PoC) site. 90 female livelihood beneficiaries and 230 community members were sensitized COVID-19 through IOM Transition and Recovery programming. Over 7,000 reusable face masks were produced by IOM beneficiaries in the last week, including 1,700 face masks produced through a cash for work initiative.

Case Management and Continuity of Essential Services

IOM Kenya is organizing pre-departure medical checks and COVID-19 testing for stranded migrants returning to their countries of origin following the resumption of international air travel to and from Kenya in August. The migrants are being provided with accommodation, food and medical assistance as needed after leaving quarantine centres.

Logistics, Procurement and Supply Management

IOM South Sudan is providing over 12 metric tons of water, sanitation and hygiene items such as water purification tablets (Aquatabs), buckets with and without taps and filter cloths.

Protection

IOM Kenya assisted Ugandan migrants who were stranded in Kenya since March due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions to return home. The migrants have been receiving accommodation, food and medical care from IOM. IOM Ethiopia has provided 390 individuals with gender-based violence (GBV), mental health and psychosocial support aspects of COVID-19 awareness. Over 590 children in returnee sites has received educational colouring books and crayons. IOM has organized COVID-19 awareness and GBV risk mitigation discussions for 16 women groups. IOM has also organised 9 COVID-19 awareness raising sessions for returnees. IOM Ethiopia has designed and distributed banners with COVID-19 risk communication and community engagement messages to all sites under the Site Management Support. IOM has carried out COVID-19 awareness activities in Dire Dawa and East Hararghe using a newly acquired public address system. Insecurity in West Wollega is hampering response, including COVID-19 coordination, risk communication and community engagement. IOM South Sudan has facilitated three focus group discussions with elderly men and Inter Church Committee (ICC) members to understand the impact of ongoing COVID-19 messaging on community’s understanding of the pandemic and changes in conduct, especially practicing preventative measures and hygiene.

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This follows a COVID-19 community perception and attitude analysis that was led by IOM under its coordination role in the Communication and Community Engagement Working Group. Over 800 fabric reusable face masks were produced by 29 internally displaced women, including 11 with disabilities. Over 2,300 such masks have been produced since July 2020.

**Displacement Tracking Matrix**

IOM Burundi’s Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) continued 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. IOM South Sudan DTM team finalized weekly submission for the DTM Global COVID-19 Mobility Impact exercise providing information on movement restrictions, active measures and impact of the outbreak on different population groups in the country for 87 locations across the country, including land and blue border points, airports, internal transit points and areas. DTM and partners have been collating data on entries and exits at main displacement sites in Juba and 4 other areas as part of the population movement monitoring due to COVID-19 related measures since the outbreak of the pandemic. IOM DTM updated its Displacement Site Flow Monitoring (DSFM) tool to capture information on movements related to COVID-19 into various sites in South Sudan. The tool allows DTM to report on movement profiles including destinations, departure locations, motivations for travel and demographics for new entries, permanent exits as well as temporary journeys by residents. DTM conducted 693 Displacement Site Flow Monitoring interviews and tracked over 2,000 individual journeys across assessed sites. IOM is conducting the study in partnership with WHO and the Ministry of Health teams who will perform randomized and targeted testing for COVID-19 to provide partners with information on demographics and vulnerabilities of affected individuals and help investigate risk factors for community transmission.

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POINTS OF ENTRY & MOBILITY RESTRICTIONS

Travel Restrictions in the East and Horn of Africa Region

Status of international flights*
- Not Restrictive
- Partially Restrictive
- Totally Restrictive

Status of other border points
- Sea Border Point
- Land Border Point
- Closed for entry and exit
- Partial closure
- Open for entry and exit
- Unknown

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

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

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