

The floods in Belet Weyne, Somalia rendered roads impassable, submerged bridges, disrupted movement, and isolated communities. © IOM 2023

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Somalia is transitioning out of a prolonged drought that caused mass displacement and livestock losses as well as a threat of famine. The recent *Gu* rainy season provided some relief but also produced heavy rains and severe flooding. Forecasts for the October to December *Deyr* rainy season is of a once-in-a-hundred-years flood event related to the El Niño weather phenomenon, posing a threat especially to communities along the Shabelle and Juba rivers, which will likely exacerbate humanitarian needs and waterborne disease risks.

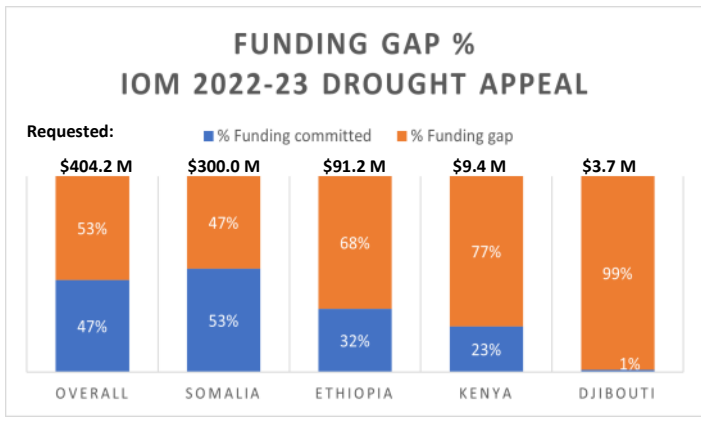
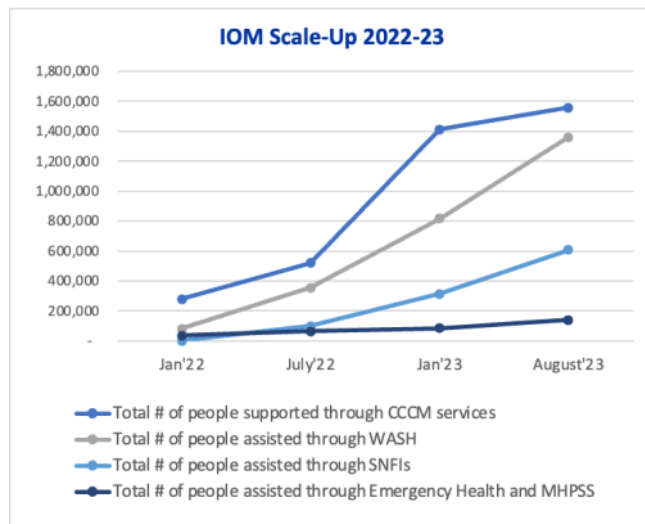
Ethiopia's humanitarian situation faces new challenges, including disease outbreaks and pest infestations amid lingering food insecurity. Security issues continue to hinder access to communities in need of aid.

In Kenya's Arid and Semi-Arid Lands, the long rains from March to May have improved access to water and forage. Pastoral regions have benefited, but the effects of the previous severe drought persist, leading to ongoing humanitarian concerns.

Throughout the region, IOM continues its response, recovery and preparedness efforts. Continued donor support remains vital to address continued needs and help restore resilience.

IOM RESPONSE

Since January 2022, IOM has scaled up its drought response significantly in Somalia and Ethiopia, reaching over four million people in total, including over two million in August (a 1% increase from July). Due to funding constraints, Kenya and Djibouti are yet to commence large-scale operations, although Kenya continues Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) activities and is preparing new cash assistance and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) interventions.

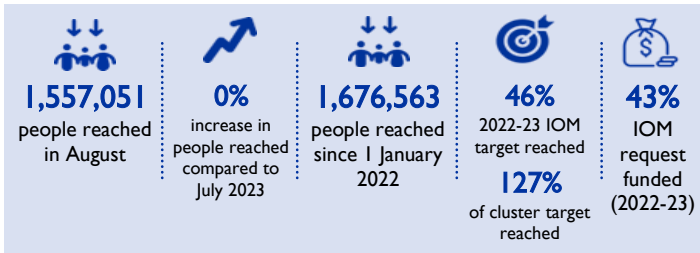


Appeals: [IOM May 2022 to December 2023 drought appeal](#) and [2023 Ethiopia update](#).

| | Somalia | Ethiopia | Kenya | Djibouti | Total |
|--|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|------------------|
| People in need | 8.3 M | 17.2 M | 6.4 M | 199,000 | 32.1 M |
| Targeted by UN appeals | 7.6 M | 13.0 M | 4.3 M | 160,000 | 25.1 M |
| Displaced due to drought | 1,861,882 | 516,269 | 464,696 | 6,086 | 2,848,933 |
| People reached by IOM in August | 1,658,454 | 423,923 | 3,106 | 0 | 2,085,483 |
| People reached since Jan'22 | 2,781,931 | 1,246,420 | 14,306 | 968 | 4,043,625 |

