



IOM's migration health team discussing disposal of drugs and needles at Digaale IDP site, Hargeisa.
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SITUATION OVERVIEW

While the risk of famine in Somalia has declined, humanitarian needs remain at critical levels. An estimated 5.4 million people are in need of assistance, 2.1 million are internally displaced, and 1.2 million children are projected to be malnourished. The 2018 Gu season is forecasted to be normal to below normal; however, given current conditions, humanitarian assistance must be sustained. Somalia has taken critical steps towards making progress in state building and mitigating the impacts of natural and human-made shocks and these gains must be protected. IOM continues its efforts at the humanitarian-development nexus, meeting humanitarian needs while reducing risk and vulnerabilities and increasing resilience.



HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Save lives and alleviate suffering in crisis-affected populations




WASH


IOM continues to provide safe and clean water to drought affected communities. In January 2018, IOM provided 5,805,000 litres of water to 25,800 drought affected individuals in Doolow and Baidoa districts, South West state of Somalia through water trucking; supported the operation and maintenance of 44 permanent water sources supplying 30,579,360 litres of clean safe water to 122,686 individuals; and, promoted positive health and hygiene practices through community mobilization sessions and awareness raising activities reaching 15,560 individuals.


IOM continues to provide emergency humanitarian relief assistance in the form of food and water to 4,300 households in Kabasa and Baidoa IDP settlements as a component of the African Development Bank project. The food assistance includes 50kgs of sorghum, 10kgs of beans, 10kgs of maize, and 3ltrs of oil. The project has assisted 25,800 drought affected individuals in Baidoa and Jubaland in the past three months.

HIGHLIGHTS

ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER

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ACCESS TO PRIMARY HEALTHCARE

 **30,950** | Beneficiaries of
emergency primary
healthcare services

 **6,859** | Children under 5
vaccinated

 **23,746** | Reached with health
education

 **4,699** | Mothers received
antenatal care

75

Ministry of Health staff at IOM
clinics received continuing
medical education



200

NFI kits distributed to individuals
affected by evictions in
Mogadishu



IOM WASH supports the operation of and maintenance of water sources in Galmudug. © IOM 2018

HEALTH

IOM Migrant Health Division (MHD) operates 20 static health facilities including 17 primary health care centres, 2 transit centres, one migration response centre and 3 mobile teams. In January 2018, IOM MHD provided emergency primary healthcare services to 30,950 beneficiaries, vaccinations to 6,859 children under 5, antenatal care to 4,699 mothers and reached 23,746 individuals with health education.

S-NFI

Following the unannounced destruction of IDP settlements and humanitarian infrastructure in KM13, Kaxda district of Banadir in Mogadishu, IOM provided 200 NFI kits to those affected by the forced evictions.

CCCM



IOM CCCM works with stakeholders to ensure coordination and management of displacement sites in Doolow. © IOM 2018

IOM's Camp Coordination and Camp Management Teams are operational in Baidoa, Doolow and Kismayo. The IOM CCCM team completed the first ever house-to-house population count in Kabasa and Qansaxlay sites. The exercise was done in conjunction with the camp leadership committees and local authorities and will provide a figure to stakeholders from which to plan their service provision.

The IOM CCCM team held the first ever camp coordination meeting in Doolow, which brought together the IDP leadership of Kabasa and Qansaxlay sites into the same room with humanitarian partners. The purpose of the monthly meeting is to provide a forum for the IDPs to hold the humanitarian service providers directly accountable.

The Kabasa site extension work is ongoing to support the improvement of living conditions for the IDPs living there. A total of 1,106 plots have been demarcated for the next decongestion movement. The IOM CCCM team also worked with WASH partners to ensure basic services were available in the site extension.

CCCM activities have now also begun in Kismayo. A site verification exercise has been conducted this month in order to clarify amongst stakeholders operating in the area the agreed number of IDP sites in Kismayo and thus ensure better targeting of assistance and service provision.

CCCM Cluster

The CCCM Cluster launched its web portal for the Detailed Site Assessment (DSA) data. The Online Site Profiles are a tool developed by the Cluster and its partners to visualize online information about the 1,700+ IDP sites collected through DSA. The DSA aims to identify all IDP sites in/near urban areas and provide the humanitarian community with information on the conditions and capacity of the sites as well as the humanitarian needs of the residents.

View the [Online Site Profiles](#)

The CCCM Cluster coordinator visited Doolow on a joint mission with UNICEF emergency teams for the integrated response to malnutrition in IDP sites taskforce. The purpose of the visit was to look at service availability in Doolow and nutrition practices in sites. The team met with cluster leads, community leaders and women's representatives.

