



A beneficiary trained in shelter construction building a robust shelter in Baidoa.



IOM staff begin demarcations of plots to build robust shelters in Baidoa.




IOM staff register beneficiaries via biometric systems for emergency shelter and NFI support through Cash-Based Intervention.






S/NFI NEEDS IN SOMALIA

In Somalia the need for shelter and non-food items (SNFI) is very high due to the extent of displacement and climate-related destruction – this is especially the case in IDP sites where many IDP households (HHs) live in buuls (makeshift shelters). Oftentimes, these makeshift shelters do not provide adequate privacy and protection against weather elements, whilst a lack of tenure security, random evictions and vulnerability to fires further exacerbate the shelter needs of IDPs.

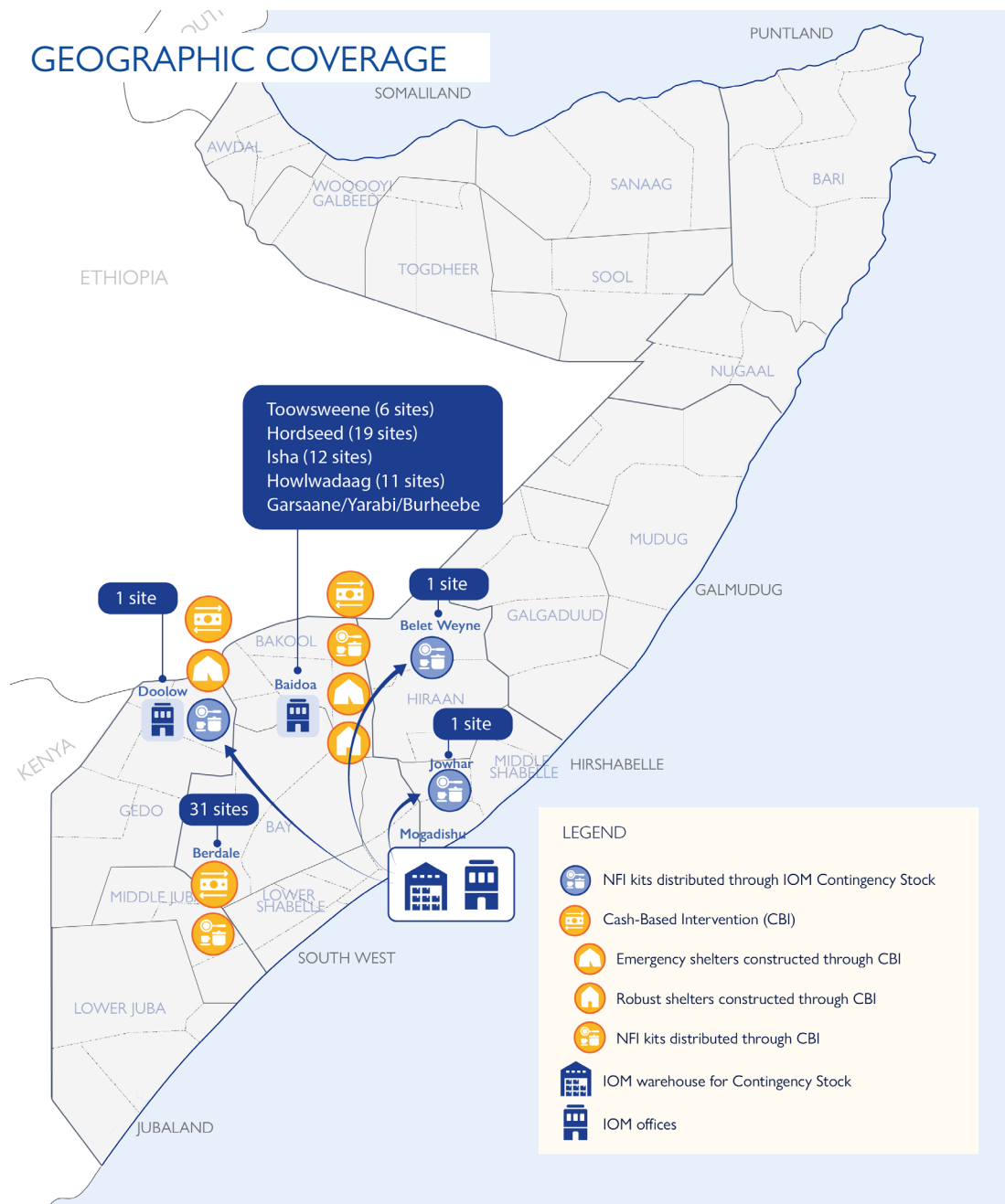
These trends continue to grow exponentially. In 2019, the total Population in Need (PiN) for the Shelter Cluster was 2.2 million Somalis; in 2020 there was a 47% increase to 3.16 million, including 1.7 million IDPs. Shelter is the first priority need of 54% of the overall population, and 60% of IDPs.

