

SOMALIA CRISIS RESPONSE UPDATE SITUATION REPORT | 1-31 OCTOBER 2023

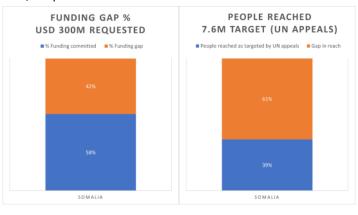




SITUATION OVERVIEW

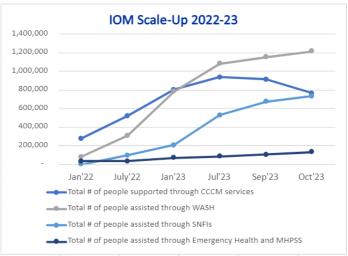
In October, Somalia has experienced heavy rainfall derived from El Niño weather phenomena, which is to devastating floods that have resulted in displacement and significant damage of infrastructure.

As reported by OCHA, the results of rapid assessments conducted by humanitarian partners and local authorities in parts of Galmudug, Hirshabelle, Jubaland and South West states, show that about 278,000 people were affected by the heavy rains and related flash floods between 4 and 22 October. FAO/SWALIM reported several of these areas receiving up to 300 mm of rainfall, far more than it has been recorded over the whole Deyr (October to December) season last year. In addition, moderate to heavy rains along the Juba River have led to overbank flows at Doolow, Luug and Baardheere, causing flooding in the nearby villages. Along the Shabelle river, the water level at Belet Weyne remains high, and is approaching the high flood risk level at Bulo Burto and Jowhar. According to UN OCHA, as of end-October, the flash and river flooding has affected an estimated 1.24 million people and displaced over 456,800 persons from their homes.



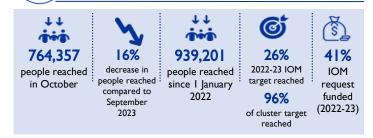
IOM RESPONSE

Since January 2022, IOM has scaled up its crises response significantly in Somalia, reaching close to three million people in total.



IOM's response continues to focus on assisting IDPs arriving at urban centres in increasing numbers with an integrated package of life-saving assistance in 2023. Complementarily, IOM will continue to enhance its presence and support in more secondary towns in the drought affected areas, aiming to reach people closer to their place of origin. After the Gu season, while the drought response is still ongoing, the teams are simultaneously assessing the situation on the ground and the urgent needs required from the past floods, which ended in June. The remaining stagnant pools of water left by the rains have increased the risk of waterborne disease outbreaks, such as cholera and acute watery diarrhoea (AWD). Despite the rains received in some parts of the country, drought conditions persist across Somalia. This cluster of crises is increasingly stretching IOM's capacities on the ground, as the focus of the different emergencies cover extensive geographical locations.





Monthly Summary

In the month of October, IOM CCCM support dropped substantially, due to a halt in the partnership with two local implementing partners in the districts of Kahda and Dayniile, in Banadir region. IOM expects to resume partnership after receiving expected additional funding in November.

Activity Details

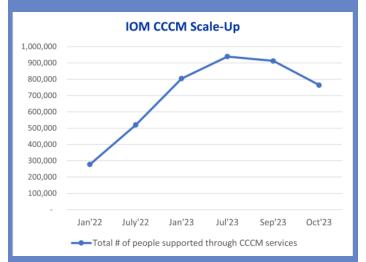
In October, IOM continued with monthly site monitoring across all the 793 sites in which CCCM still operates, to monitor services available and gaps. In addition, IOM conducted ad-hoc assessments to assess the sites affected by the flood, in Baidoa, Doolow, Luuq, Baardheere, Banadir, Belet Weyne, and Jowhar. Further to the periodic activities, CCCM teams have been actively involved in responding to El Niño through spreading information to raise awareness about the risks associated with this heavy rainy season. On 31 of October CCCM team leaders attended a BRaVE training to prepare for the biometric registration of flood-affected households, particularly in Baidoa, Doolow, Luuq, and Baardheere.