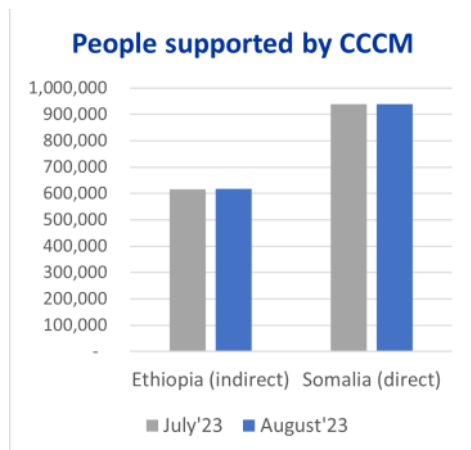


CAMP COORDINATION AND CAMP MANAGEMENT (CCCM)



Monthly summary

Regionally, CCCM reached almost 1.6 million people in August, similar to the previous month. This includes more than 939,000 direct beneficiaries in Somalia, and over 617,000 beneficiaries in Ethiopia reached indirectly through IOM support for Government (woreda-level) drought response coordination and capacity strengthening.

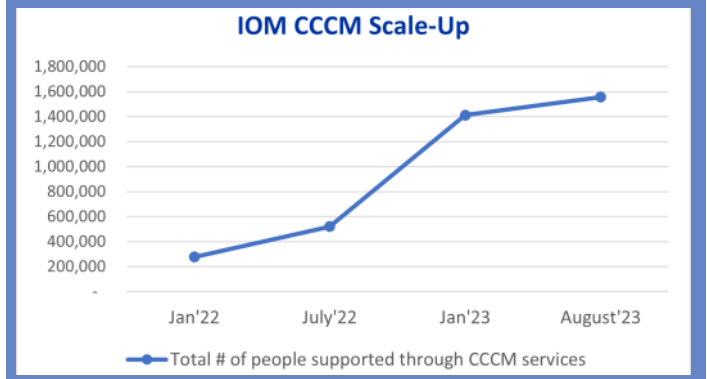


Activity details

In August, IOM in **Somalia** continued to strengthen its community involvement with a special focus on gender and minority issues. In Banadir, IOM completed the construction of seven information centres, which will serve as crucial community resources, supporting committee development, promoting community engagement, and facilitating partners' activities in the field. Moreover, in Baidoa, the female community support monitors carried out nutrition and health awareness sessions in IDP sites, reaching a total of 11,097 individuals and identified and referred a total of 92 cases to health and nutrition centres. Community Support Monitors are women drawn from the IDP community themselves. Their role is to conduct daily monitoring of and engagement with at-risk families, to provide support, information, awareness, and guidance. They focus on families who have recently returned from nutritional or health centres and whose children are at

SCALE-UP SUMMARY

Since 1 January 2022, IOM increased the number of people it supported with CCCM in the region (directly and indirectly) from less than 300,000 people in January 2022 to almost 1.6 million people in August 2023—nearly a six-fold increase. This constitutes 46% of the IOM 2022-23 target population, despite having received only 43% of the requested funding. IOM has contributed 127% of the latest cluster targets in the region.



high risk of falling into remission. Also, as part of the Women's Participation Project, IOM organized two workshops with women's groups and camp management committees in Kismayo to promote women's participation and inclusion in decision-making processes. A total of 80 participants (55 women, 25 men) attended the workshop.

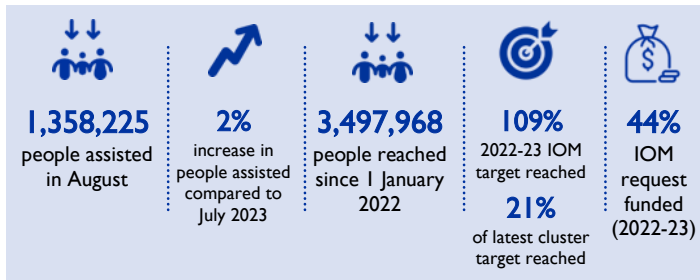
In addition, IOM organized 14 vocational training sessions for a total of 120 women, to help them develop their baking, sewing, and tie-dyeing skills. These were coupled with basic training in finance and business management, with the aim of providing women with the skills to develop and manage a small business to empower them economically. Lastly, in Belet Weyne, two focus group discussions were conducted with IDPs from minority backgrounds to gather information on their needs as well as their experiences with discrimination and exclusion. A total of nine minority champions were identified and trained by IOM's implementing partner on how to represent and advocate for their community's rights and needs.