DTM

IOM Somalia's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) strives to provide localized, up-to-date information on the basic needs of the target population as well as displacement figures and trends in drought-affected areas.

On 09-14 January, DTM met with Doolow local authorities, flow monitors and IDP site leaders for the DTM Data Release Event. The event aimed to inform the region about the Emergency Tracking Tool (ETT) and Flow Monitoring as well as the methodology, data collection, analysis, and reporting for both methods.

 <http://www.globaldtm.info>



IOM DTM holds a data release event in Doolow. © IOM 2018



STABILIZATION & TRANSITION

Establish foundations for long-term recovery and durable solutions



RDS

IOM Recovery and Durable Solutions unit oversees 'Midnimo' (unity), a flagship programme aimed at enhancing local leadership capacities to facilitate the sustainable return, recovery, social integration and peaceful co-existence of displacement affected communities in Jubaland, South West State and Hirshabelle. Midnimo is jointly implemented by IOM and UN Habitat, and looks at bridging humanitarian, development and peace- and state-building efforts.

While activities are already ongoing in Baidoa and Kismayo, the programme is now expanding into three new locations: Xudur, Dollow and Balcad.



Participants completing group work during the CFT training in Xudur District. © IOM 2018

Doolow (Jubaland) - Training of core facilitation teams (CFT) made up of local authorities and community leaders on community based planning methodology has taken place and was followed by the implementation of community consultations, participated by representatives from all segments of society (host community, IDPs, returnees, marginalized clans, youth, and women among others). As part of an internal IOM Midnimo - Labour Migration and Human Development (LHD) joint initiative, Kismayo Drought Committee members were also trained.

Xudur (South West State) - Following the community based planning training, the CFT are conducting five-day community consultations event. Consultations will be followed by the creation of Community Action Plans (CAPs) that identify key community actions prioritized towards achieving durable solutions in the community. Many of these priorities are public infrastructure that will increase the community's absorption capacity and provide short term employment opportunities through a cash for work scheme. By promoting collective action, these community based public works not only increase access to community essential services, but also contribute to fostering social cohesion and peaceful coexistence.

Balcad (Hirshabelle) - Midnimo introductory meetings have happened at federal government level in Johwar, capital of Hirshabelle, to prepare the ground for Midnimo expansion in Balcad, as part of a joint stabilization, local reconciliation and durable solution initiative (area based approach).



IBM

IOM's Immigration and Border Management (IBM) unit supports the Government of Somalia in promoting safe and orderly migration, securing borders and building the capacity of immigration officials.

On 14 -15 January, a workshop on the revision of the Immigration Law was delivered in Adado, Galmudug, by IOM's MIDA Law Expert, who is responsible for submitting an update of Somalia's 1966 Immigration Law. The workshop was the first of five regional workshops targeting different regions in Somalia, to gather inputs and recommendations from government and civil society stakeholders on the components of the new law. The drafting of a new immigration law will influence the development of national standard operating procedures and an induction training curriculum for all immigration officers, which will be developed with the support of IOM.

IOM successfully trained 71 Immigration Officers (14 F, 57 M) in English Language and Customer Care Skills at Mogadishu Airport. The training comprised an in-class component that took place between 02 November – 20 December and an on-the-job component, which ended in January. The officers participating in the training showed tremendous dedication, working half days at the airport and immediately attending the training until after working hours. The focused on beginner and intermediate language skills using operational language relevant to border officials. This initiative was aimed at increasing the level of service provided by frontline immigration officers in Mogadishu and was an important pilot for future similar training at other ports of entry that receive high levels of international travelers, as well as for more advanced training in Mogadishu.

LHD

The Labour Mobility and Human Development (LHD) division focuses its interventions on promoting pathways of labour migration, enhancing coordination for diaspora engagement, strengthening institutional capacity and, mitigating the drivers of irregular migration.

The MIDA programme currently has 62 diaspora experts and 54 local experts seconded to government and training institutions throughout Somalia. In addition, 28 young professional interns have been recruited and trained by the diaspora experts.

Read about how one diaspora expert is helping to restore Somalia's economy :

[At the Heart of the Somali Economy – Introducing Monetary Policy From Within](#)

MAD

The IOM Migrant Assistance Division (MAD) provides technical expertise in areas including migration policy, administrative and operational practices and procedures for countering human trafficking and smuggling, and direct assistance to migrants.

