

2020

# COVID-19 Situation Report #15

## 28 August – 10 September



UNITED NATIONS  
DJIBOUTI



70,635  
Tests  
carried out



5,394  
Cases  
confirmed



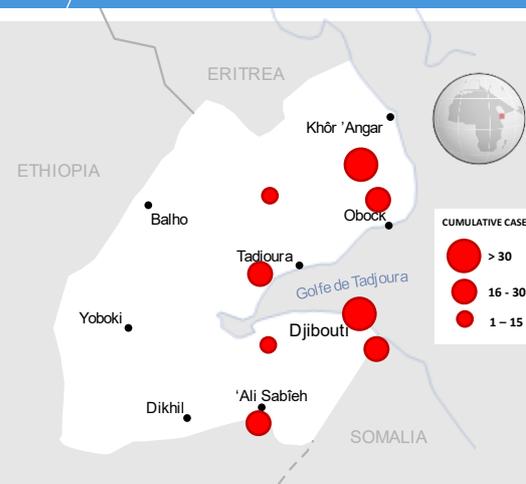
61  
Deaths



5,327  
Recovered

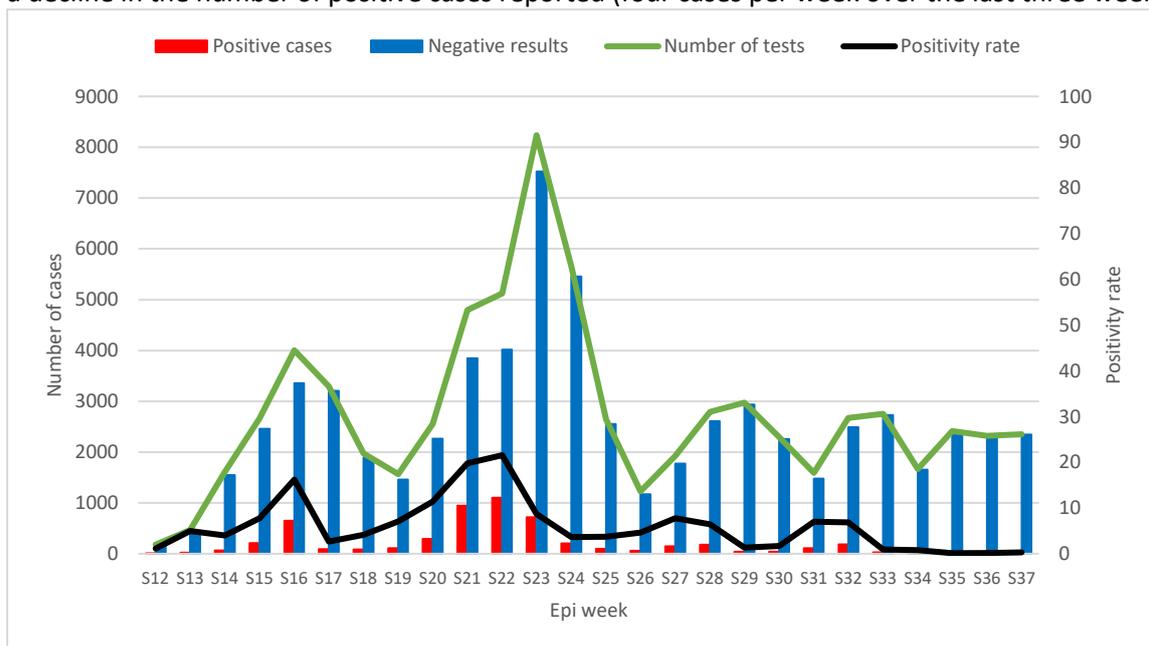
### HIGHLIGHTS

- Some 5,394 cases of COVID-19 and 61 fatalities have been confirmed by authorities in Djibouti to date. A remarkable decline in the number of positive cases reported in the country in the last five weeks.
- Since the reopening of the borders on 17 July, 5.25% of arriving passengers tested positive to COVID-19.
- The number of returning migrants from Yemen is still substantial, with 310 new arrivals recorded between 1 and 10 September.
- The two-month assistance policy and physical distancing measures continue to be implemented to reduce the risk of propagation of the COVID 19 during distributions



### SITUATION OVERVIEW

- As of 10 September 2020, the Ministry of Health of Djibouti confirmed 5,394 cases of COVID-19, with 61 fatalities reported since the beginning of the pandemic; and a case fatality rate (CFR) stable at 1.1% for the past 8 weeks. The epidemiological situation over the last five weeks is stable, with a decline in the number of positive cases reported (four cases per week over the last three weeks).