IOM in **Ethiopia** continued supporting the local administrations in drought-affected regions with CCCM activities. In August, CCCM exited from two woredas (Meyu Muluke and Midhaga Tola) by handing over the coordination and information management activities to the woreda officials and expanded to Hawi Gudina and Burka Dimtu woredas in West Hararge of Oromia Region. IOM Ethiopia reached 617,850 indirect beneficiaries during the reporting period.



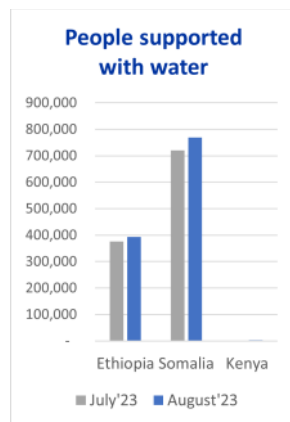
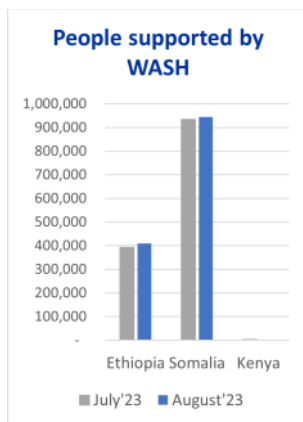


WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)



Monthly summary

Regionally, IOM reached almost 1.4 million people with WASH assistance in August, mainly through sustainable water sources constructed by IOM since the beginning of the drought response in January 2022. An additional two boreholes were completed in Somalia, hygiene kits were provided to 14,000 people there, and hygiene promotion in Ethiopia targeted almost 17,000 people.



Activity details

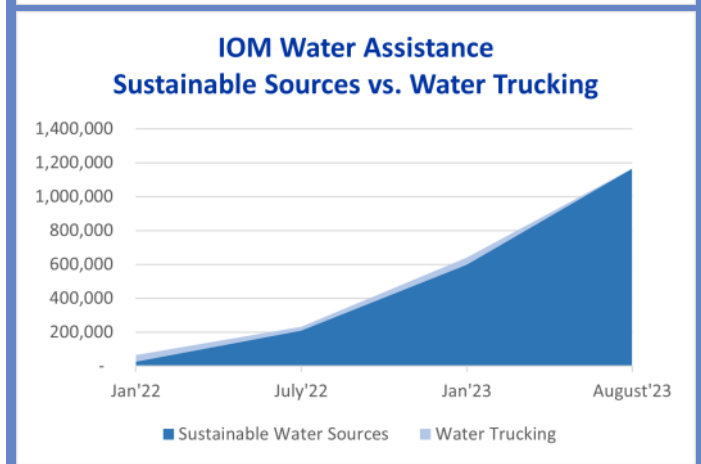
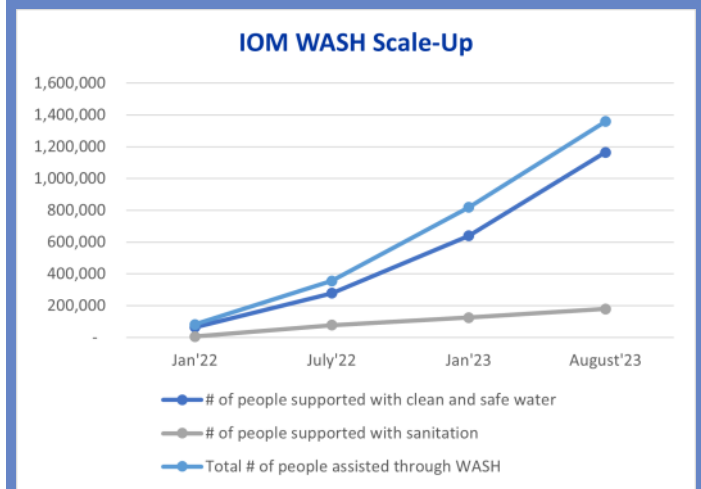
In **Somalia**, the last two remaining boreholes out of the seven planned under the urban water supply project in Baidoa were completed. The project aims to widen and improve access to clean water and sanitation in the region. The project has successfully equipped all the rehabilitated boreholes with solar power systems, generator installations, and pump installations, further ensuring the sustainability of the water supply. Additionally, two big water tanks, one elevated water tank, a new reservoir and a piping system have already been built or are in the process of being constructed. These developments mark a crucial step forward in addressing the water and sanitation needs of the community in Baidoa. Furthermore, IOM rehabilitated two shallow wells in Gamudug state, providing water to an estimate 730 families living in the nearby villages. Lastly, in Doolow IOM distributed 1,800 hygiene kits (containing buckets with lids, bar soaps, and water purification tablets) to households residing in Ladan, Kaharey and Kabasa IDP sites.

