



27,700+
Returnee migrants
arrived since April 1



22,800+
Individuals reached
with hygiene
awareness this week



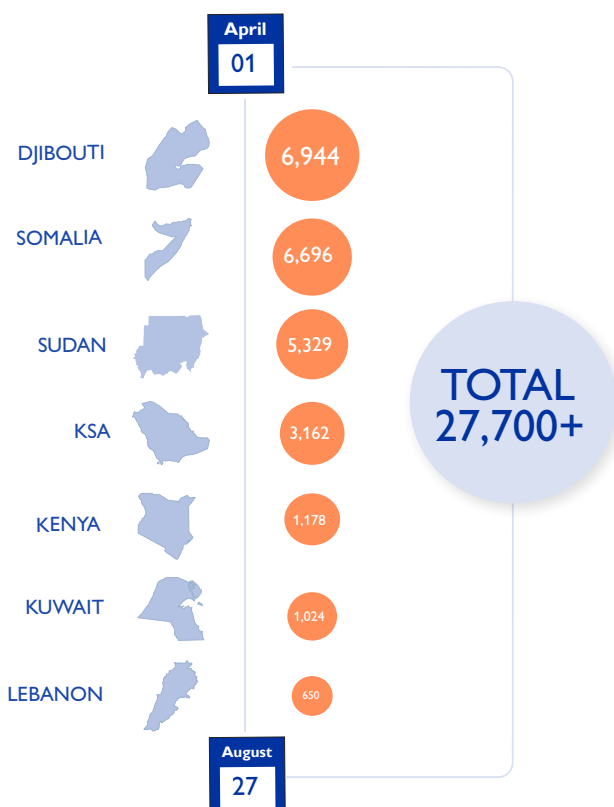
1,593
Currently in
quarantine facilities



1. Partnerships and Coordination

- As the designated lead agency for supporting the Government of Ethiopia (GoE) in the management of migrant returnees, IOM continued to assist GoE in coordinating support for quarantine facilities in Addis Ababa and the regions (35 in total).
- Supported the COVID-19 government rapid response teams (RRT) with provision of per diem to conduct surveillance and contact tracing in West Guji.

Returnee migrants by country



2. Disease Surveillance

- Between 1 April and 27 August, Ethiopia received over 27,700 returnees: 6,944 from Djibouti, 6,696 from Somalia, 5,329 from Sudan, 3,162 from Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), 1,178 from Kenya, 1,024 from Kuwait, 650 from Lebanon, and some more from other countries.
- 912 new returnee migrants were registered in the last week.
- IOM continued to provide direct assistance to returnee migrants in quarantine facilities, including registration, food, water and onward transportation assistance.
- Continued to distribute non-food items (NFIs) in quarantine facilities in Addis Ababa and the regions, including soaps, dignity kits, medications, kitchen sets, clothes, bedsheets and mattresses.
- Continued to provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as facemasks, gloves and sanitizers to quarantine facility staff in Moyale, Jijiga and Semera.
- Provided COVID-19 screening for 2,732 individuals in quarantine facilities and government health posts; 1,991 in Gedeo Zone and 741 in West Guji.
- Provided screening and triaging for 125 returnee migrants in Addis Ababa quarantine facilities.

3 ■ Protection

- Organised awareness raising on migration health aspects of COVID-19 to IOM staff in Bule Hora.
- Organised orientation on mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) aspects of COVID-19 and gender-based violence (GBV) at household level to 121 individuals in Dire Dawa.
- Conducted awareness raising session using megaphones and through door-to-door campaign at Sasiga woreda in Balo Bareda returnee site.
- Distributed COVID-19 stress management flyers to 50 households in Dire Dawa Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) site.
- Conducted a meeting with Dire Dawa Quarantine facility Psychiatric unit focal points to discuss challenges and action points.



4 ■ Risk Communication and Community Engagement



22,800+ individuals reached with hygiene awareness.



250+ individuals received hand washing demonstration.



5,259 individuals received COVID-19 key health messaging in Gedeo Zone, East Wollega and West Guji.

5 ■ Site Management Support

- Standard operation procedures (SOPs) for COVID-19 outbreak for IDP sites in Meta, Deder, Goro Gutu and Kersa were finalized and shared with government, partners and various IDP committee groups.
- Conducted community sensitization on COVID-19 prevention to over 12,144 individuals in West Guji and Gedeo zones.
- Continued to conduct community sensitization through display of COVID-19 banners in West Guji and Gedeo Zones. COVID-19 messaging banners were displayed in Deder and Goro Gutu.

6 ■ Displacement Tracking Matrix

- Access and baseline information is updated regularly and is available at <https://migration.iom.int>

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