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 crises. 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.

Somali Programme Situation Report 2
31st July 2020

**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.

**People Reached with messages:**

495,542
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.

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

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

- **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).

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

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

- **Child Protection**: The COVID-19 community case workers (CCCWs) in Baidoa, Wajid, Qansadhere, Hudur and Burkahaba.

- **World Vision Somalia COVID-19 Emergency Response Highlights**

- **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.

- **Whitelab 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

- **Lab Supplies and PPE**: Lab supplies and PPE provided with laboratory supplies and PPE

- **COVID-19 Training**: 371 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

- **COVID-19 Preventive Messages**: 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 Luq.

**Sanitation tools Distribution**
Distributed sanitation tools to the affected IDP camps benefitting 1,950 individuals.

**Cash Assistance**
Unconditional cash assistance provided for 163 HHs in Puntland.

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

**Clean-up campaigns**
Conducted clean-up campaigns for five IDPs through CPWs for 8 weeks benefitting IDP camps in Baidoa (Awalbarwao, Dawtimalab, Towfiq, Daryeel and Sagam).

**Non-Food Items Distribution**
Distributed kitchenware and NFIs to 622 HH in Baidoa and Doolow.

**Water Chlorination**
Water chlorination conducted jointly with the wash cluster in Doolow.

**Sanitation tools Distribution**
Distributed sanitation tools to the affected IDP camps benefitting 1,950 individuals.

**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**
- Engage more faith leaders in the community awareness & Screening
- Enhance supervision and continuous training of health workers

Key Highlights

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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.
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