In **Ethiopia**, IOM continues to provide critical WASH assistance to drought-affected populations. In August, IOM reached 16,835 individuals through regular hygiene promotion activities (house-to-house visits, jerrycan cleaning, and environmental cleaning campaigns) in the Borena, Oromia region. Additionally, IOM is procuring critical WASH supplies and water scheme spare parts to continue supporting the drought-affected population, especially in

SCALE-UP SUMMARY

Since 1 January 2022, IOM saw an almost 17-fold increase in the number of people it supported with WASH with nearly 1.4 million people assisted by the end of August 2023 (from around 82,000 people reached in January 2022). This included an 18-fold increase in water provision—mainly via sustainable water supplies as illustrated in the second chart below—and a 30-fold increase in sanitation (although from a very low base).

Cumulatively (without double-counting), IOM has reached nearly 3.5 million people with WASH assistance (including more than 2.4 million in Somalia, more than 1 million in Ethiopia and 13,800 people in Kenya). This constitutes 109% of the IOM 2022-23 target population, despite having received only 44% of the requested WASH funding. IOM has contributed 21% of the latest cluster target for this sector.



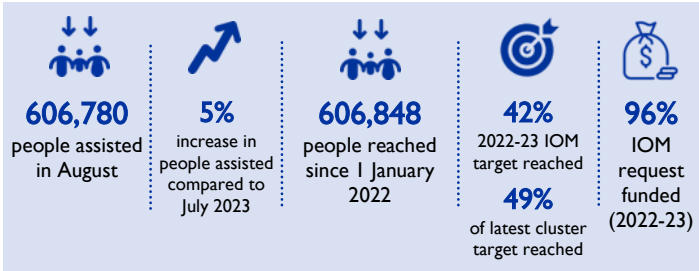
Somali, Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' Region (SNNP), and Oromia. Furthermore, IOM will deploy more trained hygiene promoters to complement the water point rehabilitation activities with regular hygiene promotion.

In **Kenya**, IOM participated in WASH Sector coordination meetings to discuss the current activities for drought response and the preparedness and response plan for the El Niño weather phenomenon. During the reporting period, IOM commenced the procurement process for the repairs and upgrades of eight boreholes in Garissa and Turkana counties; the repairs are scheduled to start in the coming weeks.



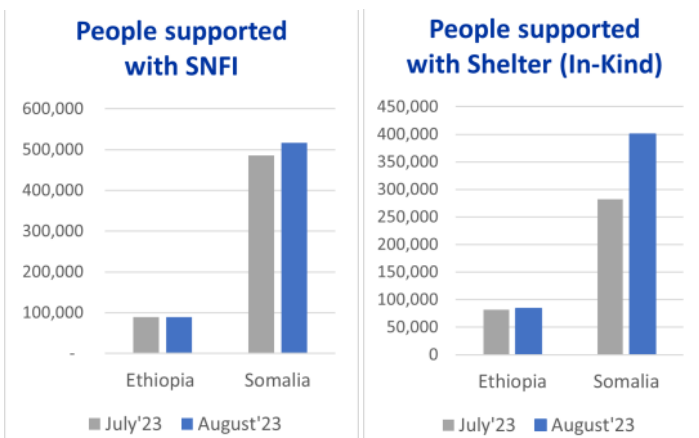


SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS



Monthly summary

Regionally, IOM assisted more than 600,000 people with SNFI in August, up 5% from the month prior. This included a 6% increase in the number of people assisted in Somalia, while no additional SNFI support was provided in Ethiopia, although almost 90,000 people continued to benefit from assistance provided there in previous months.



Activity details

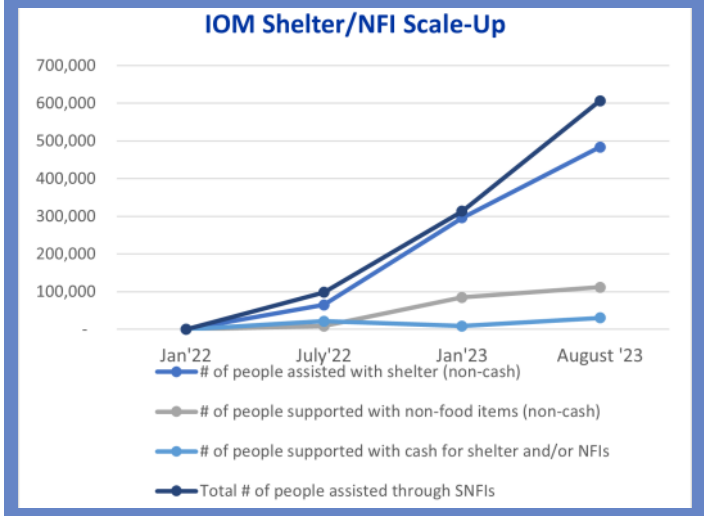
During the month of August, a total of 31,500 people in **Somalia** were provided with emergency shelter material through the IOM-managed shelter pipeline. A total of 4,000 households in Doolow, Gedo region, were provided with plastic sheets by IOM, while the remaining 1,250 households were reached in Baidoa, Bay region, by a Common Pipeline partner. Moreover, on top of the 23,844 plastic sheets already prepositioned in three hubs across Somalia (Barawe, Bardere, and Jowhar), a total of 100,000 plastic sheets were successfully procured during the reporting period.



