



25,500+
Returnee migrants
arrived since April 1



69,400+
Individuals reached
with hygiene
awareness this week



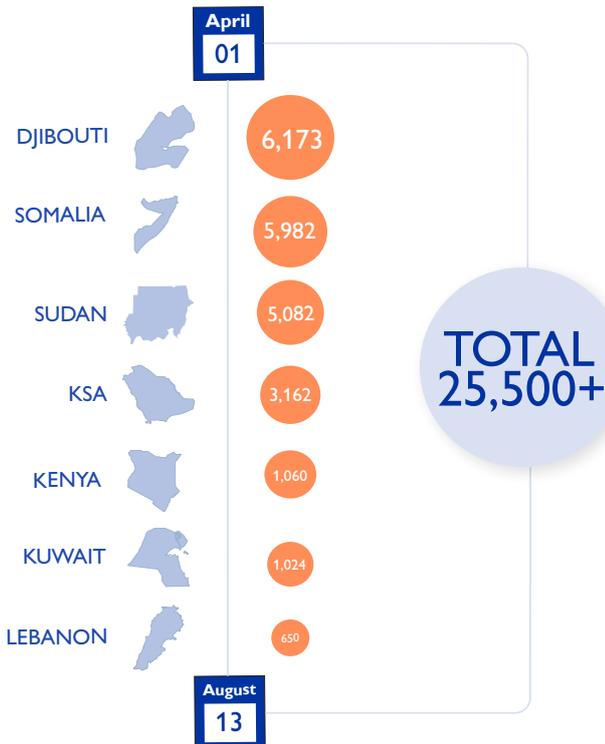
1,830
Currently in
quarantine facilities



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 (34 in total).
- A standard operating procedure on COVID-19 alert/outbreak for IDP sites in Dire Dawa was drafted with inputs from WHO, Dire Dawa Administration, Disaster Risk Management Office (DROM) and Dire Dawa Health Office. Finalization is expected this week.

Returnee migrants by country



2. Disease Surveillance

- Between 1 April and 13 August, Ethiopia received over 25,500 returnees: 6,173 from Djibouti, 5,982 from Somalia, 5,082 from Sudan, 3,162 from Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), 1,060 from Kenya, 1,024 from Kuwait, 650 from Lebanon, and some more from other countries.
- 546 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 and Semera.
- Provided COVID-19 screening for 2,601 individuals in quarantine facilities and government health posts; 1,034 in Gedeo Zone, 191 in East Wollega, and 1,376 in West Guji.

3 ■ Protection

- Gender-based violence (GBV) & Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) aspects of COVID-19 awareness raising was carried out among 390 individuals in Dire Dawa & East Hararghe in groups of 4 in line with COVID-19 prevention measures.
- Distributed children’s COVID-19 coloring books and pencils at returnee sites in East Wollega.
- Organised COVID-19 awareness and routine discussions on GBV risk mitigation at returnee sites in Balo.
- Nine awareness raising sessions on COVID-19 organized at household level for returnees in Kercha and Gelana woredas.

4 ■ Risk Communication and Community Engagement



- Conducted COVID-19 awareness and health education sessions including entertaining physical activities for returnee migrants at the 4 kilo quarantine facility in Addis Ababa.
- COVID-19 key health messaging delivered to 5,118 individuals in Gedeo Zone, East Wollega and West Guji.

5 ■ Site Management Support

- Distributed COVID-19 risk communication and community engagement banners to all sites under Site Management Support (SMS) interventions.
- Communities in West Guji and Gedeo zones received sensitization about COVID-19 and preventative measures.
- Identified WASH gaps in Suro Barguda woreda and will construct 10 handwashing points in key locations.
- Using a newly procured public address system, awareness raising sessions on COVID-19 has been conducted by hygiene promoters in Dire Dawa and East Hararghe.

6 ■ National Laboratory Systems

- Conducted a refresher training for 21 health professionals on COVID-19 infection prevention and control at Addis Ababa Science and Technology University.

7 ■ Displacement Tracking Matrix

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

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