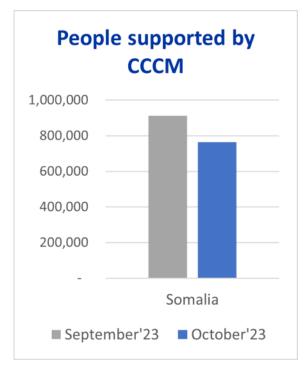
As for the specific response to beneficiaries, IOM has been supporting self-relocation of communities to higher ground and safer areas, while identifying and closely monitoring extremely vulnerable individuals. In addition, the teams have continuously been tracking movements of flood-affected populations for timely responses, installing sandbags to mitigate the impact of the floods on key infrastructures (health centres, schools, information centres, etc.), and providing capacity building of Camp Management Committees and site leaders to strengthen their disaster response skills.

Throughout the entire response, IOM has been collaborating closely with the government, other organizations, and agencies involved.

SCALE-UP SUMMARY

Since 1 January 2022, IOM has increased the number of people supported with CCCM in Somalia from less than 277,843 people in January 2022 to 764,357 people in October 2023 — a three-fold increase. IOM has contributed close to 100% of the latest Cluster targets in Somalia.





WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

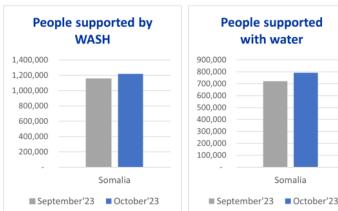


Monthly Summary

IOM continues to provide critical WASH assistance to floods affected populations in Somalia. In October, IOM reached more than 1.2 million individuals.

Activity Details

In October, IOM completed the construction of a solar powered shallow well at Malayley IDP site, Kismayo district in Lower Juba, which provides water to 360 households (2,160 individuals). The well was also successfully handed over to the community in the site. During the reporting period, hygiene promoters delivered WASH messages such preventive measures during floods, seeking higher ground, using safe water sources, and maintaining hygiene despite challenging circumstances in IDP camps in Kismayo, Dalxiiska Sub-district. These sessions reached 335 households (2,010 individuals). Emergency water trucking activities ensured the provision of lifesaving water to affected/displaced communities. IOM's water trucking has assisted more than 18,000 individuals within the reporting period. Additionally, more than 770,000 individuals have been provided with sustainable water sources since January 2022.



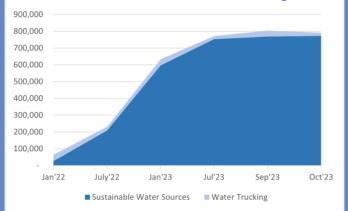
SCALE-UP SUMMARY

Since 1 January 2022, IOM saw an almost 15-fold increase in the number of people it supported with WASH with over 1.2 million people assisted by the end of October 2023 (from 81,536 people reached in January 2022). This also included a 15-fold increase in water provision—mainly via sustainable water supplies as illustrated in the second chart below—and a 27-fold increase in sanitation (although from a very low base).

Cumulatively (without double-counting), IOM has reached more than 2.5 million people with WASH assistance. This constitutes 85% of the IOM 2022-23 target population, despite having received only 45% of the requested WASH funding. IOM has contributed 49% of the latest Cluster target for this sector.



IOM Water Assistance Sustainable Sources vs. Water Trucking









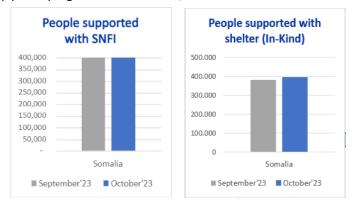
Monthly Summary

During the month of October, SNFI assistance increased substantially, primarily due to the kick off of the flood response, and the positive expansion and workings of the common pipeline, especially in terms of distributions through partners.

Activity Details

In October, a total of 347 Fuel Efficient Stoves (FES) were constructed in Ladan IDP site in the month of October, reaching the project target of 500 FES. This pilot project aimed to broadly mitigate environmental degradation, increase safety and security of women, promote the use of local construction materials, reduce fire outbreaks in camps, and is a proven cost-efficient alternative for cooking purposes. In addition, the RMT conducted Beneficiary Verifications for 58 registered households to proceed with the MPCA component of the project.

As of October, more than 18,462 plastic sheets have been distributed, of which 1,000 plastic sheets have been distributed by IOM in Qurdaba, Doolow District, while the remaining 17,462 plastic sheets have been distributed by three partners in Dayniile, Khada, and Baidoa areas. The total number of plastic sheets distributed since the establishment of the common pipeline program has reached 64,994.