SCALE-UP SUMMARY

Since 1 January 2022, IOM has increased its SNFI support related to the drought, from zero initially to reaching more than 600,000 people in August 2023. This includes more than 517,000 people in Somalia, and almost 90,000 people in Ethiopia.

As indicated in the chart below, this increase has been closely aligned with a similar increase in in-kind shelter support. In terms of Non-Food Items (NFIs), nearly 112,000 people were reached in August 2023 (from zero in January 2022). This SNFI assistance constitutes 42% of the IOM 2022-23 target population and IOM has contributed 49% of the latest cluster target for SNFI.



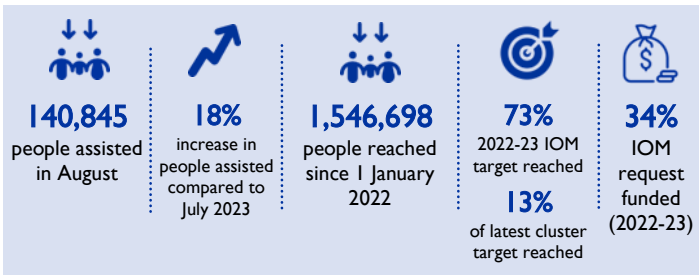
In **Kenya**, IOM actively facilitated the coordination meetings of the Shelter/NFI sector, as well as attending Kenya Humanitarian Partnership Team (KHPT) and hub coordination meetings on preparedness and response for El Niño.



“One night we were peacefully sleeping and suddenly we woke up to a powerful rain rushing through our shelters. It was late at night, and we felt powerless.” In the midst of chaos, she managed to salvage only a few belongings, including a mat, a plastic sheet, and some jerry cans. One of her grandchildren even came close to losing his life. “One of my grandchildren was swept away by the floods, but fortunately, people managed to rescue him.” - Zamzam

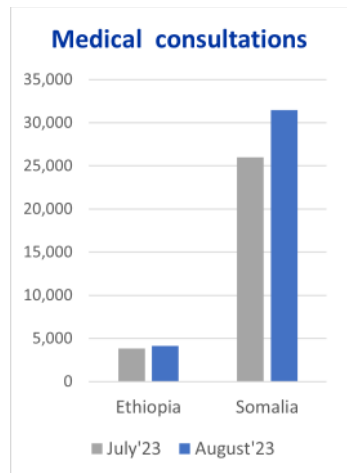
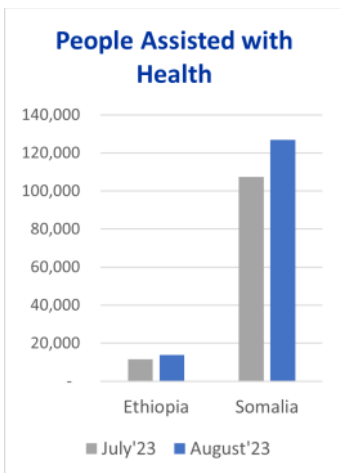
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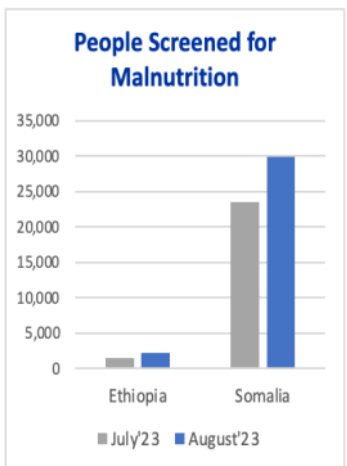
Monthly summary

Regionally, IOM reached over 140,000 people with health and nutrition assistance in August, an 18% increase from the month prior. Somalia saw an 18% overall increase in health assistance in August, including a 27% increase malnutrition screenings. Ethiopia saw an overall 20% increase, driven partly by a doubling in reproductive health services, a 48% increase in malnutrition screenings and a 9% increase in medical consultations, although the number of immunisations in Ethiopia dropped by 13%. See breakdown of specific interventions in the charts below.



