

COVID-19 RESPONSE OVERVIEW ETHIOPIA

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Partnership and Coordination

- IOM is the designated lead agency for supporting the Government of Ethiopia (GoE) in the management of returnee migrants. IOM continues to support 7 temporary accommodations at different Points of Entry (PoEs), where returnee migrants receive direct assistance and await onward transportation home. In view of schools reopening, quarantine facilities designated for returnee migrants have been closed and temporary accommodations at PoEs have been established.
- IOM continued participating in cluster meetings at national, subnational, and zone levels.

Risk Communication and Community Engagement

• 62,938 individuals (27,064 M, 35,874 F), including returnee migrants, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and members of host communities reached with mass sensitization on COVID-19 pandemic prevention and mitigation through mass media, door-to-door, facility level health educations, community mobilization, and public campaigns in Dire Dawa, East Hararghe, Jigjiga, Gedeo, Borena, West Guji and East Wollega Zones, as well as in 2 IDP sites in North Gondar during the preceding two weeks.

Disease Surveillance

- Since 1 April 2020, Ethiopia has received over 51,000 returnee migrants: 13,072 from Sudan, 11,051 from Djibouti, 10,350 from Somalia, 8,926 from KSA, 2,057 from Kenya and 5,713 from other countries.
- 2,196 (1407 M, 789 F) newly arrived returnee migrants registered at the PoEs in the preceding two weeks. Of these, 1,338 (882 M, 456 F) registered in Addis Ababa ,83 (45 M, 38 F) in Semera, 31 (all male) in Moyale, 719 (434 M, 285 F) in Metema and 25 (15 M, 10 F) in Gigjiga/Gelile.
- Currently, no returnee migrants are staying in temporary accommodations/shelter facilities.

Point of Entry

- 7,705 individuals screened for COVID-19 by IOM Mobile Health and Nutrition Teams
 (MHNTs) and IOM-supported government health posts in Dire Dawa, East Hararghe,
 Gedeo, Borena, West Guji and East Wollega Zones, as well as in two Internally Displaced
 Persons (IDPs) sites in North Gondar during the preceding two weeks.
- Seven temporary accommodations/shelter facilities in Addis Ababa and at PoEs are active.

National Laboratory Systems

- Conducted 146 COVID-19 tests for UN personnel and family members in Addis Ababa at the Migration Health Assessment Centre (MHAC) clinic.
- Supported seven temporary accommodations/shelter with COVID-19 testing.

Infection Prevention and Control

- 20m³ water trucking distribution and 70 metre safe water supply pipeline expansion work completed for two health facilities in Gambella.
- Seven handwashing facilities were installed in schools in Gambella.

Case Management and Continuity of Essential Services

7,705 returnee migrants and host community members were provided with medical
consultations in Dire Dawa, East Hararghe, Gedeo, Borena, West Guji and East
Wollega Zones, as well as in two IDP sites in North Gondar during the preceding two
weeks.



Protection

2,181 individuals reached with Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Mental Health
and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) risk mitigation, mental health aspects of
COVID-19 and Child Protection (CP) awareness sessions, referral and follow-up
counselling through home visits, group discussions, individual counselling, mass
community mobilization, and public campaigns in Dire Dawa, East Hararghe,

- Jigjiga, Gedeo, Borena, West Guji and East Wollega Zones, as well as 2 IDP sites in North Gondar during the preceding two weeks.
- 4 group discussion sessions organized on GBV risk mitigation throughout IOM intervention sites.
- 10 individual counselling sessions organized for new mental health cases throughout IOM intervention sites.
- 1,811 accompanied and Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC) and adult
 migrant returnees received NFIs including blankets, bedsheets, and dignity kits at
 PoEs and in temporary accommodations.
- 189 accompanied and UMC, and adult returnee migrants received food and medical assistance in temporary accommodation/shelter facilities and at PoEs.
- 1,019 accompanied and UMC, and adult migrant returnees received Onward Transportation Allowance (OTA) assistance from PoEs to temporary accommodations, and then onward journey to place of origin.
- 6 female returnee migrants supported with family tracing and reunification (FTR)

Site Management Support

- 5 coordination meetings in IDP sites and at Woreda level conducted in North Gondar and West Guji Zones.
- 23,234 IDPs and members of host communities reached with Site Management Support (SMS) related activities in Dire Dawa, East Hararghe, Jigjiga, Gedeo, Borena, West Guji and East Wollega Zones, as well as in two IDP sites in North Gondar.

Displacement Tracking Matrix

 Access and baseline information is updated regularly and is available at https://migration.iom.int

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