

SOMALIA

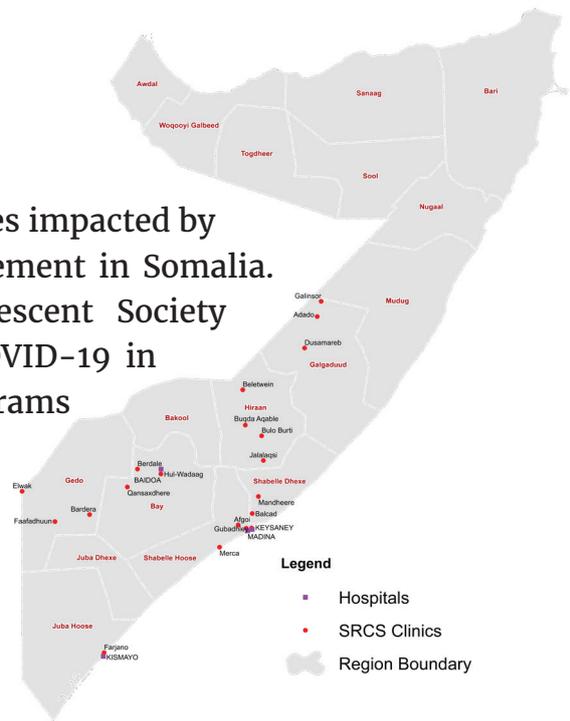
OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

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PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN SOMALIA

Coronavirus poses a health threat to communities impacted by war and violence, climatic shocks, and displacement in Somalia. The ICRC together with the Somali Red Crescent Society (SRCS) are taking immediate steps to fight COVID-19 in the country. The ICRC is adapting existing programs to tackle the virus while continuing its work to support communities affected by armed conflict and violence. Together, the ICRC and SRCS have trained staff and SRCS volunteers with the aim of raising awareness about COVID-19 and steps that should be followed to prevent further spread of the virus.



IN COMMUNITIES

The ICRC and the SRCS reaches out to communities, including displaced people, to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the areas served by the **29** SRCS Primary Health Care (PHC) clinics supported by the ICRC in south and central Somalia. In Somaliland and Puntland, the SRCS is implementing the same activities in another **35** PHC clinics supported by other members of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

- **302** volunteers and **378** health staff trained on Covid-19 prevention messages in, inter alia, Banaadir, Lower Juba, Gedo, Lower Shabelle, Hiiran, Middle Shabelle and Galgaduud.
- **3,987** health promotion sessions in groups of **10** organised through health workers and religious leaders have been held within areas served by PHC clinics; **38'634** people attended those sessions in Banaadir, Lower Juba, Gedo, Hiiran, Lower Shabelle, Middle Shabelle and Galgaduud.





- In the **29** PHC clinics supported by the ICRC, **35** handwashing areas were established, while **1,703** litres of chlorine have been used for disinfection purposes and **9,899** pieces of soap distributed.
- **32,131** pieces of soaps were distributed to communities.



- SRCS staff and volunteers based in **29** clinics in south central Somalia have been trained in contact tracing and stand ready to provide this service whenever cases appear.
- Provided tents for isolation to Madina hospital in Mogadishu, in case of need.



- To carry prevention messages to the general public, radio spots are being broadcasted by **10** radio stations across the country.



Through its community hygiene promotion activities, the ICRC and the SRCS, with its teams of volunteers undertakes household visits, handing out information on COVID-19, soap and chlorine tabs.



- **8.5** million chlorine tabs and **284,856** pieces of soap have been prepositioned in nine branches of the SRCS. The community hygiene promotion outreach campaigns are planned to cover more than **720,000** people in the riverine areas.



- **28** SRCS volunteers have been trained on dissemination of hygiene promotion and COVID-19 prevention messages in Baardheere and Ceel Waq. **1,400** information sessions for beneficiaries have been held.
- **8,055** households (**48,330** beneficiaries) are currently receiving soap and chlorine tabs alongside a COVID-19 prevention pamphlet in IDP settlements within Baardheere district.



IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SRCS/ICRC RESTORING FAMILY LINKS (RFL) PROGRAM

- All RFL volunteers are briefed on prevention messages on COVID-19. Health promotional material is distributed in **6** settlements in Mogadishu and **3** in Baidoa.



IN PLACES OF DETENTION

In over **20** places of detention, COVID-19 prevention information and hygiene items are being distributed. In the most populated sites, additional hygiene measures and handwashing stations are to be provided.



- COVID-19 prevention information, along with posters and other materials, is being given to all detainees, prison staff and managers.



- Hygiene items were distributed to all detainees and prison staff at the Central Prison and the Prison and Court Complex in Mogadishu, as well as at the Central Prison in Kismayo, to cover their needs for the next six months.



- The ICRC is also working with respective detaining authorities to reinforce their ability to provide phone services to allow detainees to contact their families for the duration of the suspension of family visits.

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