

# COVID-19 RESPONSE

ETHIOPIA 2020

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS



**3.6 million** people reached through risk communications



**239,000+** people benefitted from COVID-19 related site upgrades in camps and camp-like settings



**80** IOM personnel seconded to national COVID-19 response



Operated **COVID-19 testing** facility for UN personnel and family



Supported returns of **43,000+** migrants



**191,000+** individuals screened for COVID-19 at Points of Entry



**130,000+** individuals received medical and mental health and psychosocial support service



Supported GoE to operate **49** quarantine facilities across Ethiopia

## BACKGROUND



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## COVID-19 RESPONSE ETHIOPIA 2020

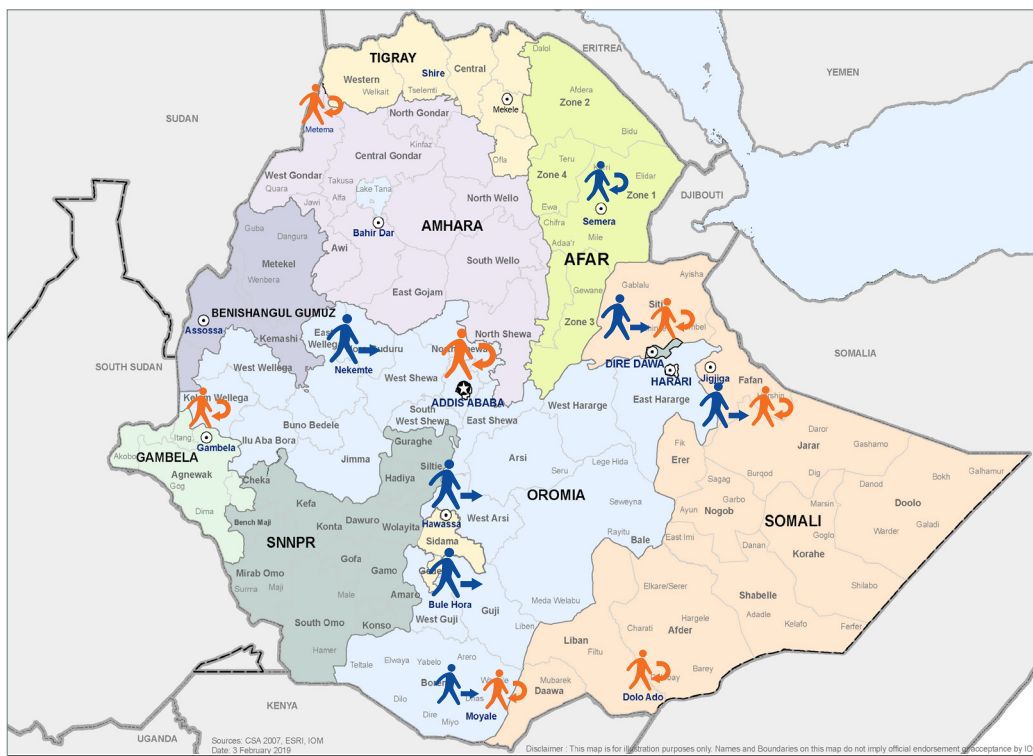
Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) worked closely with the Government of Ethiopia (GoE) and partners to ensure that migrants and mobile populations, including stranded migrants, returnees and displaced persons, are included in Ethiopia's efforts to mitigate the virus's impact. Ethiopia registered 124,264 COVID-19 cases and 1,923 deaths in 2020, making it the country in the East and Horn of Africa Region with the highest number of cases and deaths recorded. The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic led to unprecedented challenges for mobile populations in the region, including for vulnerable Ethiopian migrants stranded in the Horn of Africa and the Gulf, and Internally Displaced Populations (IDPs) in Ethiopia living in congested displacement sites with limited access to water and sanitation facilities.

In April 2020, the GoE designated IOM as the lead agency to support the return of migrants. Throughout the year, IOM supported the government to manage 49 quarantine facilities across Ethiopia for returnee migrants. Primary target locations for the response included the Points of Entry for returnees from Ethiopia's neighboring countries, as well as Addis Ababa for international returns.

IOM's COVID-19 response in displaced communities focused on mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and improving COVID-19 prevention measures, including decongesting overly crowded sites, improving hygiene awareness and access to water and sanitation facilities, and improving access to health and mental health and psycho-social support. IOM's COVID-19 response across Ethiopia was prioritized in close coordination with GoE and other humanitarian actors.