HIGHLIGHTS

-  **88 LOCATIONS**
-  **11,900 HOUSEHOLDS** reached (71,400 **INDIVIDUALS**)
-  **120 HOUSEHOLDS** receiving shelter construction assistance
-  **600 HOUSEHOLDS** receiving shelter construction training

-  **1,200 HOUSEHOLDS** provided with **Non-Food Items (NFI)** through IOM Contingency Stock
-  **4,500 HOUSEHOLDS** provided with **Non-Food Items (NFI)** through Cash-Based Intervention
-  **6,500 EMERGENCY SHELTERS** built through Cash-Based Intervention (CBI)
-  **200 ROBUST SHELTERS** built through Cash-Based Intervention
-  **\$1,585,000 CAPITAL INJECTION** into local markets via Cash-Based Intervention

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2020

Cash-based interventions (CBI)

In 2020 the IOM continued its usage of cash-based interventions in order to provide crucial SNFIs to IDPs and host communities. CBIs are typically used due to the positive multiplier effect, namely, creating temporary income opportunities for the local community and supporting local traders and market systems, and thereby fortifying community links. This is in addition to the enhanced decision-making power that CBI affords beneficiaries, allowing them to prioritize their household needs.

In order to ensure more robust reporting on CBIs, the IOM engaged a third-party beneficiary management system which allows for IOM to issue e-vouchers linked to beneficiaries' biometric registration, thereby providing real-time analysis on the nature of each transaction (the time; location; vendor; amount spent; and items bought). This has enhanced the monitoring, evaluation, accountability, and learning capacities of the IOM exponentially.

Contingency stock

In addition to CBIs, IOM continued to pre-position NFI kits in IOM-managed warehouses in order to be able to respond rapidly to emergencies, even where procurement of crucial SNFIs is challenging due to climatic or conflict-related disruptions to the supply chain. IOM thereby supports the SNFI cluster, such that IOM contingency stock items are available to cluster partners during the onset of emergencies. Three interventions took place in 2020 using contingency stock items, allowing IOM and its implementing partners to aid displaced peoples who had lost most, if not all, of their crucial SNFIs due to flooding.

Robust shelter

The vast caseload of beneficiaries in urgent need of SNFIs has necessitated a more people-centred strategy to mobilize the targeted population's resources, which will also enhance their buy-in and ownership over their shelter solutions. As such, IOM trialed the use of robust shelter in one of the 2020 interventions, providing a CBI valued at 800 USD such that each household could build a long-lasting, durable shelter. Beneficiaries were consulted on their design preferences prior to the intervention and local materials were sourced wherever possible. Through the construction, IOM SNFI engineers were available to provide capacity building to beneficiaries, teaching them the necessary skills such that they can upgrade their shelters further in the future.

FADUMO'S STORY



Fadumo stands in front of her new shelter in Baidoa with her children.

Fadumo is a 45-year-old single mother with seven children, who has lived in the IDP site Jiidow Bakol for the past three years after their first displacement due to the changing climate making her livelihood and lifestyle impossible back home. In the summer of 2020, however, disaster struck once more, and exceptionally heavy rainfall washed away her buul (makeshift shelter) and the small amount of food which she had stored. She and her children were forced to sleep in the open, unprotected from the elements, as her youngest coughed throughout the night from the cold.

Fadumo had little hope of rebuilding her shelter after the floods, with their family income barely meeting their basic needs. "We rely on my two eldest sons who go to Baidoa market daily looking for jobs. Most days, my eldest comes home without having found a job – if he's lucky, he comes back with 2 USD from construction. His brother earns roughly 1 to 1.5 USD a day shining shoes."

Fadumo explained that her shelter needs extended to almost every item needed to build a simple shelter for her and her children, including timber, plastic sheeting, strong poles, nails, door hinges, door locks, and structural materials.

In December 2020, she was able to buy these with the help of an e-voucher offered to her by IOM, comprising of 120 USD for shelter materials, 10 USD for transport, and 20 USD for her to spend on any other household needs. Had her two eldest sons not volunteered to build her shelter, she also would have been eligible for construction support which was offered to the most vulnerable households.

"Since receiving this support I am overjoyed – the children and I are so excited to have some respite from the scorching sun during the day and the cold during the night. Finally, I can say no more coughing for my children." respite from the scorching sun during the day and the cold during the night. Finally, I can say no more coughing for my children."

ALWAYS IN PARTNERSHIP

The IOM works closely with the Somali government both locally, and state-wide with the Ministry of Public Works, Reconstruction, and Housing. IOM is also an active participant of the Shelter Cluster, collaborating with iNGOs and NGOs through the cluster and supporting them through the contingency stocks run by IOM. In 2020, the IOM SNFI team also became chair of the Technical Working Group for Durable Shelter Solutions.



The new e-card and biometric system allows more accountability and protection for the participants.

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