

# COVID-19 Emergency Response

Somali Programme Situation Report 2  
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## Situation Overview

**COVID-19 Cases as July 21st: 3,212**

**COVID-19 Deaths: 93**

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

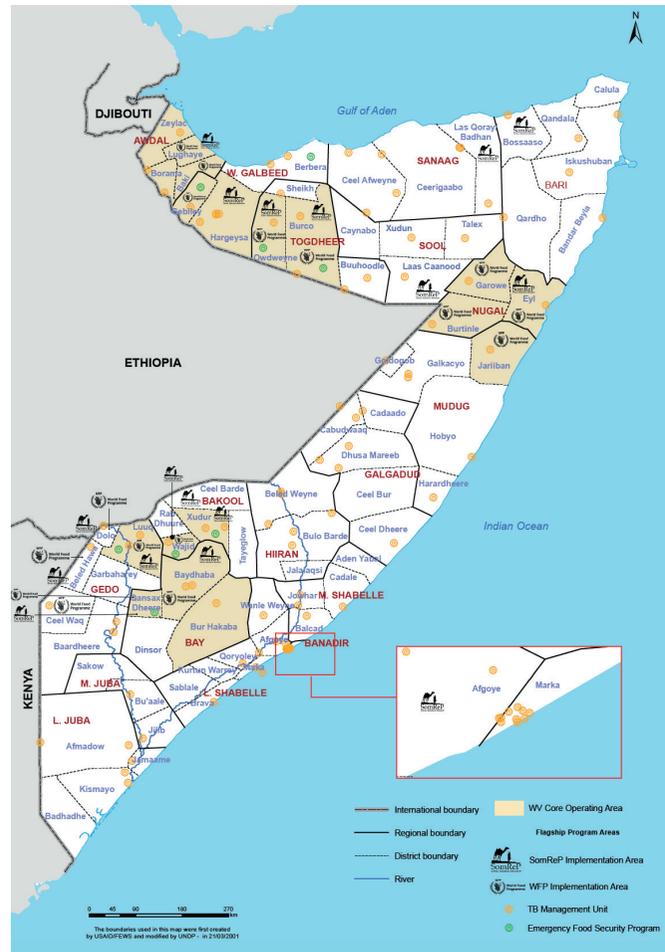
Movement restrictions due to COVID-19 pandemic have heightened protection risks, particularly for women and children in the communities. In response, World Vision Somalia set-up feedback mechanisms and toll-free telephone numbers to ensure protection issues are addressed.

Infection prevention and control is a critical need in the IDPs where access to water is still a challenge. In response, World Vision Somalia has increased access to water through water trucking.

To control the spread of COVID-19 and provide the beneficiaries with autonomy over their spending choices, cash transfer is more effective than food vouchers. This has been adopted by the WFP relief project and there are plans to scale it up in the future.



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



**People Reached with messages:**

**495,542**

## Key Messages



World Vision Somalia COVID-19 response has reached 495,542 people through preventive messaging as of 27th July. 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



## Training Teachers on COVID-19

Nine teachers trained on COVID-19 case management and psychosocial support assisted **201 (110B,91G)** children through messaging and counselling. (with funding support from **Irish Aid**)



## Capacity Building

Capacity building on infection control was conducted for **23** health workers and at least **132** people were reached through COVID-19 prevention messages by the health workers in **Eyl, Garowe** and **Burtinle**.



## Transport support

Community Hope Action Team members (CHAT groups) from **11** villages in **Burtinle**, were supported with bicycles to enable them reach more people when conducting COVID-19 awareness.



## FGM victims integration

A workshop on trauma healing for FGM victims integrating with COVID-19 sensitization was conducted reaching **40** females with funding support from Finland.



## Community sensitization

Community sensitization campaign on COVID-19 was conducted by community committees in the villages of **Ceelmadoobe, Mareeya, Cambare, Baraakahaqol** and **Wargaduud** reaching **231** people (**102F, 119M**) with funding support from Irish Aid.



## Vita-meal distribution

Distribution of vita-meals in **12** schools under Irish Aid project was conducted reaching **2,171** students (**1131B and 1040G**).



## COVID-19 Screening

A total of **13,755** people (**5,520F, 8255M**) were screened for COVID-19 in **Wajaale** and **Baligubadle**.



Construction of **3** incinerators at **Gabilay, Kalabayadh** and **Arabsiyo** health centres was completed benefiting **550** people. (**450F, 100M**).



## COVID-19 Awareness

Door to door COVID-19 awareness sessions were conducted in **Wajaale** and **Baligubadle** reaching over **2,156** people (**933F, 1221M**).



## Clean Water Provision

**380** Households **2,280** people (**1,163M, 1117F**) in **Qalah IDP** centre in Somaliland were provided with clean water through water trucking.



## Borehole rehabilitation

Two Boreholes in **Gabilay** district were rehabilitated and will benefit an estimated population of **4,200** people (**2142M, 2058F**).



A total of **6,159** people (**1793M, 3941F, 199B, and 226G**) were reached through hygiene promotion and COVID-19 awareness messages in **Baidoa, Wajid, Qansadhere, Hudur** and **Burkahaba**.