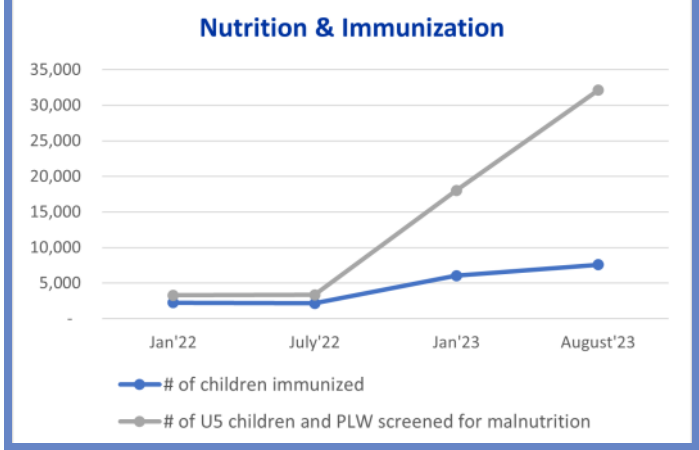
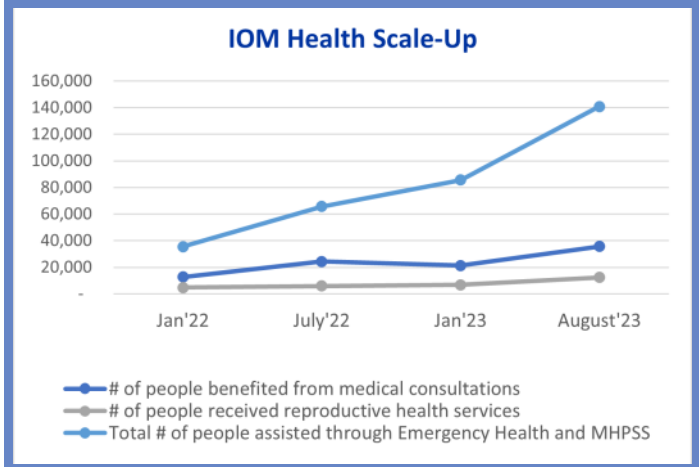
Activity details

In **Somalia**, a total of seven new mobile clinics were activated in Garowe, Puntland's capital city, to start providing health and nutrition services to the drought-affected populations in the area. With this additional support, the coverage of the health team in Somalia increased significantly, which is reflected in the number of people reached this month. Simultaneously, IOM is scaling up and sustaining its cholera and acute watery diarrhoea (AWD) awareness campaigns to prepare for potential outbreaks of these diseases once the upcoming rainy season commences, which will bring sanitation challenges.



SCALE-UP SUMMARY

Since 1 January 2022, IOM has nearly quadrupled the number of people supported with health and nutrition assistance to reach over 140,000 people in August 2023. Of these, almost 127,000 people were assisted in Somalia and nearly 14,000 in Ethiopia. As indicated in the charts below, this increase has been particularly large for malnutrition screenings which have increased 10-fold to 32,106. At the same time, there has been a tripling in the number of children immunized to 7,596 in August 2023. Medical consultations have almost tripled to reach 35,614. This Health and Nutrition assistance constitutes 73% of the IOM 2022-23 target population, despite having received only 34% of the requested funding for this sector. IOM has supported 13% of the overall cluster target population for this sector.



IOM in **Ethiopia** continues to provide lifesaving health and nutrition care services integrated with mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), including drought affected locations in Somali, SNNP and Oromia regions. During the reporting period, more than 4,000 medical consultations were conducted, and almost 5,000 individuals were reached through health promotion. The increase in malnutrition screenings in August is partly due to mass mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC) screening in Borena and Konso zones in in Oromia and SNNP regions, respectively.

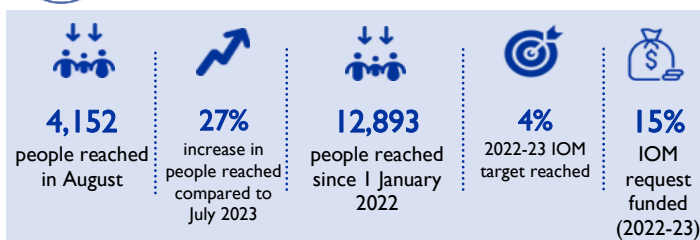


MULTI-PURPOSE CASH ASSISTANCE



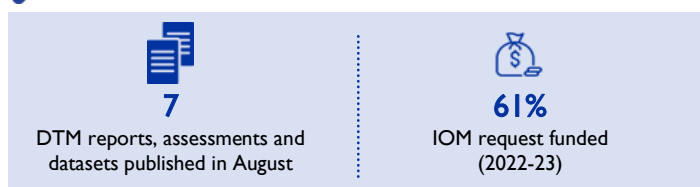
In **Kenya**, IOM is now in the process of preparing implementing agreements with local partners to carry out cash transfer with beneficiaries. Furthermore, IOM received additional funding from the Government of Korea to provide multi-purpose cash assistance to climate displaced communities in Marsabit and Isiolo counties.

