

COVID-19 Emergency Response

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Situation Overview

COVID-19 Cases as June 30th: 2,904

COVID-19 Deaths: 90

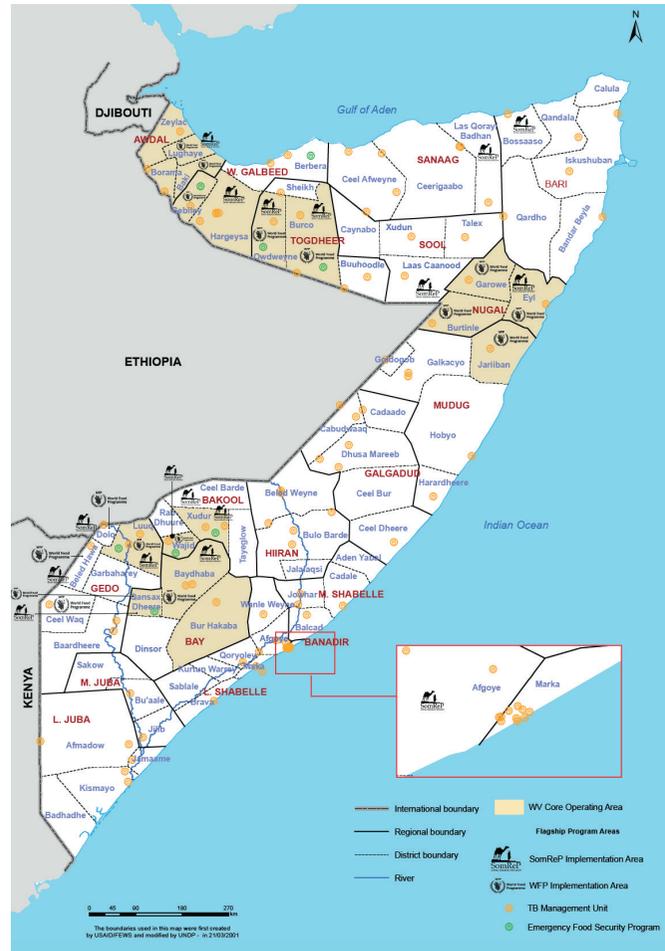
Amid it's road to recovery, Somalia continues to be faced with triple humanitarian threats; Desert Locust, Floods and COVID-19 Pandemic. Among the 5.2 million in need in Somalia in 2020, 3.2 million (63%) are children between the age of 0 to 14. The food insecurity situation has already deteriorated due to the ongoing locust infestation

Movement restrictions due to COVID-19 pandemic have heightened protection risks, particularly for women and children in the communities. In response, World Vision Somalia has set-up feedback mechanisms and toll-free telephone numbers to ensure protection issues are addressed.

To address a general concern raised by the community over inadequate measures to stem the spread of the virus, apart from distribution of basic hygiene supplies, training on use of Personal Protection Equipment (PPEs) and COVID-19 awareness preventive measures have been incorporated in all activities to ensure protection of both beneficiaries and staff.



World Vision is responding to the impact of COVID-19 in Somalia especially in places where children and families are most vulnerable.



People Reached:

443,474

Key Messages



World Vision Somalia COVID-19 response has reached 443,474 people as of June. In collaboration with partners, we are responding to the needs of Somalis by distributing Personal Preventive Equipment to health workers to protect them when on duty, hygiene kits and handwashing stations at various health facilities to curb the spread of the virus.



More funding is urgently needed to be able reach out to more vulnerable children and their families during this multiple humanitarian crisis.



World Vision has significant concerns that the spread of COVID-19 and related response measures will drastically increase protection risks for children, in existing humanitarian crises, already experiencing extreme poverty, especially in urban slums and informal settlements. This can increase girls' and boys' exposure to physical and gender-based violence, child labour, child marriage, and sexual exploitation and abuse.



The education system in Somalia was already stretched before the COVID-19 pandemic as a result of multiple crisis. Although schools are closed, without a well-resourced response, the combined impact of these crises' risks having a lasting negative on children's' education and increasing drop outs. Without a conducive and disease-free school environment, COVID-19 poses a risk to children's health and well-being.

Key Achievements



A total of 8,983 people

(5,680F, 3303M) were screened for signs of COVID-19 in Wajaale and 268 (123F, 145M) in Baligubadle in Somaliland. None of those screened had symptomatic systems of COVID-19.



A total of 3, 645 people

(1977F, 1668M) were reached through COVID-19 awareness messages in designated points of entry into Somaliland. The two entry points are Wajaale and Baligubadle.