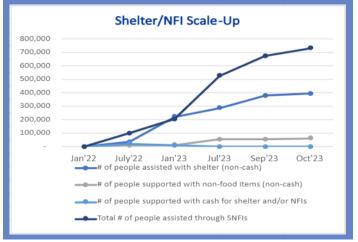
In view of expanding the coverage of the pipeline program, more than 15 expressions of Interest submitted by 15 potential pipeline partners have been reviewed. Of these, only six local partners have been selected after a rigorous selection process and internal due diligence assessment.

SCALE-UP SUMMARY

Since 1 January 2022, IOM in Somalia has increased its SNFI support related to the drought, from initially zero to reaching over 570,000 people in October 2023.

As indicated in the chart below, this increase has been closely aligned with a similar increase in in-kind shelter support. In terms of Non-Food Items (NFIs), there were over 50,000 people reached in October 2023 (from zero in January 2022).

This SNFI assistance constitutes 61% of the IOM 2022-23 target population and IOM Somalia has contributed to 106% of the latest cluster target for SNFI.

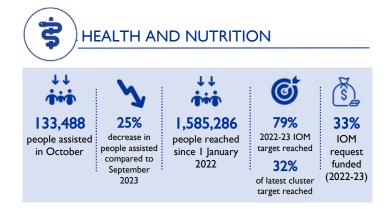


Further, Community-Based Disaster Risk Management (CBDRM) activities commenced in the two villages of the Gedo region – Barabaray and Kurtun. Tools were received by the communities, and Cash-for-Work community workers have started with the construction of river embankments in Kurtun village.



Distribution of Emergency Shelter materials to the flood-affected IDPs in Baidoa town who were relocated to new evacuation sites. @ IOM 2023



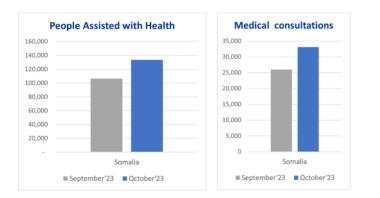


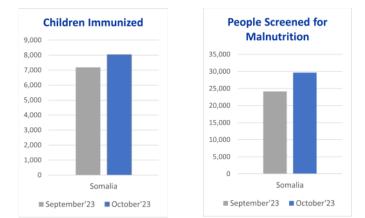
Monthly Summary

IOM is providing comprehensive health and nutrition services, including life-saving treatment and clinical management of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) to children under the age of five years. These services are provided to communities living in both rural and urban areas as well as those in IDP sites in Somalia.

Activity Details

IOM Somalia reached over 130,000 people with health and nutrition assistance in October, including a 27% increase in medical consultations, a 11% increase in children immunization and a 23% increase in people screened for malnutrition. See breakdown of specific interventions in the charts below.

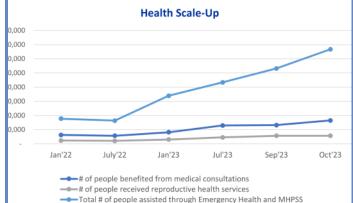


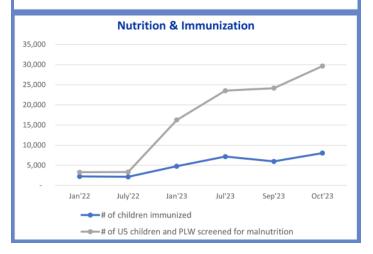


IOM provides this assistance through the support of 7 static facilities and 20 mobile teams across Somalia. During the reporting period, 25,637 individuals received Outpatient Therapeutic Program (OPD) consultations or medical services through static facilities and mobile teams.

SCALE-UP SUMMARY

Since 1 January 2022, IOM has nearly quadrupled the number of people supported with health and nutrition assistance to reach over 130,000 people in October 2023. This Health and Nutrition assistance constitutes 79% of the IOM 2022-23 target population, despite having received only 33% of the requested funding for this sector. IOM has supported 32% of the overall cluster target population for this sector.





Routine immunization was provided to 6,829 children, with 89% of them under 1 year old and 11% over 1 year old. Females accounted for 56% of the total number of children immunized.

IOM jointly with the MOH of Jubaland state and nutrition cluster supported a Mass Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) Screening survey in the Kismayo IDP camp during October 2023. The findings of the survey are as follows: 2,571 children with moderate acute malnutrition (MAM), constituting 16% of the screened children and 484 children with SAM, constituting 3% of the screened children.