Working in collaboration with the Ministry of Women Family Affairs and Human Rights Development (MoWFAHRD), Ministry of Information and Public Guidance supported by a Sheik, COVID-19 sensitization awareness was carried out through 24 radio spot messages aired 4 times a day for 6 days and an additional 1 weekly TV/Radio special coverage. World Vision also provided 10 speakers to support in disseminating pre-recorded preventive messages on COVID-19 at 12 IDPs in Baidoa. An estimated **1,279** people (**276M, 300F, 337B, 366 girls**) were reached during the week.



## COVID-19 Awareness

A total of **1,310** people (**462M, 633F, 103B, 112G**) were reached through hygiene promotion and COVID-19 awareness messages in health facilities supported by World Vision and outreach teams in Doolow and Luuq



## Child Protection

The COVID-19 community case workers (CCCWs) in Baidoa identified and referred **8** child protection cases.



## Culture Lab Equipped

Culture laboratory equipped for COVID-19 diagnosis using Gene Xpert machines in Mogadishu and other locations



## Quarantine spaces set up

Quarantine spaces set up supported: Baidoa, Garowe and Gabilay



## Isolation centres set up

**2** Isolation centres in Wajaale and Baligubadle



## COVID-19 awareness videos

SomRil has created more than **5** videos to create awareness on COVID-19.



## Lab Supplies and PPE

**95** Health facilities provided with laboratory supplies and PPE



## COVID-19 Training

**3711** Health workers trained on COVID-19 and Infection Prevention & Control



## Exam Registration

**1000** School going children assisted to register for Standard 8 online national exams



## COVI-19 Preventive Messages

**495,542** Reached with COVID-19 preventive messages

## FLOODS Response



### Cash Assistance

Scaled up cash assistance to vulnerable households by enrolling **2,300** HHs under WFP flood response budget in Doolow and Luuq



### Hygiene Promotion

Hygiene promotion conducted in Baidoa reached more than **3,000** individuals



### Non-Food Items Distribution

Distributed kitchenware and NFI's to 622 HH in Baidoa and Doolow.



### Sanitation tools Distribution

Distributed sanitation tools to the affected IDP camps benefiting **1,950** individuals.



### Clean-up campaigns

Conducted clean-up campaigns for five IDPs through CFWs for 8 weeks benefiting IDP camps in Baidoa (Awalbarwaqo, Dawtimalab, Towfiq, Daryeel and Sagam)



### Water Chlorination

Water chlorination conducted jointly with the wash cluster in Doolow



### Cash Assistance

Unconditional cash assistance provided for **163** HHs in Puntland



### Vitameal Distribution

Distributed Vitameal fortified food to **500** HHs in Qardho



### Shelter Umbrella

Shelter umbrella provided for 250 business in Qardho

## Locust Response



### Transport Assistance

World Vision has been able to support FAO & Government efforts by facilitating transport of 6 teams doing ground spraying.



### Locust Spraying Support

**7** motorized knapsacks for ground spraying, **350** sets of protective gear and **35** canvas camping gear for the team engaged in spraying the locusts.



### Planned activities:

- DRR committee training and capacity building of National organizations on management of locusts based on the life cycle
- Land preparation activities for the farming communities.
- Providing vulnerable families (affected farmers) with assorted seeds (sorghum, Maize and Sesame)

## Plan for the next 6 months

- Safeguarding the public health system by providing essential medicines in health facilities managed by World Vision responding to other diseases including Tuberculosis, Cholera and providing nutrition to mothers and children
- Increase GeneXpert testing coverage
- Engage more faith leaders in the community awareness & Screening
- Enhance supervision and continuous training of health workers

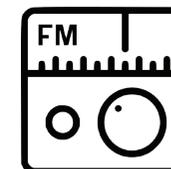
## Key Highlights



Infection prevention and control is a critical need in the IDPs where access to water is still a challenge. In response, World Vision Somalia has increased access to water through water trucking.



Following the feedback from community and health cluster on the number of infected health workers, World Vision has increased the coverage of medical personnel receiving personal protection equipment (PPE) to cover facilities that are not directly supported by World Vision. This is to address the risk of having more health workers and protect them from getting infected while at providing services.



We had a live interview with Radio Ergo on food security. This is an initiative Radio Ergo launched a few weeks ago, collaborating with the clusters to support open dialogue among IDPs, authorities, and humanitarians.



World Vision through the Response Innovation Lab (RIL) in coordination with different partners including Somali health tech company, OGOW EMR, Poet Nation Media and Grit Partners Consulting created videos to create awareness on COVID-19 in line with WHO guidance. The second episode of our child focused mini-series, Hiddo & Hirsi was released last Thursday.



Faith Leaders who are organized into Community Hope Action Teams (CHATs) in WW operation areas have continued to collaborate closely with other leaders and officials of the Ministry of Religious Affairs to create awareness among community on preventive measures to be observed to mitigate Covid-19 situation. This is in addition to their normal duties of teaching key tenets of faith and practice on a daily basis to their respective congregations.



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Through RIL we have been working with International Media Support (IMS) who run the Radio Ergo platform. We have supported them with the production (co-financed) of 10 radio drama episodes that have been already broadcast, and another 5 in the pipeline. Here is the link to the shows online: <https://radioergo.org/en/category/bed-dhawr/>.

## 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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