

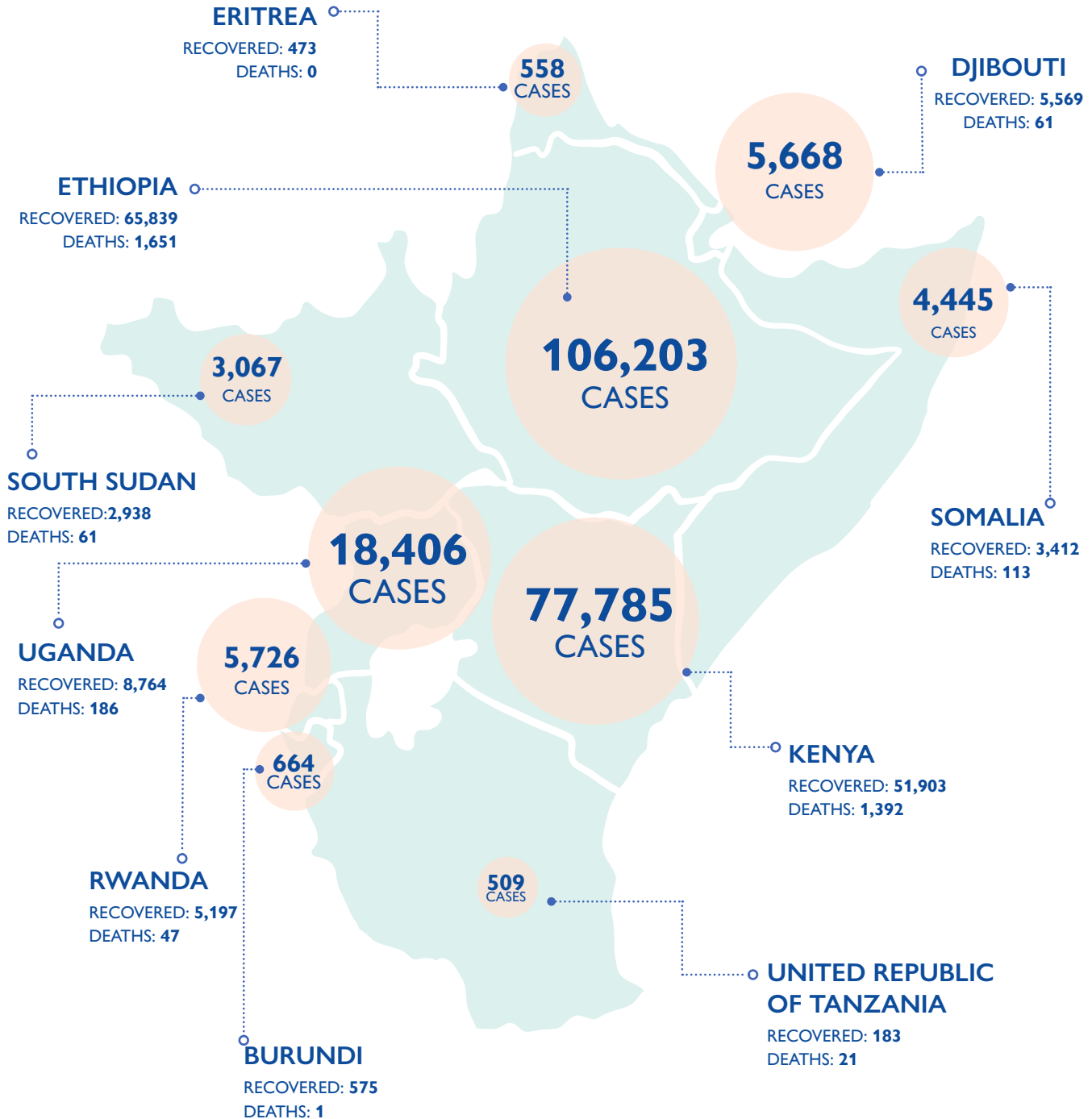
EAST & HORN OF AFRICA COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT - #33

25 NOVEMBER 2020 Update

223,031
CONFIRMED CASES

3,533
CONFIRMED DEATHS

144,853
TOTAL RECOVERED



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181,823

Migrant movements observed (DTM, October 2020) (55% reduction compared to October 2019)



1,038

Migrant arrivals in Yemen from the Horn (DTM, October 2020) (92% reduction compared to October 2019)



6.3M

IDPs (October 2020 – DTM, OCHA)



EHoA SITUATION OVERVIEW

The number of people infected with COVID-19 continues to increase across East & Horn of Africa. Migrants, including Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), are among the world's worst impacted groups, compared to non-migrants. Migrants are more likely to face conditions and circumstances in which the infection is more likely to spread, namely, poorer and makeshift conditions and overcrowded settings. This group is likely to have more limited access Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as they may be excluded from access public health and medical services. Migrants and mobile populations may also have an over-representation of pre-existing health issues due to a historical lack of access to health care. Migrants are currently stranded across the East and Horn of Africa due to border closures and movement restrictions. Many are in need of food, water, medical assistance and transport. Migrants are also experiencing involuntary return to countries of origin, detention and abuse, stigma and xenophobia, resulting from being blamed for the spread of the disease.

