

EU Response to Health and Socio-economic Impact of COVID-19 in Mogadishu

Project Newsletter



In a snapshot



24,110 beneficiaries
received unconditional
cash transfers



28 health workers
trained on GBV and
COVID-19 response



**27 village and camp
committees** created



900 hygiene kits
distributed to IDP and
urban poor families



1200 PPE Kits
distributed to health workers
in 6 districts of Mogadishu



1 health facility
assessed for renovation
in Wajadir, Mogadishu

Upcoming Activities



DESIGNS AND BILLS OF QUANTITIES FOR THE REHABILITATION OF TWO PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES IN MOGADISHU HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND CURRENTLY AWAITING LAND ALLOCATION BY BRA.



TECHNICAL ENGINEERS COMMITTEE IN CURRENT COORDINATION WITH BRA ON SITE IDENTIFICATION OF 15 PERMANENT WATER KIOSKS.



UPCOMING COVID-19 AWARENESS CAMPAIGN THROUGH MASS MEDIUM-RADIO, BROCHURES AND POSTERS.

Capacity Building

UN-Habitat, BRA and the EU join forces to combat Gender-Based Violence through COVID-19 awareness forums

UN-Habitat through the Benadir Regional Administration (BRA), Directorate of Health and Human Services held a training on the prevention and response to Gender-Based-Violence at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, an initiative funded by the European Union.

The 30 participants who took part were drawn from the BRA Directorate of Health and Human Services, health workers and community surveillance teams from Benadir Region.

The main purpose of this training was to integrate COVID-19 awareness with action against Gender-Based Violence meant at enhancing the level of awareness of the community, know how to prevent, respond and refer such cases without risk for the victims.



Vulnerable communities have been impacted the most by the pandemic with women particularly at risk of Gender Based Violence associated with the increased gaps of inequalities from loss of livelihoods and multiple displacement. In 2020, over 100 cases of sexual violence were documented in Mogadishu. Somalia Women Development Centre a local NGO reported over 13 cases in less than 72 hours, with 65% of the cases being girls out of school due to the pandemic.

Ishaku Maitumbi, UN-Habitat Officer- In- Charge



Some of the participants drawn from the BRA Directorate of Health and Human Services, health workers and community surveillance teams from Benadir Region during the training in Mogadishu. Photo credits: BRA



This training will better equip our COVID-19 awareness team and the community at large in turn to not only fight against COVID-19 but also GBV. This will make use of the existing referral mechanisms of identifying and referring GBV cases which have been on the rise due to vulnerabilities caused by the pandemic.

Mohamed Cadow, BRA Director of Health



Capacity building on COVID-19 detection, management and prevention

On 4 May 2021, The Benadir Regional Administration, Directorate of Human health and services offered training to 28 participants drawn from Community Health Workers and BRA health surveillance team.

The main objective of the training was to enhance and strengthen their capacity in COVID-19 surveillance to enable early reporting and high vigilance at community level as well as case management of COVID-19.

As a result of the training, the Community Health Workers further conducted health education & community awareness sessions on COVID-19 in 6 districts of Benadir reaching 6,680 community members. The training also, aimed at early identification of potential COVID 19 cases yielding to 100 percent confirmation of suspected cases that were referred to hospitals. The trainees were drawn from Abdi Asis, Hodan, Shanagani, Dherkeynlay, Kahda and Deynille districts of Mogadishu.

Grassroot committees set up to assist in the selection of project beneficiaries

27 village and camp committees were set up in 3 districts (each district had nine committees) where the project would be implemented by Save the Children to assist in the identification of project beneficiaries.

A general meeting was organized at the grass root level and was attended by the various social groups at the villages and camps including women, youth, the disabled, the elderly, religious leaders and local leaders to set up an agreed and well-represented community committee. Save the Children, with the support of Benadir Regional Administration and a representative from the office of the District Commissioner, identified and independently selected the members. The resultant 9-member committees were comprised of 4 men and 5 women which was also representative of the different social groups.

The committee signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Save the Children which stipulated their roles and responsibilities for the smooth implementation of the project. The primary role of the committees was beneficiary selection and verification and the dissemination of project information to the beneficiaries and entire village/camp members.



Infection Prevention and Control(IPC) and WASH Interventions

Hygiene Kits

900 hygiene kits were procured and distributed to IDP and urban poor families through the support of Danish Refugee Council, an initiative funded by the European Union. The exercise which took place in March 2021 reached 5,810 beneficiaries in 900 households in Daynile district of Mogadishu.



A PPE Kit contains:



Gum boots
Size 7, 8, 9, 10, 11



Infrared
thermometer



Face shields
(Reusable Anti-Dust,
Splash Protection
Anti-Virus Face)



Heavy duty gloves
(Nitrile green/yellow)
size 7"



Alcohol-based
Hand Sanitizers
(500ml)



Gloves, exam, latex,
medium disp Box-100



Face Mask
(surgical Mask)



Goggles
(3M™ 334 Splash Safety)



N95 masks
(Dust mask with
valve FFP2)



Liquid Soap
for Handwashing
(500ml)



Detectable re-usable
full body Aprons
(135cm)

Personal Protective Equipment donated to residents and health-care workers of Mogadishu

BRA's Directorate of Health and Human services with support from UN-Habitat distributed 1,200 Personal protective equipment (PPE) kits to health care workers within 6 districts of Mogadishu to aid in their prevention against COVID-19. Each kit contained masks and hand sanitizers.

