IOM Response to the Horn of Africa Crisis
EXTERNAL SITUATION REPORT  6 December 2011

OVERVIEW
This weekly report is produced by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) as part of its crisis reporting on the drought in the Horn of Africa countries. The report covers the period from 29 November to 5 December 2011. The next report will be issued on 13 December 2011.

Highlights

- KENYA & ETHIOPIA – IOM has transported 83,554 refugees in Ethiopia and Kenya as of 5 December, 2011.
- KENYA – IOM, other agencies evacuate field staff following security incident in Ifo 2 West Camp.
- KENYA – IOM Resumes Livelihood Programme in Dadaab despite security challenges.
- ETHIOPIA – IOM continues with the relocation of refugees to the new Bur-Amino Camp.

ANALYSIS & TRENDS

IOM, other agencies evacuate field Staff following Security incident in Ifo 2 West Camp – On 5 December IOM together with other agencies evacuated their field staff after a powerful explosion rocked the Ifo 2 West camp killing one Administration police officer and wounding three others. Suspected Al-Shabaab operatives or sympathizers are suspected to be behind the latest attack that is seen to be targeting government security officers.

All IOM field staff were successfully evacuated from the field and returned safely to the main Dadaab agency compound. All field activities to Ifo and Dagahaley camps have been placed on temporary hold as agencies await further information on the incident.

There has been a string of attacks in the area. A remote-controlled bomb hit a police car in another part of the Dadaab complex on November 15 and on November 5 a U.N. convoy struck a bomb buried in the camp, but it did not explode.

IOM Resumes Livelihood Programme in Dadaab Despite Security Challenges – On 5 November IOM resumed its livelihood programme in Dadaab despite the security concerns in the area. IOM in conjunction with the Ministry of Livestock Development is embarking on a 10 day residential training of Diseases Reporting Committees. The training will sensitize the committees on common diseases and trained on reporting and other mitigation measures. The training has been necessitated by the fact the host community is not well prepared on disease surveillance, and reporting, which jeopardizes their livelihoods as they remain vulnerable to disease outbreaks that in the past have led to massive losses. Forty five participants have been invited from across the district to attend the training with the Ministry of Livestock Development providing technical expertise for the exercise. After the training the participants will also be given start up kits and drugs.
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Meanwhile, IOM will organize a Farmer’s Field Day on 20 December in GodLiye farm which it has fully sponsored near Dadaab town. The exercise is expected to encourage farmers in the area to embrace farming

IOM Completes First Cycle of Transportation of Refugees to Collect Food Rations –

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On 1 December IOM’s drought response team in Dadaab carried out this month’s first transportation of refugees from Kambioos Refugee Camp to Hagadera Refugee Camp to collect food rations with the exercise benefiting a total of 2,113 families or 10,064 families. The transportation services provided by IOM correspond with WFP’s food distribution schedule for this month. The next cycle and last cycle for this month is slated for 15 December.

IOM to Erect 800 Tents in Ifo 2 East – IOM will resume the emergency shelter activities in Ifo 2 East starting this month by erecting approximately 800 more tents for the completion of some of the empty blocks in the camp. These tents will be in addition to the 7,654 erected previously in Ifo 2 and will be used to provide shelter for refugees currently living in the outskirts of Dagaahaley camp.

Movements – There have been no movements in Dadaab since 14 October following security concerns in the region.

IOM Continues with the Relocation of Refugees to the new Bur-amin Camp – IOM kicked off its first transport assistance of refugees from the Transit Centre to the new Bur-amin Camp on 30 November 2011 moving 384 refugees from the 500 targeted. On 5 December 2011 IOM moved its second round of refugees to Bur-amin Camp after AARA and local administration granted approval. IOM has so far transported a total of 901 refugees since the exercise began. The opening of the new camp is expected to relieve the mounting pressure on the already overcrowded Transit Centre as humanitarian agencies working in Dollo Ado had raised concerns on the existing health conditions, Stagnant water, limited shelter and poor sanitation

IOM’s operation team is currently keeping pace with the availability of facilities in the camp and has already mobilized the local transport service providers for the relocation. However, the construction of the WASH facilities is still underway despite the rocky surface and the heavy rains in Dollo Ado which have been posing a challenge and slowing down the work. The opening of the Buramin Camp was prompted after Hilaweyn Camp reached its maximum capacity, accommodating more than 25,000 refugees. Buramino Refugee Camp is 23 kms north west of Dollo Ado Transit Centre and is the fifth camp to be set up after Hilaweyn, Kobe, Melkadida and Bokolmanyo refugee camps. In the meantime movements from the Reception Centre to the Transit Centre are slowing picking up.
Movement – As of 27 November 2011, IOM has provided transportation assistance to 37,084 refugees from the Reception Centre to the Transit Centre and from the Transit Centre to Hilaweyn Camp. There has been a slight increase in the number of new arrivals registered at the Reception Centre this week from 128 refugees in the last reporting period to 201 this week. The low numbers experienced in the last more than 2 weeks is attributed to the heavy rains in Dollo Ado that have affected movement and humanitarian activities in the area. There were 265 refugees medically assessed, with 12 medical referrals and 64 individuals reunited with their families. According to UNHCR, the overall population in the Dollo Ado Camps (Hilaweyn, Kobe, Melkadida and Bokolmanyo) stands at 135,572 refugees as of 26 November 2011.

IOM, UNHCR Builds Waiting Area for Refugees –

IOM with the support of UNHCR is building a waiting area at the Transit Centre in Dollo Ado to shield refugees from the scorching sun and rains as they await relocation to the new Bur-Amino Camp.
The table below presents IOM’s drought response in Dollo Ado in relation to movement assistance, primary health care and family reunifications.

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* The total number of movement also includes movements from the Transit Centre to camps, from the Reception Centre to the Transit Centre and between camps conducted earlier. ** Based on the assumption that one family has five members. *** Started 1 October 2011 **** Started movement from the Transit Centre to Buramino Camp on 30 November 2011.

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**IOM's Drought Response** builds on its substantial capacity and implementation of over 30 programmes in the Horn of Africa countries of Djibouti, Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia. IOM prioritizes its work with lead agencies, partners and government counterparts to develop a transportation network to bring vulnerable populations arriving at border crossing points and informal settlements to better-serviced camps, ensuring medical screening and lifesaving referral services as part of transport assistance. IOM is also working with stakeholders to fill gaps identified in needs assessments related to shelter (with UNHCR); livelihood programmes; and medical assistance, capacity-building and primary care services (in support of ARRA, the Ethiopian government refugee agency.)