

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 five temporary accommodations in Addis Ababa and at 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.
- Participated in cluster meetings at national, subnational, and zonal levels.

## Risk Communication and Community Engagement

 19,082 beneficiaries in Dire Dawa, Jijiga, Togo wuchale, Dewolle, East and West Hararghe, West Guji, Gedeo, Borena, East and West Wollega Zones were reached with Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) activities.

## **Disease Surveillance**

- Between 1 April 2020 and 26 January 2021, Ethiopia has received over 47,400 returnee migrants: 11,556 from Sudan, 10,954 from Djibouti, 9,569 from Somalia, 7,669 from KSA, 1,921 from Kenya and 5,713 from other countries.
- Registered **1,655** new returnee migrants in the past week.



# Point of Entry

 7,851 individuals screened for COVID-19 by IOM Mobile Health and Nutrition Teams (MHNTs) and government-supported health posts in Dire Dawa, East Hararghe, Gedeo, Borena, West Guji and East Wollega Zones, as well as in two IOM Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) intervention sites in North Gondar.  Five temporary accommodations/shelter facilities in Addis Ababa and at PoEs are active.

#### National Laboratory Systems

- Conducted 40 COVID-19 tests for UN staff in Addis Ababa at the Migration Health Assessment Centre (MHAC) clinic.
- Supported five temporary accommodations/shelter with COVID-19 testing.

## Infection Prevention and Control

- Continued providing masks and sanitizers for temporary accommodation/shelter facility staff and returnee migrants at Points of Entry and temporary accommodation facilities.
- Two handwashing facilities (plastic water container with metallic stand, handwashing soaps, brooms, buckets, and jugs) were provided to two IDP sites in West Guji Zone.

## Case Management and Continuity of Essential Services

- **7,540** 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 IOM IDP intervention sites in North Gondar.
- 33 umbrellas distributed among women committee members at IDP sites in East and West Hararghe zones with COVID-19 messaging.
- Posters with COVID-19 messages were distributed at IDP sites in West Wollega.

## Protection

 3,769 individuals reached with home-to-home, public campaigns, and community-based Gender-Based Violence (GBV), child protection and Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) awareness sessions; provided group psychosocial support in Dire Dawa, West Guji, Gedeo, Borena, East Hararghe, East & West Wollega Zones.

- 1,136 accompanied and Unaccompanied Migrant Children (UMC) and adult migrant returnees received NFIs including blankets, bedsheets, and dignity kits at PoEs and in different quarantine facilities.
- **234** accompanied and UMC, and adult returnee migrants received food and medical assistance in temporary accommodation/shelter facilities and at PoEs.
- 753 accompanied and UMC, and adult migrant returnees received Onward Transportation Allowance (OTA) assistance from PoE to quarantine facilities, and from quarantine to place of origin.
- **21** female migrant returnees supported with family tracing and reunification (FTR).
- Conducted Protection Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) awareness-raising training for 36 government and religious leaders in Dollo Ado.

## **Displacement Tracking Matrix**

Access and baseline information is updated regularly and is available at <a href="https://migration.iom.int">https://migration.iom.int</a>









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