The kits were distributed across the districts as below;

No	District	No. of Kits
1	Abdulaziz	200 kits
2	Shangani	200 kits
3	Deynile	200 kits
4	Dharkinley	200 kits
5	Kahda	200 kits
6	Hodan	200 kits

QUOTE FROM BENEFICIARY



As a health care worker, we thank BRA and UN-Habitat for their support and distribution of Personal Protective Equipment kits (PPE). Before the provision of these kits, the health centre I work in did not have sufficient masks and gloves, and we would use 1 mask, and 1 pair of gloves for whole the day. Being a frontline worker, I was afraid to be the carrier and path of transmission of COVID-19 to my family but I also needed to keep my job being the sole breadwinner. We are now very grateful and can work with minimal anxiety.

Ayub Ali Haji

Renovation of maternity and healthcare facility set to benefit 150,000 residents of Mogadishu

The Hanale health centre in Wajadir district of Mogadishu is being assessed to determine the extent of rehabilitation required to restore it to functionality. The health facility which was run down has in the meantime moved its health services to a nearby building where they have been operating.

The rehabilitation exercise is projected to take about 6 months following budget finalization. Once the facility is renovated, it will benefit up to 150,000 people and will be able to provide quality maternal and child health services as per the new Essential Package of Health Services 2021 standard.



The current state of the facilities of Halane health center in Wajadir district of Mogadishu that is being assessed for renovation purposes. Photo Credit: Ali Magan- Save the Children

Livelihoods and Economic Self-reliance

24,110 residents of Mogadishu benefit from the 6 months cash transfer programme

Through UN-Habitat's implementing partners Save the Children and the Danish Refugee Council, 24,110 beneficiaries from IDP households have been provided with cash transfers of USD 35 per month since February

this year. Working in 3 districts of Hodan, Kahda and Dharkenley, 1,680 IDP households (14,900 beneficiaries) received their tranches since February until June 2021 through the support of Save the Children. Further 1,535 households

(9,210 beneficiaries) in the three districts of Daynile, Shingani and Abdiiazis have been receiving cash transfers since 7 March 2021 under the support of the Danish Refugee Council.

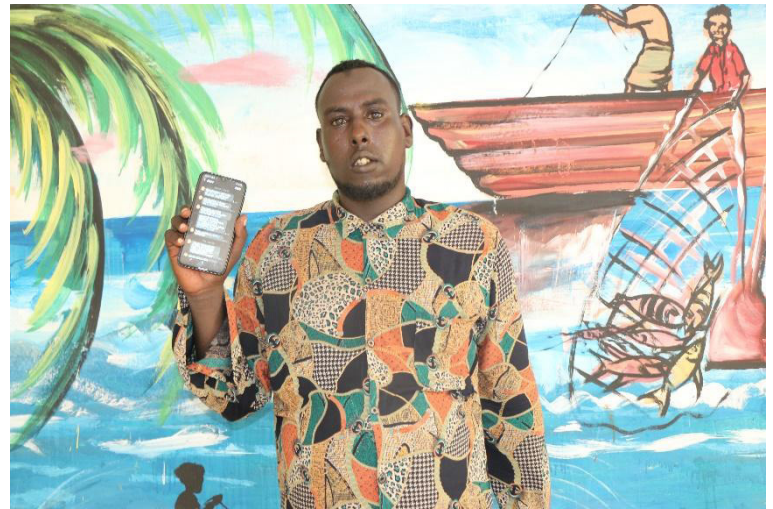
FACES AND VOICES OF CASH TRANSFER BENEFICIARIES



“ This support has allowed me to spend money on my household's most urgent priorities.

It has offered me the flexibility to utilize it on some of my greatest needs including education costs, repairing our shelter, restarting our livelihoods, and servicing some debts.

Nurto Barre | Beneficiary | Mogadishu.



“ I used to be a construction worker where I used to earn a daily wage before COVID-19 hit us, these jobs have now decreased since the economy in general has also taken a hit, the only thing keeping me and my family afloat at the moment is this cash transfer.

Ahmed Hassan | Beneficiary | Mogadishu.



“ I am an electrician by profession and my main means of livelihood, once COVID-19 hit and with many family incomes in Mogadishu stretched it no longer became a priority and that is how I lost my livelihood, with this cash transfer I hope to bounce back soon.

Mohamed Ibrahim | Beneficiary | Mogadishu.



“ I used to make a living by washing clothes for people in Mogadishu, but since COVID-19 started, people are afraid; they do not allow us to enter their homes and that is how I lost my livelihood. This cash transfer support by DRC through UN-Habitat and the European Union was timely and a big relief.

Timiro Abdulle | Beneficiary | Mogadishu

Project Overview

UN-Habitat through the financial support from the European Union is tasked with implementation of a COVID-19 response action whose aim is to support the preparedness, response and mitigate against the socio-economic impact of the pandemic.

The project is implemented in close collaboration with the Benadir Regional Administration/ Mogadishu Municipality and in partnership with Danish Refugee Council and Save the Children.

The aim of the project is to support the preparedness, response and mitigation activities of the BRA which is in line with ongoing national COVID-19 response efforts targeting IDPs and other vulnerable urban communities.

Project Objective:

To mitigate the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 crisis among IDPs and people living in vulnerable situations in Mogadishu and achieve early stabilization and recovery from effects of the pandemic.

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