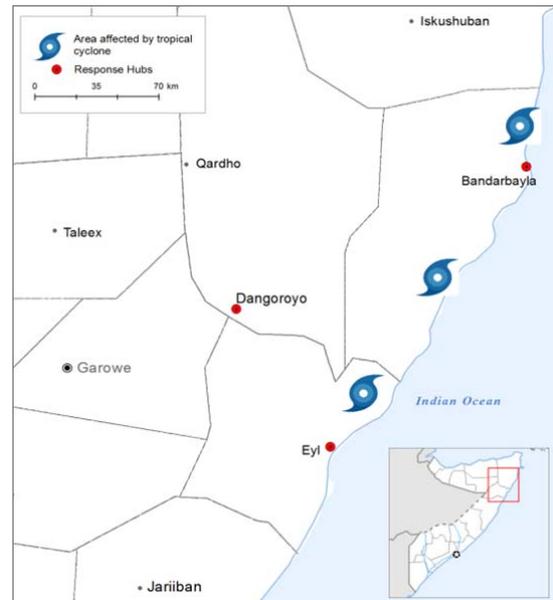




Situation overview:

Worrying reports of water contamination and shortages are emerging through the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Cluster following the cyclone that hit northeastern Somalia last week. The cluster says there is dire need for safe drinking water in some of the remote villages where the storm damaged or destroyed all sources of potable water. At least seven water sources in the affected areas of Dangoroyo, Bandarbayla and Eyl need urgent repair. The cluster is prioritizing water trucking until the water sources are restored. UNICEF and the International Rescue Committee (IRC) have provided funds and supplies to support the transport and disposal of dead animals. These animal removal activities are part of an effort to curb disease outbreak and prevent contamination of water sources.



Response:

- Distribution of 340 MT of WFP food continues for 4,000 households, equivalent to one month's food rations, in and around Bandarbayla, Dangoroyo, and Eyl.
- The WASH partners have so far distributed some 6,600 non-food items comprising jerry cans, aqua tabs and soap for hygiene promotion in the affected areas.
- In addition 1,000 non-food items from UNHCR have arrived in Dangoroyo and Eyl districts and are being distributed in Ceel Madobe, Laaso Xajin, Halo Keen, Budunbuto, Qarxis and Baarweyn villages. The items included: 1,000 plastic sheets, 1,000 kitchen sets; 3,000 blankets, 3,000 sleeping mats; 3,000 jerry cans and 30,000 bars of soap.
- ICRC completed distribution of food rations for one month and NFI kits for 1,000 households.
- The health cluster deployed six mobile medical teams and four new teams are on standby to cover a total 51 villages.
- Two additional mobile health teams from UNFPA are already on the ground concentrating on reproductive health care service. They also provided 10 tents to the Ministry of Health, an ambulance which will be deployed immediately and reproductive health medical supplies which can cater for 700 delivery complications.
- Since 16 November, health mobile teams have reached 2,217 people with medical services with the majority suffering from upper respiratory tract infections. Watery diarrhea ailments form the second largest group of consultations.
- WHO has provided basic medical supplies adequate to assist 30,000 people for one month, including medical supplies to treat cases of watery diarrhea.
- Puntland authorities have repaired Garowe/Dangoroyo road enabling passage of relief supplies to the most affected areas.
- Puntland authorities have received three shipments of relief items from Ethiopia and one from Djibouti.

Coordination and assessments:

- From the onset, Puntland authorities established a task force comprising key ministries, UN agencies, and NGOs, led by the Puntland Ministry of Interior, which continues to meet daily in Garowe.
- Alongside response activities, assessments to determine any gaps are on-going. The health cluster on the ground identified gaps in water, shelter, food, and NFIs around Dangoroyo while a joint UN and partners' aerial assessment confirmed reports of major livestock losses.

The next Flash Update on the Puntland cyclone will be issued as soon as more information is available. For more information, contact: Rita Maingi, Information Officer, maingir@un.org, Tel. (+254) 734 800 120)