A three month radio awareness raising campaign on irregular migration smuggling and human trafficking is being carried out in Somaliland, Puntland and South Central. Since December, twenty-one outreach sessions have been held and sixty people participated per session. In total 1,260 people have been sensitized about irregular migration, smuggling and human trafficking and services available through the migration response centres (MRC). Three social media sites have been active since December. The Facebook page www.facebook.com/mamaqashy has 3,160 page likes and the Instagram page (@MaMaqashy) has 126 likes with an average post of 500 likes. The Twitter page (@MaMAqashy) has a lower following of 33, due to the fact that the target audience are not Twitter users. The number one social media platform use by the Somali community within Somalia is Facebook.

Thirty four trainees drawn from the Counter Human Trafficking Development Agency (HAKAD), the Child Protection Working Group (CPWG), Non-Governmental Organizations and staff from the Migrant Response Centre (MRC) were trained on trafficking, irregular migration and establishment of a referral mechanism for irregular migrants and victims of trafficking (VoTs) in Somaliland.

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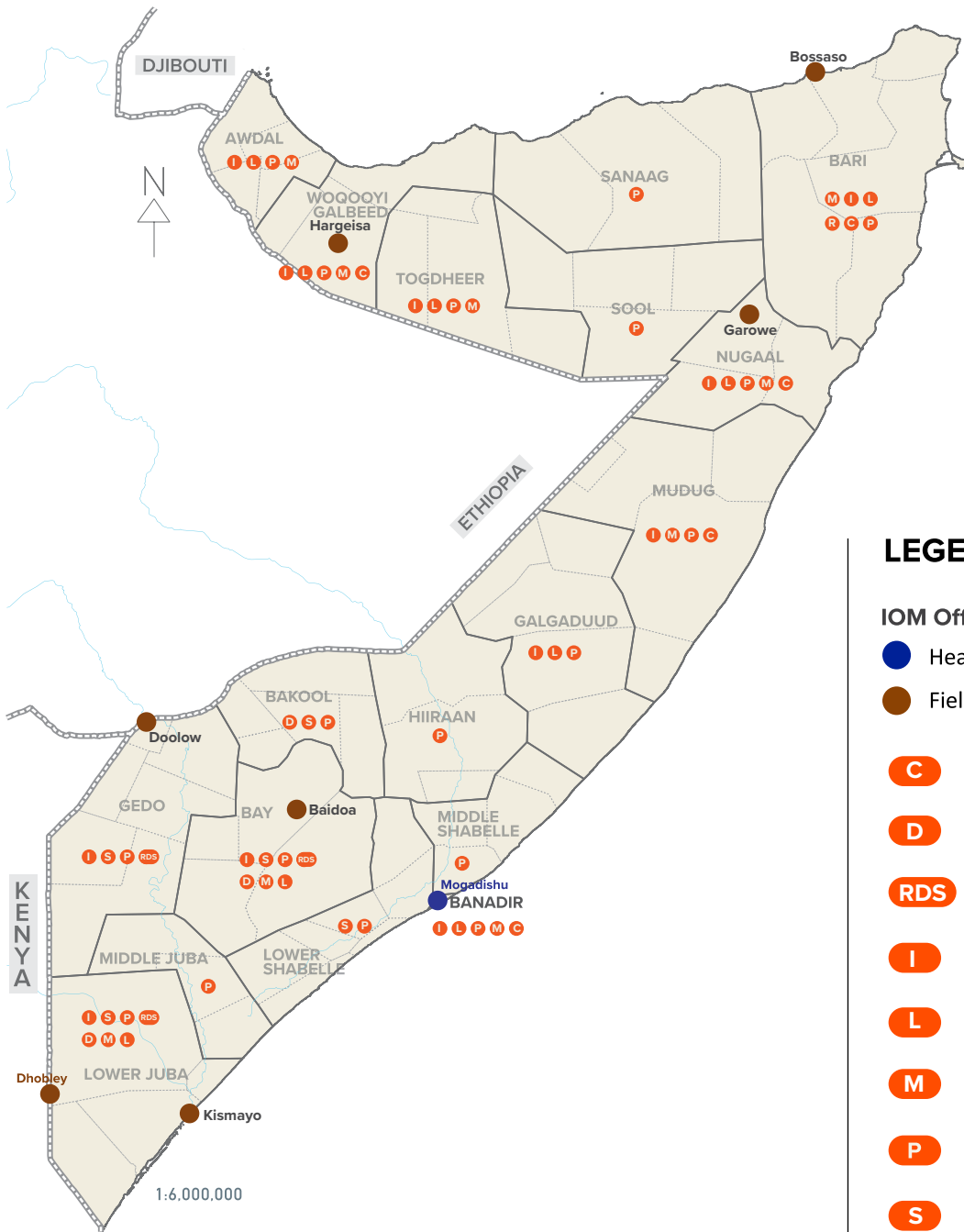
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