



Partnership and Coordination

As the designated lead agency for supporting the Government of Ethiopia (GoE) in the management of migrant returnees, IOM continues to support quarantine facilities in Addis Ababa and the regions (35 in total).

Disease Surveillance

- Between 1 April and 18 September, Ethiopia received over **31,500** returnees: , **8,292** from Djibouti, **7,198** from Somalia, **5,994** from Sudan, **3,569** from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), **1,434** from Kenya, **1,024** from Kuwait, **750** from Lebanon, and some more from other countries.
- Registered **2,242** new returnee migrants.
- **1,885** returnee migrants currently in quarantine facilities
- Provided NFIs to returnee migrants in quarantine, including blankets, soaps, dignity kits, wash basins, mosquito nets, etc.

- Distributed PPEs to quarantine facility staff, including hand sanitizers and face masks.
- Provided onward transportation assistance to 75 returnee migrants to travel home from Addis Ababa and Moyale following mandatory quarantine.
- Screened 408 individuals for COVID-19.

Infection Prevention and Control

- Conducted hygiene promotion activities in all targeted quarantine facilities, including through deploying hygiene promoters and cleaners, posters and leaflets, and audio messaging.
- Provided water trucking for Dulqabow treatment centre and Jijiga University quarantine facility.
- Finalized the construction of a basement for water tanks and installation of water taps at Jijiga University. Construction of two basements for water tanks and water taps installation are ongoing in Wajale quarantine facility (Jijiga).
- Construction of WASH facilities and temporary shelter to improve the reception of returnees at Dewelle POE is ongoing.



Risk Communication and Community Engagement

- **88,624** individuals were reached through door-to-door sensitizations, mobile van messaging, and sensitization during distributions, including in IDP sites and host communities.
- **671** individuals participated in hand washing demonstration.
- **64** Jerrican cleaning campaigns conducted.

Protection

- Provided an orientation on mental health aspects of COVID-19 to 39 government hygiene promoters, health extension workers, and school teachers in West Wollega.
- Conducted awareness sessions on gender-based violence and mental health aspects of COVID-19 for community members in Bule Hora.
- Provided psychological first aid and orientation to 148 returnee migrants in Addis Ababa quarantine facilities, identified 5 cases requiring specialized mental health support and referred them to respective support structures.

Site Management Support

- In partnership with GoE entities and WHO, finalized SOPs for COVID-19 outbreak alert in Dire Dawa IDP sites, which were shared with implementing partners and government structures. SOPs will be contextualized for other locations.
- Supporting the partitioning of communal shelters following an assessment in Dire Dawa.
- Conducting an assessment for a site decongestion plan in West Guji/Gedeo.
- Assessing and strengthening the functionality of hand washing stations in East and West Wollega.

Displacement Tracking Matrix

From 1 June to 5 July, IOM conducted a site assessment in **1,297** sites hosting IDPs, and completed a Village Assessment Survey covering 1,205 villages hosting returning IDPs with a focus on the impact of COVID-19:

- 77% of IDPs and 66% of returning IDPs think that COVID-19 has negatively affected their employment.
- There is a significant shortage of food, hygiene items and medicine due to COVID-19 both in IDP sites and returning IDP villages.
- More than a third of IDPs and returning IDPs said they are unable to access healthcare if they experience cough, fever and/or difficulty breathing.
- More than 60% of IDPs and returning IDPs say there is no or only minimal awareness on COVID-19 in their villages/sites



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