1098

Faith leaders mobilized in collaboration with Ministry of Religious affairs to support community sensitization on Covid-19, provide guidelines on prayer arrangements, funerals and other social functions



25 frontline health workers

(13F, 12M) in charge of screening at the entry points of Wajaale and Baligubadle in Somaliland were trained on COVID-19 case management.



90 TB facilities supported

World Vision Somalia provided support to over 90 TB facilities with Personal Protection Equipment and laboratory supplies which were handed over to the Ministry of Health in Somaliland and Puntland. Over 500 health workers and 25,000 patients will benefit from the supplies.



Qotan dabo boarding School Supported

Through GIK, Qotan dabo boarding school in Somaliland was supported with the following items: 28 pillows, 100 bed sheets, 100 mattress covers, 15 boxes of men socks, 70 bicycles (35 large, 35 medium size), five exercise equipment, 10 metal beds and towels



Orphanage, Children Hospital and TB Center supported

GIK items were distributed to Gabiley Orphanage, Hargeisa Children's Hospital and Gabiley TB center. These included bedsheets (286 pcs), mattress covers (286 pcs), T-shirts (40 pcs), caps (50 pcs), men socks (15 cartons), towels (100pcs), exercise equipment (5 pcs), bicycles (30pcs) and blankets (100 pcs).



937 children supported

(529B, 408G) children were reached through Gifts In Kind in nine schools in Nugaal, Sanaag and Mudug region in Puntland. They were supported with vita-meal, school bags, exercise books and hygiene kits distributed by World Vision.



A total of 11,983 people

(2825M, 5,786F, 2,352B, 4,168G) were reached through hygiene promotion and COVID-19 awareness messages in Baidoa, Wajid, Qansadhere, Hudur, Burkahaba, Dollow and Luuq in South West State and Jubaland.



PPE distributions

World Vision Somalia donated Personal Protection Equipment to the Ministry of Health for South West State. These will be distributed to 10 health facilities supported by World Vision and the Baidoa COVID-19 isolation centre. The items include 95 cartons of gloves, 5 cartons of laboratory coats, 32 cartons of personal protective gowns, 96 pairs of heavy dust latex gloves, 40 cartons of nasal cannula for paediatrics, 2 cartons of nasal cannula (adult), 19 cartons of surgical masks, 68 cartons of alcohol-based hand sanitizers and 16 knap sack sprayers



443,474

Number of beneficiaries reached



2

Quarantine spaces set up supported



135

Health facilities assisted



1000

School going children assisted to register for Standard 8 online national exams

Key Highlights



World Vision continued to create awareness, disseminate messages and highlight response interventions on COVID-19 through various communications platforms. A total of 11,983 people (2,825M, 5,786F, 2,352B, 4,168G) were reached through hygiene promotion and COVID-19 awareness messages in South West State and Jubaland



World Vision supported the Ministry of Education to develop online learning content for standard 8 pupils expected to sit for their examinations this year. This will help to cover the gap created by the temporal closure of educational institutions as part of the COVID 19 containment measures.



More than 1000 faith leaders mobilized in collaboration with Ministry of religious affairs to support community sensitization on COVID-19 and provide guidelines on prayer arrangements, funerals and social functions



Distribution events in Somaliland were covered by various media houses including **Somaliland National TV, Horn Cable TV, Horyaal24TV, Laasdehere TV, Badda Cas24 TV, Bulsho TV, Gobanimo TV** and **Sulub Media Group**. In Garowe, **Puntland State TV** covered intervention to support Ministry of Health.



Gene expert machines, a TB diagnosis equipment are being utilized to scale up the testing capacity of COVID-19

Culture laboratories set-up for Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis in use for COVID-19.



In coordination with different partners including Somali health tech company, OGOW EMR, Poet Nation Media and Grit Partners Consulting, World Vision through the Response Innovation Lab (RIL) has created a series of videos to create awareness on COVID-19 in line with WHO guidance.

Key risks and challenges

- Insecurity - limited access to certain key areas
- Flooding has disrupted health care services and resulted in further displacement and crop destruction
- Widespread shortage of PPE supplies that has forced some HFs to close down
- High proportion of HCW infected (PPE shortage and capacity gaps)
- Closure of schools has disrupted learning with fewer children able to access remote learning materials
- Increased risk of protection and GBV incidences
- Following previous AWD incidents, 47% of samples collected tested positive for Cholera which further complicates the COVID situation
- Desert locust invasion, a threat to livelihoods



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