



UNDSS Travel Advisory – [Somalia, Puntland, Bossaso]

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Security Situation	
<i>Location-specific security conditions, threats/risks</i>	
<p>1) Terrorism is the primary security concern within the region and the Bossaso town; organizations such as Al-Shabab (AS) and Islamic State (IS) often target the Government institutions, the security force members and their static locations, mainly through a modus operandi of Assassination or through Remote Controlled Improvised Explosive Devices. These Organizations have the capacity of “complex attacks” and have declared the Government Institutions and the United Nations as potential targets.</p> <p>2) Covid-19 pandemic has not yet been observed in Bossaso, although undetected spread shall not be ruled out. Food price increases and increased criminality have been observed at present. Official travels within the region is restricted to PC-1 activities only.</p> <p>3) Clan based blood feud is also security concern, armed militias belonging to various clans attack each other through assassinations and ambushes by establishing illegal checkpoints.</p> <p>4) Robbery, hijacking is also a security concern; the likelihood of international personnel being prone to crime is higher than that of Somalian nationals.</p> <p>5) Female personnel are strongly recommended to dress-up with outfit similar to that of the local residents; wearing of pants and outreach to public areas without covering the head and hair is strongly discouraged.</p> <p>6) UN Medical Clinic is based at the IOM Compound in Bossaso.</p>	

Travel Preparation	
Security clearance procedure	Security Clearance through TRIP is required for trips to Bossaso. Trips outside of Bossaso city (to other cities or duty stations) by road or sea requires a CONOPS prepared by the Security Officials of the respective UN Organization, approval of the Bari Area Security Coordinator (ASC) if the final destination of the trip remains within the region;

	<p>CONOPS for trips to other areas require approval of the ASC of the receiving area.</p> <p>Electronic Travel Advisory (eTA) is a requirement; all UN personnel shall download this application to their smart phones, log-on to ETA with their TRIP username and passwords, turn the geolocation and notification services on to receive area specific security updates, enable a rapid headcount during emergencies and receive security alerts, warning and information.</p>
<p>Visa / entry permits</p>	<p>Puntland authorities apply Entry and Exit Visa fees, also security control fee (upon exit) for all passengers traveling to or from Bossaso. All passengers therefore are advised to have cash, in approximate amount of USD 150 for such formalities. Credit cards are not accepted for payments.</p> <p>UNLP holders may be exempt from visa requirements (consult with the UNDSS-Bari to get the latest update).</p>
<p>Required security training prior to travel</p>	<p>UNSMS personnel shall complete the mandatory BSAFE and SSAFE or NS-SSAFE trainings and update their TRIP profiles accordingly with the dates of completion.</p> <p>B-SAFE shall be completed upon recruitment and prior to any official travel, while SSAFE training shall be completed by the UN international personnel within 30 days of arrival into AAIA in Somalia, and prior to travel to Bari region.</p> <p>International personnel & consultants travelling to Bari region for a stand-alone single-entry mission of less than 30 days shall get an exceptional waiver granted by the DO if not SSAFE qualified.</p> <p>Nationally recruited UN personnel shall complete their NS-SSAFE training within 3 months of their deployment. National Staff are not authorized to conduct missions into Zone 3 until obtaining the NS-SSAFE training.</p> <p>Non-compliance with these requirements may result with denial of TRIP Security Clearance requests.</p>

<p>Arrival</p>	
<p>Arrival arrangements at airport / seaport / road entry</p>	<p>Prior notification of the UNDSS-Bossaso is advised in case of doubt of your Visa status.</p> <p>Use of armored UN Vehicles escorted by the SPU is required for trips between the Bossaso airport, the city center and other parts of the Bari-region.</p> <p>No travel is permitted within the hours of darkness.</p>

Specific border entry requirements & restrictions	
Currency restrictions/exchange/usage	Use of credit-debit cards is unusual in the region, possession of cash therefore, in Somalian Shilling or USD is recommended.
Security Briefing / SSAFE <i>Location and schedule</i>	A security briefing by the UNDSS, within 24 hours upon arrival is mandatory for all UN personnel. The UNDSS office is located at the IOM premises in Bossaso.

