

**IGAD Bi-annual Meeting on Food Security and Nutrition
in the Context of Desert Locust Invasion, COVID-19 Pandemic and Widespread Flooding**

Somalia Update on Desert Locusts

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CURRENT SITUATION & RESPONSE

- The DL situation in Somalia is very alarming as breeding is going in the country.
- October to December is a annual breeding season for the DL in Somalia so increase in numbers is expected.
- Currently DL is present and breeding in 43 districts of the country
- Sufficient biopesticides, Growth Regulators and PPEs are in stores
- 4 helicopters and 1 fixed-wing aircraft have been deployed in the DL affected states of the country
- 17 vehicles for conducting survey and control operation have been delivered to Somaliland, Puntland and Galmudug States
- Staff to conduct surveillance, control and reporting of DL trained
- It is expected that within November, 2020 that DL will spread into more districts
- Nov-Dec 2020, it is expected that DL will move into Kenya

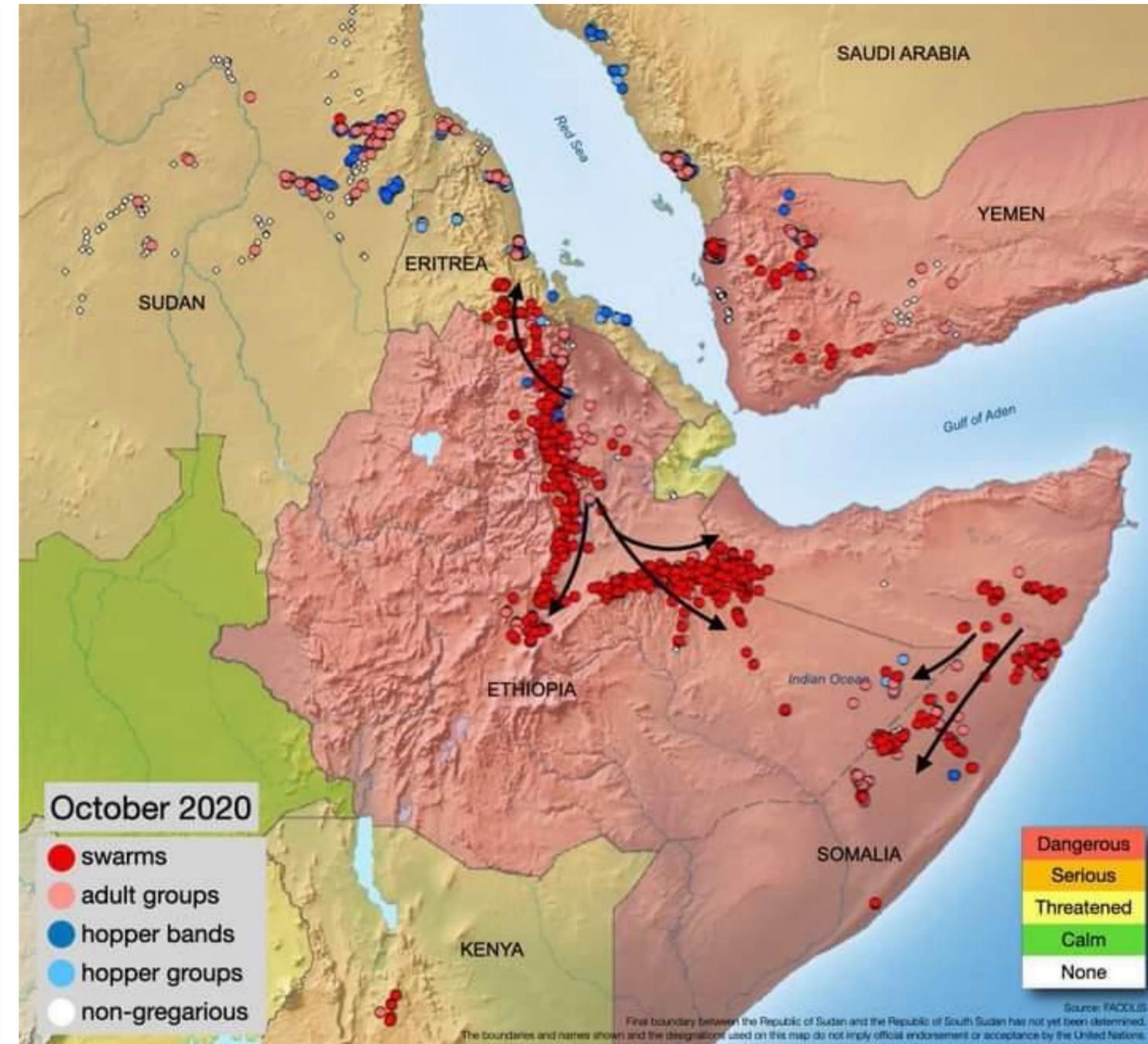


Figure 1: Desert Locust situation by FAO DLIS for October 2020

CONTROL & COORDINATION MEASURES

- Coordination between the federal government and federal member states has been greatly enhanced
- Ground and aerial survey and control operations in Somaliland, Puntland and Galmudug
- Capacity building and community sensitization on DL management is ongoing and will be further enhanced due to escalating crisis
- Training of staff on e-locust3G Application for DL data collection and reporting
- Surveillance and reporting (using e-locust3m, e-locust3 and e-locust3G) continues in Somaliland and Puntland states of the country.
- FGS as provided the southern states with sprayers and chemical to control the invasions being reported there.
- Somaliland, Puntland as well as Galmudug states continue with intensified survey and control operation.

- Funding Needed (USD: 56.9m)

- Funding Received (USD): 49.5m

- Funding Gaps (USD): 7.4m



Helicopter conducting aerial control in Puntland state on 25th October,2020

LIVELIHOOD RESPONSE

- 24,300 HH reached with cropping inputs.
- 30,000 Pastoralists HH targeted with range cubes

CHALLENGES AND LESSONS LEARNED

- Availability of required inputs and equipment due to high demand in the region.
- Transportation challenge due to COVID-19 affecting international freight.
- Getting partners ready to provide aircrafts to operate in Somalia