As of November 24, the number of positive COVID-19 cases in the region stands at 223,031. 1,147 new cases have been reported in the last day with most new cases reported in Ethiopia (418 daily increase 0.4%), followed by Kenya (413 daily increase 0.5%), Uganda (241 daily increase 1.3%) and Rwanda (61 daily increase 1.1%). Ethiopia remains the country with the highest number of confirmed cases in the region at 106,203 (47.6% of total case), followed by Kenya 77,785 (34.9%), followed by Uganda 18,406 (8.3%).

IOM is working with governments across the region to respond to the impact of COVID-19 in the areas of protection, risk communication, disease surveillance, infection prevention and control, case management, 'Points of Entry' (PoEs), camp coordination and management, procurement and logistics, among others. IOM is advocating for all migrants, including IDPs, to be included in all national government responses to combat COVID-19 and access to COVID-19 vaccines. A regional financial appeal to assist migrant groups in the East and Horn of Africa was launched in April for \$71.6M. So far, 73% of the required funds have been raised.

Link to the EHoA COVID-19 appeal document; <https://ronairobi.iom.int/publications/iom-east-and-horn-africa-strategic-and-preparedness-and-response-plan-covid-19>

In August, IOM launched an appeal to specifically respond to the needs of stranded migrants and others on the 'Eastern Route' between the Horn of Africa and Yemen.

Link to the Regional Migrant Response Plan for Horn of Africa and Yemen' (RMRP) 2020 Appeal: <https://ronairobi.iom.int/publications/regional-migrants-response-plan-horn-africa-and-yemen-2018-%E2%80%93-2020>

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IOM COUNTRY RESPONSE

Partnerships and Coordination

IOM Ethiopia is assisting migrants in 16 COVID-19 quarantine facilities in Ethiopia, in partnership with the government, in the capital, Addis Ababa and other regions.

IOM South Sudan is working in partnership with the authorities as a member of the Strategic Advisory Group, National Task Force, COVID-19 National Steering Committee, and the Needs Analysis Working Group (NAWG), a key platform providing decision-makers and responders with data and analysis on the impact and needs around COVID-19. IOM is also participating in state COVID-19 response fora with the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and other partners, including the International Rescue Committee, Medair, the Norwegian Refugee Council and Networks for Health.

Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE)

IOM Ethiopia has reached nearly 28,000 people with COVID-19 awareness messages in Dire Dawa, East Harargehe, West Guji, Gedeo, Borena, East and West Wollega Zones during the reporting period. **IOM Somalia** has reached 7,500 people with COVID-19 prevention information and messages through 9 IOM supported clinics across the country, and 1,400 IDPs in Baidoa, Doolow and Kismayo. **IOM South Sudan** is continuing with COVID-19 awareness and hygiene promotion in Bentiu and Malakal Protection of Civilian (PoC) sites as well as in areas surrounding the PoCs in Juba and Wau. Similar activities continue at PoEs in Abyei, Renk and Nimule. Over 220,000 people were reached with COVID-19 information through a network of 249 Community Hygiene Promoters during the reporting period. IEC materials with messages on COVID-19 are being displayed at 662 handwashing stations. IOM conducted training on COVID-19 for 32 community influencers in 3 locations. IOM in partnership with City FM is continuing to reach people with radio-messages on gender-based violence prevention, gender equality and protection in relation to COVID-19. IOM also conducted a survey on the COVID-19 prevention measures in Juba. Of more than 19,300 individuals observed in 24 public places, 63 percent washed their hand, however only 13 percent wore preventative face coverings. IOM also trained 26 sector leaders in Wau on maintenance and monitoring of sanitation facilities.

Disease Surveillance

IOM Ethiopia has assisted over 39,500 migrants who have been returned to the country since the start of the pandemic as part of disease surveillance efforts to stop the spread of the disease. IOM has also registered nearly 300 new returnee migrants in the reporting period.