PROTECTION AND GBV



In this reporting period, a total of 4,019 IDPs and host community members in **Somalia** were reached through direct awareness raising sessions. These sessions took place at several sites in Baidoa, Mogadishu, and Doolow. Most of the sessions were about gender-based violence (GBV) prevention, community sensibilization about protection issues, and service availability at different sites. Moreover, during other assistance distributions, IOM's protection teams accelerated the assistance for a group of 84 individuals, all the while delivering crucial information and promoting awareness on GBV and sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA). Out of the 84 people, three were persons living with disabilities, and the rest either very vulnerable or elderly. Lastly, in August, the protection team also established four community-based protection committees in Mogadishu, Baidoa, Doolow, and Borama.

DISPLACEMENT TRACKING



In addition to the periodic Emergency Trends Tracking (ETT) and Flow Monitoring (FM) assessments, the DTM team in **Somalia** is cleaning the data collected in Somaliland and Galmudug states for the Mobility Assessment Baseline 2 (B2), while the final dataset for South West, Jubaland and Hirshabelle states is finalized and published on the [DTM website](#). In parallel, data collection is also underway at the eight pastoral mobility tracking points (PMTPs)

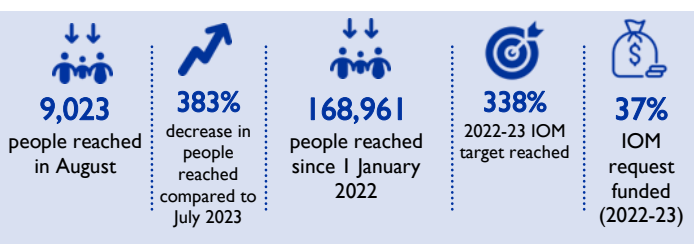
across Somalia. At the same time, the DTM team has finalized the report for the Galmudug district profiling and is currently working on an interactive dashboard. These two products are expected to be published and disseminated in September 2023.

Lastly, the projection for the second half of the year (July-December 2023) has been updated, feeding into the Movement Projection Model (MPM). The analysis covers the top 20 districts of displacement, hosting almost 90% of the country's total IDP caseload. Its publication is planned for the upcoming month.

In **Ethiopia**, DTM reports that an estimated 3.14 million people are displaced across 11 regions in Ethiopia as of January 2023. For the month of August, DTM Ethiopia carried out a Site Assessment (Round 34) and Village Assessment Survey (Round 17) that are currently being cleaned and analysed. Additionally, a National Displacement Report was published, covering November 2022 to June 2023. Furthermore, the July 2023 FM report was also published, however no reported incidents relating to drought for this report.

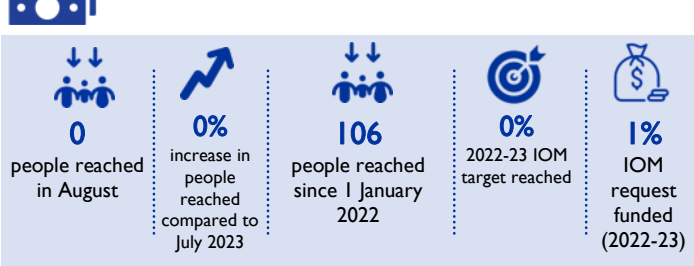
During this reporting period, IOM **Kenya** finalized the plan to deploy DTM in the counties of Wajir and Mandera (first round) between September and October 2023 with additional coverage in Isiolo and Marsabit (2nd round of deployment).

HOUSING, LAND AND PROPERTY



During the month of August, a total of 9,023 people in **Somalia** were reached with Housing, Land and Property (HLP) support. Out of these, 8,738 people benefitted from eviction prevention initiatives such as land tenure security, 80 received information on eviction prevention, and 205 were provided with HLP counselling and legal assistance.

EMERGENCY LIVELIHOODS



IOM **Kenya** has engaged implementing partners in Garissa and Turkana to support emergency livelihoods, including through restocking of livestock as well as animal vaccination and deworming. Agreement with the implementing partners is under development.



RAPID RESPONSE FUND (RRF)



In **Ethiopia**, IOM's RRF will respond to the urgent needs of climate-impacted households with multipurpose cash in Somali and Oromia regions. The first disbursement is anticipated in September 2023.

