As of 31 August, the Ministry of Health confirmed 5,387 COVID-19 cases, 5,323 recovered and 60 deaths. The Ministry highlighted that the virus is still within the community and reminded to observe barrier measures and limit the regrouping of people in public places.

IOM continues to assist vulnerable migrants in the Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock, where they receive food, non-food items (NFI), medical and psychosocial assistance. Migrants arriving from Yemen also receive lifesaving assistance such as water through IOM’s mobile unit in Obock region. At the Masagara site, IOM provided migrants with food and hygiene and NFI kits. With funding from the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF), IOM organized a training on the vulnerabilities of migrants. NFI kits were distributed to vulnerable migrants and host population in Ali Sabieh, Arta, Dikhil, Obock and Tadjourah regions. Distribution is planned for Djibouti city. IOM continues to raise awareness of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) through its flow monitoring points (FMPs) across the regions.

All the passengers were tested on arrival in Ambouli International Airport and land borders. From 20 to 27 August, 56 out of 2,076 persons were tested positive, indicating overall positivity rate of 3.4% from the Ambouli International Airport since 17 July 2020.
MIGRANT RESPONSE
On 8 August, IOM provided hygiene and NFI kits, food and WASH items for 91 migrants (83 male and 8 female) in Masagara site, Obock city.

With the increasing number of migrants arriving from Yemen, IOM is providing a lifesaving assistance to vulnerable migrants disembarking along the coast of the Obock region. From 12 to 31 August, IOM provided assistance for 682 migrants (604 male and 78 female) including 29 minors in Khor Angar, Gehere, Doubia, and Ras bir.

In the Migration Response Centre (MRC) in Obock, 20 vulnerable migrants are provided with food, water, NFI assistance as well as medical and psychosocial support.

As part of an NFI distribution, hygiene and shelter project funded by CERF, IOM organized a training on vulnerabilities on 16 and 17 August. 12 agents designated by the prefecture of Arta, Obock, Tadjourah and Dikhil as well as 4 people from the vulnerable migrants unit of the National Office for Assistance to Refugees and Disaster Victims (ONARS) were trained for two days on criteria for identifying vulnerable people in their communities. They were also made aware of the risks of COVID-19 by a health officer from the National Institute of Public Health (INSPD).

On 25 August, IOM donated 154 tents and 1,000 NFI kits (800 male and 200 female) to the government-run quarantine site in Ali Sabieh region under CERF project. IOM also donated 300 kits for the vulnerable migrants and host population in Dikhil region on the same day. On 26 August, 297 kits were delivered to the rural community in the migratory corridor in Arta region. On 27 August, 221 male migrants and 79 female migrants received NFI kits in Tadjourah region. On 28 August, 300 kits were received for vulnerable migrants and host population in Fantahero in Obock region and 260 kits were donated to the MRC.

IOM collects data at migrant sites across the country on a daily basis. As of 31 August 2020, 870 stranded Ethiopian migrants have been identified across 19 sites. Immediate needs include water, food, hygiene kits and NFIkits. Between 9 to 31 August, IOM reached 16,119 persons including 3,861 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.