



UPDATE ON THE NEW IDPs IN KISMAYO



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INTRODUCTION

Somalia currently is experiencing very worsening drought conditions following the fail of the expected Gu and Deyr rains. The subsequent fail of the normally unreliable raining seasons has prompted severe drought claiming the lives of domestic animals reared for living by the huge pastoral communities in the country. The lack of rains has also affected the farmers and crops have failed. This has caused an alarming humanitarian situation in some regions especially in Kismayo city and its neighboring towns and villages. The populations affected are facing acute water and food shortages and as a result large numbers of IDPs are arriving in Kismayo settling in the already overcrowded IDP camps. There is a need to scale up humanitarian assistance for the affected population. In an effort to do this, ARC team visited different IDP camps within Kismayo to find out the extent of the affected population. The team conducted key informant interviews and group discussions on the 17th January 2017 in the areas mentioned in the table below.

The key findings were as follows:

237 households were displaced from Jamame, Gadudey, Gurbaan, Gandhoble, Haraawe, Bundada, Arare, Jaala, Joogsi, Jilib, Abayle, Bula Gadud, Kamsuma, Yontoy, Kukabir, Birtadher, Naftaa, Abdille Birole area and Buale to Kismayo. The reasons of displacement were stated as search of better life after their farms dried up due to persistent poor rains, pastoralist community lost their sole source of livelihood prompting food insecurity in the entire region. People reported further that conditions deteriorated in area controlled by Al-Shabaab as the militia groups believed the spouse of many women are working with the government hence forcing them to flee.

95 households living in Hanta Biyaha area in Kismayo town for the past one month have serious emergency crises. The IDPs in the areas lack Water, Shelter, medical services, food assistance and are at risks of evictions as they live in privately owned land hindering the setting up of basic infrastructure to ease the situation. They live in very wanting and overcrowded makeshift shelter exposing them to adverse weather conditions of scorching sun and cold nights. Disease outbreak is very likely to erupt due to congestion, lack of latrines and access to safe water. They are forced to buy water from the neighbors' which is approximately 3,000 Somali Shillings.

The table below shows details of the displaced persons

S/N	Locations from	Settlement they have Joined	# Of HH
1	Gadudey, Jamaame and Gurbaan	Camp borrow(Dalxis)	25HH
2	Gandhoble, Haraawe	Dalxis(tawakal1)	10HH
3	Bundada Araare, Jaala Joogsi	Hamdi1 (Dalxis)	15HH
4	Jilib, Abayle	Nageye (Dalxis)	8HH
5	Bulagadud, Jamame	Wamo1(Dalxis)	16HH
5	Kamsuma, Yontoy	Dano (Allanley)	8HH
6	Araare Kubakibir Birtadheer	Alleqabe (Allanley)	10HH
7	Kamusuma, Fagan, Naftaa quur Buale	Anew camp in hanta biyaha area Called Barwaqo	95HH
8	Abdille Birole	Dalacada with relatives	50 HH
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Urgent response required:

- ❖ Deployment of mobile Clinics in Hanta Biyaha area to be effected as soon as possible.
- ❖ Distribution of hygiene kit and Non Food Items
- ❖ Provision of water point which is free and accessible to all
- ❖ Shelter is urgently needed
- ❖ Increased integrated information dissemination on Health, Protection and WASH messages.
- ❖ Provisions of latrines and jerricans

PHOTOS



Figure 1: Makeshift shelter



Figure 2: A woman outside her makeshift shelter cooking for her children



Figure 3: ARC Staff having a discussion with the new arrived IDPs

ARCs Response so far:

- ❖ ARC health mobile team provided medical services today
- ❖ WASH& protection team's distribution soaps and aqua tabs to 95HH at the hanta Biyaha IDPs.
- ❖ ARC shelter department has shared this gap with shelter cluster and UNHCR if approved will distribute NFIs next few days.
- ❖ Protection and WASH cluster focal point to appeal to Lower Juba regional office to give the IDPs from Hanta Biyaha an alternative piece of land so that basic services like shallow wells and latrines can be provided.
- ❖ Mr. Abdi Bare Kismayo Deputy Mayor and Ukas Jama from office of the governor visited the IDPs living in Hanta Biyaha camp today, 18th January 2016.