Northern Frontier Youth League Coordination meeting at Ruun

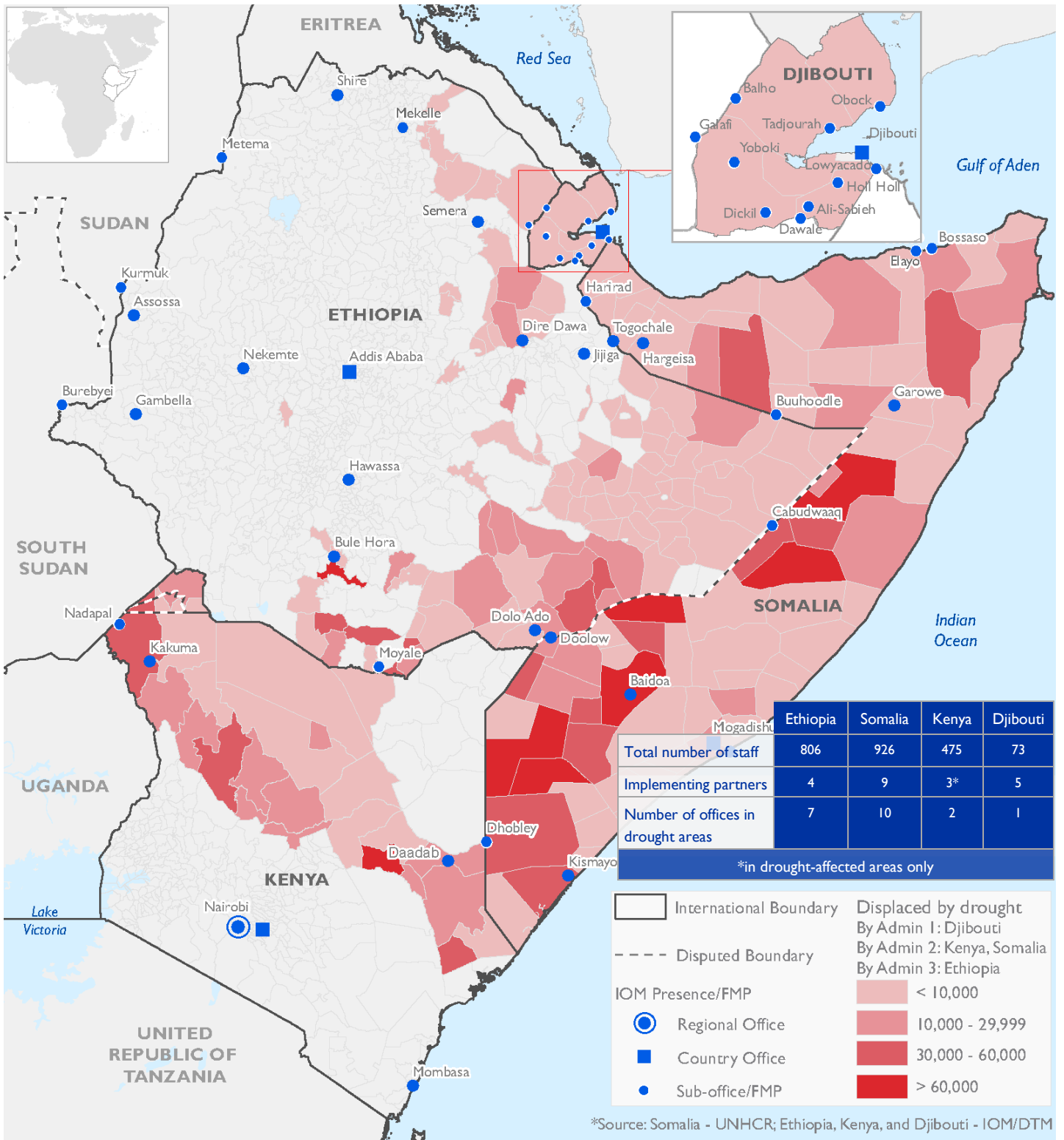


IOM DROUGHT RESPONSE (PEOPLE ASSISTED SINCE 1 JANUARY 2022)

| | Somalia | Ethiopia | Kenya | Djibouti | Total | % IOM 2022-23 target reached | % cluster target reached by IOM | % 2022 funding need secured |
|---|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------|------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CCCM | 972,471 | 704,092 | - | - | 1,676,563 | 46% | 127% | 43% |
| WASH | 2,445,576 | 1,038,592 | 13,800 | - | 3,497,968 | 109% | 21% | 44% |
| Shelter/NFI | 517,104 | 89,676 | - | 68 | 606,848 | 42% | 49% | 96% |
| Health and Nutrition | 1,345,419 | 201,279 | - | - | 1,546,698 | 73% | 13% | 34% |
| Multi-purpose Cash Assistance | 144,462 | 46,660 | - | - | 191,122 | 255% | n/a | 77% |
| Food security | - | - | - | 900 | 900 | 9% | 1% | 0% |
| Rapid Response Fund | - | 394,500 | - | - | 394,500 | 20% | n/a | 40% |
| Protection | 12,493 | - | 400 | - | 12,893 | 4% | 0.2% | 15% |
| Emergency Livelihoods | - | - | 106 | - | 106 | 0% | n/a | 1% |
| Displacement Tracking | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 61% |
| Housing, Land and Property (HLP) | 168,961 | - | - | - | 168,961 | 338% | n/a | 37% |
| Total (w/out double-counting) | 2,781,931 | 1,246,420 | 14,306 | 968 | 4,043,625 | 65% | 16% | 47% |

Note: CCCM figure for Ethiopia above is indirect beneficiaries, while everything else is direct beneficiaries.

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