

Update 6: Somalia - Flash Floods Disrupt Business Activities and Adds to Ongoing Challenges of COVID-19 Crisis

- Flash floods caused by heavy rains have affected about 37,000 people in Somalia, causing a humanitarian crisis in the regions affected
- Approximately 15,400 people have been displaced as heavy rains affected the regions on the south-eastern coast of the country causing flash floods as well as riverine flooding
- In Mogadishu alone, flash floods damaged or destroyed a number of housing units while displacing ~1,200 people
- Floods have disrupted business activities, communication networks, and roads within the city and have impacted community livelihoods
- Somalia is already struggling with COVID-19 and an invasion of desert locusts in the northern parts of the country
- Aid agencies have been called on to swiftly respond to the humanitarian needs
- The government of Somalia announced US\$500,000 to help victims affected by floods
- Also, the UN humanitarian agencies are seeking US\$186 M to meet the immediate health and humanitarian needs of people affected by COVID-19 in Somalia
- Somalia has so far recorded 3,161 COVID cases, 1,495 recoveries, and 93 related deaths
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult Ministry of Health (<http://moh.gov.so/en/>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in Somalia

Source(s)

<https://africa.cgtn.com/2020/07/22/some-37000-people-affected-by-flash-floods-in-somalia/>
<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/africa/somalia-allocates-500k-to-help-flood-victims/1919383>
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Targets Affected:

Somalia

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- It is important for SW Subscribers to determine if procedures for evacuating employees to safe locations are in place, if required
- Determine if all staff and travelers in Somalia are monitoring local weather, government warnings, and updates
- Firms with operations in the region should review their measures to mitigate the risk posed by such natural calamities
- Determine if current Business Continuity Plans of third parties/captive units account for sudden shortage or unavailability of resources in the event of several team members being unable to commute to the workplace due to adverse weather conditions
- It is advised to determine if alternate power supplies and network connections are available to deal with large-scale power outages and network failures (if any)
- SW Subscribers should ensure appropriate Business Continuity Plans and Programs are activated
- Consider implementing more detailed actions related to 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

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Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
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