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Points of Entry

IOM Ethiopia has screened over 2,800 returnees and local community members for COVID-19 at IOM mobile health teams' sites and government supported health posts in Dire Dawa, East Hararge, Gedeo, West Guji and East Wollega Zones. **IOM Kenya** has reached over 21,800 truck drivers transporting essential goods from Kenya's port city of Mombasa to Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Congo and Sudan with COVID-19 testing to support facilitate trade to mitigate the economic impact of COVID. **IOM Somalia** has screened almost 14,300 people in Baidoa, Hudur, Dhobley, Kismayo and Dollow for COVID-19. Over 14,800 travellers have been screened for COVID-19 at Juba International Airport and other areas by **IOM South Sudan**. IOM has also updated the Health Arrival Form to include COVID-19 and distributed it to airlines and officials at the Juba International Airport. IOM together with the World Health Organization (WHO), Access for Humanity and the Government visited the Point of Entry (PoE) in Renk to ensure that COVID-19 prevention activities there are aligned with the national response. In the United Republic of Tanzania, IOM supported the government with the development of a Standard Operating Procedure for screening at PoEs, currently being rolled out in all PoE zones.

Infection Prevention and Control

IOM Ethiopia provided facemasks to 31 quarantine staff and migrant returnees in Semera and Moyale and trained 50 health workers in Dire Dawa on mental health and psychosocial support in relation to COVID-19. IOM Kenya trained 35 frontline workers from the Malaba and Busia One Stop Border Posts on COVID-19 infection, prevention and control measures. IOM also donated personal protective equipment (PPE) to be used at the two posts. **IOM Somalia** reached over 12,100 people with hygiene promotion activities in Afmadhow, Kismayo, Doolow, Bardhere, Belethawa, Luuq and Bossaso. IOM also recruited and trained 27 hygiene promoters and 62 community hygiene workers in Doolow, Bardhere, Belethawa, Luuq, Baidoa and Bossaso and broadcast 28 radio messages on COVID-19 infection prevention in Bossaso. IOM South Sudan is maintaining 646 handwashing devices. Nearly 46,000 people in Juba are benefiting from 17 operational handwashing facilities maintained by IOM while 79 handwashing stations maintained by IOM is benefiting some 87,600 people. IOM has completed the rehabilitation of two handpump boreholes in Wau and is currently upgrading four boreholes in Juba. Nearly 13,000 people benefited from 15 handwashing facilities in Wau during the reporting period. Over 3,700 people in Wau received non-food items such as buckets, soaps and hygiene kits. An estimated 4,600 people benefited from 3 operational handwashing stations in Nimule. Health, water and sanitation provision, and hygiene prevention activities are being conducted with the support of the UN Central Emergency Response Fund, to prevent further spread of the disease.

Case Management and Continuity of Essential Services

IOM Ethiopia has provided 2,800 returnees and members of the host community including children with COVID-19 related medical checks and assistance in Dire Dawa, East Hararge, Gedeo, West Guji and East Wollega during the reporting period.

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Logistics, Procurement and Supply Management

IOM South Sudan has processed requests for PPE from two partner organizations for COVID-19 infection prevention and control in Magwi and Yei counties. The equipment includes 45 boxes of medical examination gloves and 17 contactless thermometers. IOM also supported a local partner with the integration of COVID-19 in flood response preparedness activities in Unity State. Water treatment products and disinfectant were provided to support approximately 3,000 flood-affected households. A local partner in Wau was provided with critical water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) items to support 898 households with returnees from Wau. The items include hygiene kits, buckets and soap. The procurement of critical WASH items was concluded with the delivery of 309 boxes of water purification tablets. The procurement of reusable facemask is in progress.

Protection

IOM Ethiopia has trained 48 health extension workers on gender-based violence (GBV) and mental health and psychosocial support in relation to COVID-19 in East Wollega. Some 840 people in Dire Dawa, West Guji, East Wollega Zones received GBV and mental health and psychosocial support awareness. Those with mental health cases were referred to counsellors at the Dire Dawa Internally Displaced Persons site. 122 people including unaccompanied minor children, and adult migrant returnees received blankets, mats, bedsheets, soaps and dignity kits at PoEs and in quarantine facilities. Some 87 migrant returnees including children were provided with food and onward transportation assistance, while 57 unaccompanied minors were reunited with their families in Addis Ababa. IOM also provided cash grant to 57 unaccompanied migrant children. **IOM Tanzania** is providing protection to migrants who have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. Migrants who are due for Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration are receiving shelter, psychosocial support and medical assistance.

Camp Coordination and Camp Management

IOM Ethiopia is continuing camp coordination with Disaster Risk Management Office on COVID-19 preparedness at IDP sites in East and West Hararghe, Borena, Gedeo, East and West Guji and East and West Wollega zones. **IOM Tanzania** is continuing with voluntary repatriation of Burundian refugees in adherence to COVID-19 prevention measures.

Displacement Tracking Matrix

IOM Somalia shared COVID-19 information with 2,106 individuals who reported to be unaware of the pandemic. IOM South Sudan screened over 14,800 travellers across five PoEs. **IOM Tanzania** is continuing flow monitoring at five PoEs in Zanzibar.

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POINTS OF ENTRY & MOBILITY RESTRICTIONS