## DISEASE SURVEILLANCE



### Migrant Returnee Management

- Coordination and Partnerships
- RCCE
- Disease Surveillance
- PoEs
- IPC
- Case Management and Continuity of Essential Services
- Protection
- Addressing Socio-economic impact



### Response in Displacement Settings

- Coordination and Partnerships
- RCCE
- IPC
- Case Management and Continuity of Essential Services
- Protection
- SMS
- DTM



**43,000+**

returnee migrants supported during the pandemic



**49**

quarantine facilities supported



**36,000+**

returnee migrants registered



**2** SOPs developed for returnee management and data management



Operated COVID-19 testing facility for UN personnel and family



## RISK COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (RCCE)

**3.6 million**

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), returnee migrants, and host community members reached through COVID-19 RCCE activities

**4,800+**

Individuals trained in hygiene promotion

**600,000+**

Leaflets, posters, brochures, and other COVID-19 related IEC materials distributed



## POINTS OF ENTRY

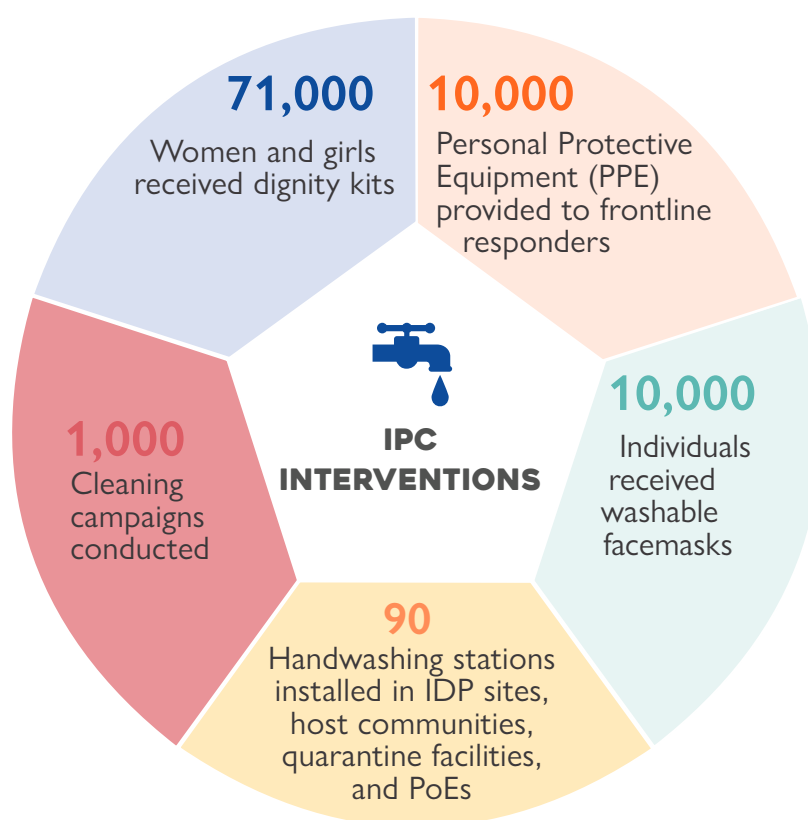
**191,000+** Individuals screened for COVID-19 at Points of Entry

**7** PoEs supported with COVID-19 response



## INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (IPC)

**2,000+** Health workers, health extension workers, and quarantine facility staff trained in IPC



## CASE MANAGEMENT AND CONTINUITY OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES

**80** IOM personnel seconded to national COVID-19 response

**45,000+** people supported with vaccination, outpatient consultation, and other health services through Mobile Health and Nutrition Teams (MHNTs)



## PROTECTION

130,000

Individuals received medical and mental health and psychosocial support service

26,800

Individuals received awareness related to Gender-based violence (GBV), Protection against sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) and MHPSS.

15,700

Individuals received food and non-food items (non-WASH)

6,000

Returnee migrants received Onward Transportation Assistance (OTA)

600

Unaccompanied Minor Children supported with family tracing and reunification (FTR)



## SITE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

**239,000+** people benefitted from COVID-19 related site upgrades in camps and camp-like settings

**26** COVID-19 related site management SOPs developed and distributed among IDP site managers and local authorities



## DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX

**2** National Displacement Reports published analyzing the impact of COVID-19 on IDPs and host communities

**6** Flow Monitoring Dashboards published, including analysis of COVID-19 awareness among migrants



## ADDRESSING SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT

**4,000**

Returnee migrants received livelihood support (cash assistance or in-kind support) to cope with socio-economic impacts



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