Epidemiological analysis



COVID-19  
RESPONSE

- Djibouti is the first country in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region to have zero COVID-19 cases reported for 8 days during the last two weeks. One death was recorded during the same period bringing the total number of deaths to 61 since the beginning of the pandemic. During the past two months (epi-week 25 – present – e.g. 15-21 June 2020), the number of tests performed daily was around 350, down from up to 2,000 tests during epi-week 20-24 (11 May-14 June 2020). Statistics may be further biased as the number of tests performed in recent weeks includes individuals travelling abroad and requiring a PCR test certificate. Vigilance and sustained efforts to ensure that prevention measures continue to be implemented is key as the pandemic is not yet over, and the situation in the neighboring countries as well as worldwide remains unstable.
- Since the official opening of the airport on 17 July, all arriving passengers to Djibouti were screened through a saliva test (EASYCOV) at point of entry, and all positive cases underwent PCR tests for confirmation. Out of 9,424 tests carried out among arriving passengers, 354 were found positive (3.75% positivity rate). Health authorities are following all required measures to isolate and treat the positive passengers according to the country protocol.
- The first Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT)-Accelerator Facilitation Council meeting, a groundbreaking global collaboration to accelerate development, production, and equitable access to COVID-19 tests, treatments, and vaccines, took place on 10 September at the global level. The council decided to provide sustained political leadership to galvanize and harness broad international support for the ACT-Accelerator; advocate in support of the ACT-Accelerator Investment Case in order to secure urgently needed financial resources required to scale-up for impact and change the course of the pandemic; and honor and realize the shared commitment to leave no one behind in this crisis by working to ensure that all countries and populations have early, affordable and equitable access to the new vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics.
- On 9 September, the UN Secretary General launched the ‘United in Science 2020 report’, which brings together the latest climate science related updates from key global partners. It shows that climate change has not stopped for COVID19. Greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere are at record levels and continue to increase. Emissions are heading in the direction of pre-pandemic levels following a temporary decline caused by the lockdown and economic slowdown. The world is set to see its warmest five years on record – in a trend which is likely to continue - and is not on track to meet agreed targets to keep global temperature increase well below 2 °C or at 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels. The SG stressed that *“we need science, solidarity and solutions to tackle both the COVID-19 pandemic and the climate crisis. I urge leaders to heed the facts contained in this report, unite behind the science and take urgent climate action to set a path towards a safer, more sustainable future for all”*.

## PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

**HEALTH** – On 7 September, UNHCR Djibouti handed over two ambulances and drugs to the Ministry of Health (MoH) to support the inclusion of refugees in the national health programme and its response to COVID19.

On 6 September, in collaboration with the National Union of Djiboutian Women (UNFD), IOM trained on COVID-19 some 35 (34 women and 1 man) members of seven community management committees of Djibouti city. These management committees started on 7 September a 4-day awareness campaign within their communities. Between 28 August to 7 September, IOM reached 6,707 persons including 1,367 migrants with COVID-19 awareness raising across flow monitoring points in PK51, Arta region; Holl-Holl and Guelileh, Ali Sabieh region; Yoboki, Dikhil region; and PK9 and Tadjourah city and Obock city, Obock region.



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On 23 August-19 September, MoH TB/HIV programme, with UNDP support, carried out awareness sessions on COVID-19 among populations at risk in Arhiba, Eingueilla, PK12 and Balbala districts.

**FOOD / FOOD SECURITY** – WFP, in coordination with UNHCR and ONARS, has finalized the food distribution in the Markazi refugee settlement using for the first-time paper voucher as a new transfer modality. Some 998 refugees had the opportunity to redeem their food entitlements from four preselected retailers in Obock in exchange of their voucher. Instead of the fixed food basket the refugees used to receive, consisting of cereals, pulses, sugar and salt, they could purchase assorted food commodities of their own choice, including meat and fresh vegetables. The two-month assistance policy and physical distancing measures continue to be implemented to reduce the risk of propagation of the COVID 19 during distribution. On 8 September, WFP will start distributions of specialized nutritious food for the prevention of moderate acute malnutrition among 1,780 children aged 6 to 14 years old, to pregnant and lactating women (PLW) and to elderly people in the three refugees' settlements of Djibouti.

In Djibouti city, in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Affairs, WFP continues to provide food vouchers to 6,000 Djiboutian households affected by the socio-economic impact of the COVID19. On 10 September, WFP will start the third distribution of in-kind two-months rations (Sept-Oct) in rural areas to assist 24,500 food insecure households.