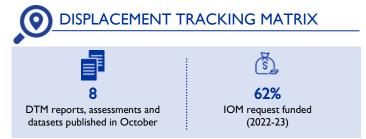




There were no MPCA activities carried out during the month of October.



In the month of October, 6,825 persons including 935 minors and 68 people living with disabilities were reached through direct awareness raising sessions. The awareness raising sessions were conducted in several locations including in Mogadishu, Doolow and Baidoa. The session was aimed at educating the community about their rights, services available and potential protection risks, including the risks of Gender Based Violence, Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and response mechanisms. The protection unit also distributed 680 dignity kits Doolow at Qansaxley Health Centre. During these activities, the Protection team assisted eight (six women and two people with disability) vulnerable persons in fast-tracking their cases.



In the month of October, data collection continued along seven Flow Monitoring Points. Additionally, the team published its <u>September report.</u>

To monitor El Niño related displacements, DTM resumed its ETT activities in Bay, Gedo, Hiraan, Banadir and Middle Shabelle regions. The field teams were trained on 2 and 3 October on the revised methodology and tool, capturing multi-shock displacements (drought, flood, conflict and other). The data collection resumed with the revised approach on 7 October in

Gedo, Hiraan and Bay regions and on 14 October in Banadir and Middle Shabelle. The results were disseminated to DTM partners through two static reports (week 43 and week 44) and an interactive dashboard.

With regards to Baseline assessment, DTM launched the second round of data collection in the state of Puntland. From 2 to 4 October, 22 female and 51 male enumerators have been trained on Baseline methodology and data collection tool. Subsequently, data collection started on 15 October to cover 12 districts of the state.



During the month of October, a total of 2,990 people received housing, land and property assistance. Out of the total, 2,070 individuals benefitted from prevention initiatives, such as tenure security and eviction prevention. Moreover, 920 people attended eviction prevention info sessions.



A nurse vaccinating a child at Barwaqo health centre in Baidoa, Somalia. © IOM 2023

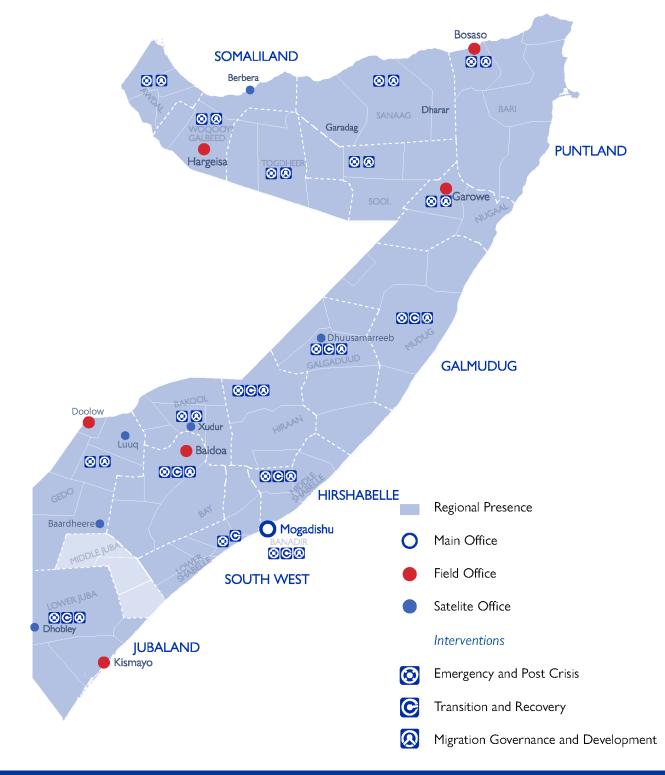


IOM CRISIS RESPONSE (PEOPLE ASSISTED SINCE JANUARY 2022)

	People assisted	% IOM 2022-23 target reached	% Cluster target reached by IOM	% 2022-23 funding need secured
СССМ	939,201	26%	96%	41%
WASH	2,556,912	85%	49%	45%
Shelter/Non-Food Items	733,392	61%	106%	111%
Health and Nutrition	1,585,286	79%	32%	33%
Multi-purpose Cash Assistance	144,462	255%	n/a	72%
Protection	23,810	12%	۱%	19%
Displacement Tracking Matrix	N/A	N/A	N/A	62%
Housing, Land and Property	176,706	353%	N/A	37%
Total (w/out double-counting)	2,953,234	82%	39%	58%



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