**PROTECTION** – IOM collects data at migrant sites across the country on a daily basis. As of 7 September 2020, 1,363 stranded Ethiopian migrants have been identified across 19 sites. Immediate needs include water, food, hygiene kits and NFIs. IOM is providing a lifesaving assistance to vulnerable migrants disembarking along the coast of the Obock region. Between 1 and 10 September 2020, IOM assisted 310 Ethiopian migrants from Yemen disembarked in Obock. From 31 August to 6 September, IOM provided water and food assistance for 448 migrants (324 male and 124 female) including 32 minors in Khor Angar, Gehere, Doubia, and Ras bir. IOM is also providing food for the migrants in government-led Masagara site in Obock city. Under CERF project, on 28 August, 300 NFI kits were donated to vulnerable migrants and host population in Fantahero in Obock region and 260 kits were donated to the Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock.

This week, 30 members of Executives and Women's Committees were trained on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in 2 refugee villages by UNHCR and WFP. Initially scheduled for the start of the year and postponed due to COVID-19, this training aimed to ensure greater engagement of refugee leaders in the "Zero Tolerance" Campaign.

**EDUCATION** – In the refugee village of Markazi, on 6 September, the 2020-2021 school year start took place in an atmosphere of solidarity, marked by awareness and prevention messages against COVID19. The Prefect, the President of the Regional Council, the Administrator of the village of Markazi (ONARS) and the head of the UNHCR field office in Obock, expressed their solidarity to students by encouraging them to start the new year school without fear and to scrupulously respect the preventive measures implemented against COVID 19. Long before this official reopening of classes, on 4 September, the Ministry of National Education and Vocational Training (MENFOP), UNHCR, ONARS and the Parents' committee had taken action to ensure the implementation of the anti-COVID19 measures enacted by the MENFOP directives and circulars. In the Ali-Sabieh region, the start of the school year went well in the refugee villages. On 6 September, the MENFOP and the teaching staff ensured the implementation of preventive measures against COVID-19.



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### LES ÉTABLISSEMENTS D'ENSEIGNEMENT DOIVENT :



veiller à ce que les élèves, les enseignants et les autres membres du personnel malades ne se rendent pas à l'école



imposer le lavage des mains régulier à l'eau et au savon ou avec une solution hydroalcoolique



au minimum, désinfecter et nettoyer quotidiennement les sols et les surfaces du mobilier scolaire



mettre à disposition des installations pour la distribution d'eau, l'assainissement et la gestion des déchets



respecter les procédures de nettoyage et de décontamination de l'environnement



promouvoir la distanciation physique et le port du masque lorsque que cela n'est pas possible

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## C'est la rentrée

### FAITES QUE LES ÉCOLES SOIENT DES LIEUX SÛRS PENDANT LA COVID-19 ET TOUJOURS



Restez à la maison lorsque vous êtes malade



Restez à un mètre au minimum les uns des autres



Toussez ou éternuez dans le creux de votre coude ou dans un mouchoir et jetez-le immédiatement



Portez un masque si cela est obligatoire ou si la distanciation physique n'est pas possible



Lavez-vous fréquemment les mains avec de l'eau et du savon ou avec une solution hydroalcoolique pour les mains



Ne stigmatisez pas les autres personnes qui pourraient avoir été exposées à la COVID-19



Nettoyez régulièrement les surfaces et les objets touchés



Saluez d'un signe de la main ou de la tête, ou encore en mettant votre main sur le cœur

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WHO conducted an awareness campaign on social media (twitter, Facebook, Instagram) to communicate on the preventive measures that administrators, teachers and education staff need to take to ensure a safe back-to-school process during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**LOGISTICS** - A joint WFP/WHO assessment of the UN WFP chartered vessel M/V VOS APOLLO was conducted on 7 September to assess the proposed vessel accommodation plan in case of security evacuation from Yemen Ports to Djibouti within the context of COVID-19 control measures. Some activities are ongoing such as the transfer to Yemen of 28 pallets of medical and IT equipment for WHO Yemen and Première Urgence- Aide Médicale Internationale (PU-AMI) shipment of containerized nutrition items to Yemen.

## FUNDING

USAID has announced an additional \$ 2.5 million to support Djibouti's socio-economic recovery as part of its fight against COVID-19, bringing USA funds' total amount to more than \$ 4.9 million allocated to Djibouti for this purpose since the start of the pandemic. A ceremony brought together the Chargée d'Affaires of the US Embassy and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Djibouti on September 8 to formalize this commitment.

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