Movement, accommodation, security advisories and restrictions																	
Transport to accommodation and office <i>UN vehicle/taxi/public transportation</i>	All official transportations within the Bossaso city and the region shall be done by UN Armored Vehicles at B6 or above protection levels. Special Protection Unit (SPU) escort for all UN vehicle movements is also mandatory regardless of the zone.																
Curfew or other movement restrictions	<p>A curfew is applicable for all UN international personnel between 18.00 and 06.00 hrs.</p> <p>The Puntland Government implements a curfew between 18.00 and 05.00 to contain potential Covid-19 pandemic. Road traffic movement is restricted 3 persons per vehicle during the day time, on travels between the main cities in the region. Sea and air traffic for human transport has been banned since 25 March 2020, for an initial period of 15 days, but expected to continue further. Please contact UNDSS for details.</p>																
Accommodation <i>Recommended hotels and guesthouses, restricted zones/areas, accommodation arrangements where staff is required to reside in UN compounds</i>	<p>All UN international personnel, visitors sponsored by the UN for official business shall stay at UN guest houses. The international staff ceiling is currently 31, this number equals to the available number of rooms within the UN guest houses. Reservations at UN guest houses shall be done directly with the respective UN Organizations (IOM, WFP, UNHCR), prior to flight arrangements.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>No:</th> <th>Guest House</th> <th>Contact Person</th> <th>Email, phone</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>IOM</td> <td>Ahmed Ismail</td> <td>ahismail@iom.int +252(90)7798234</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>WFP</td> <td>online</td> <td>https://humanitarianbooking.wfp.org/</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>UNHCR</td> <td>Shaban Awad</td> <td>ahmeshab@unhcr.org +252 (90) 7728080</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	No:	Guest House	Contact Person	Email, phone	1	IOM	Ahmed Ismail	ahismail@iom.int +252(90)7798234	2	WFP	online	https://humanitarianbooking.wfp.org/	3	UNHCR	Shaban Awad	ahmeshab@unhcr.org +252 (90) 7728080
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Communications equipment, mobile phone networks, internet	The Golis Telecommunications company is the sole provider of the mobile communications network and internet services. International mobile service lines do not have roaming agreement with GOLIS, therefore will probably not work in the region, therefore a local sim card may be obtained for use during duration of stay. Internet is provided at all UN guest houses.																
Security equipment	Personal protection equipment (PPE) shall be available in UN vehicles, to be used in case of emergency. PPE shall be worn during the entire deep field missions (Zone 3). For details please contact UNDSS-Bossaso.																

UN security advisories and restrictions	<p>All trips within the Bossaso town and in the Bari region by the UN International personnel shall be of official nature. Trips to high risk and restricted areas, i.e. Qandala, shall be closely coordinated by the Bari Governor and can be undertaken by sea movement only, escorted by the PMPF. Trips to Caluula can only be undertaken by the national staff, in low profile missions. All trips outside of Bossaso by road or sea shall be approved by the ASC. Trips involving SUNO and high profile dignitaries require a CONOPS and be approved by the DO. Galgala and the mountainous parts of Qandala are no-go zones and restricted for all travels.</p> <p>UN national personnel travelling from other regions into Bossaso are required to register to the warden system through the UNDSS Radio Room radio.room.bossaso@undp.org +252 (90) 7799098, Radio Room Operator +252 (90) 7080056, UNDSS LSA Abdi Alake</p>
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Health Health advise to be obtained from UN Medical Services Division and/or local UN physician; Chief Medical Officer in mission environments	
Health advisory and recommendations	<p>Malaria; You will need to take prescription medicine before, during, and after your trip to prevent malaria.</p> <p>First Aid Kit; Travel with a pressure bandage, antiseptic, antiallergy drugs and a simple tourniquet.</p> <p>COVID-19; Self quarantine will be requested for anyone travelling from COVID-19 affected regions. And those who develop signs and symptoms will be isolated and W.H.O informed to facilitate testing. Incase of escalation to life threatening disease a MEDEVAC will be requested.</p> <p>You are advised to wash hands or use a hand sanitizer, don't shake hands, cover your cough and stay away from crowded places. Please call the UN Clinic for assistance in case you are not feeling well.</p>
Vaccination requirements	<p>Hepatitis A vaccine is recommended because you can get hepatitis A through contaminated food or water in Somalia, regardless of where you are eating or staying.</p> <p>Hepatitis B through sexual contact, contaminated needles, and blood products, so we recommend this vaccine if you will be travelling to Bosaso.</p> <p>Yellow Fever vaccine; You might consider this vaccine if you are staying a long time in Bosaso (more than one month) or will be heavily exposed to mosquitoes.</p> <p>Rabies vaccine; Rabies can be found in dogs, bats, and other mammals in Bosaso. Get this vaccine before travel.</p> <p>Typhoid vaccine; You can get typhoid through contaminated food or water in Bosaso. We recommend this vaccine for most travellers, especially if you are staying with friends or relatives, visiting smaller cities or rural areas, or if you are an adventurous eater.</p> <p>Cholera vaccine: There have been multiple cholera outbreaks in Somalia in recent years. Vaccination is recommended.</p> <p>Polio vaccine; Required for stays over four weeks. Single adult booster recommended.</p> <p>Measles Mumps Rubella (MMR) vaccine; Given to anyone unvaccinated. One time adult booster recommended.</p>

Hospitals	<p>Bossaso General Hospital (State owned) 11°17'03.2"N 49°10'51.0"E, Tel: 090-7044591, 090-7791946, 090-7795102</p> <p>Bossaso National Hospital (Private) 11.270216° N, 49.184345° E, Tel: 090-7843595, 090 6797019</p>
UN doctor / clinic	UN doctor (UN Clinic-IOM Bossaso Compound) 11.1655 N, 49.10.26 E, 090-7797742

Gender equality and inclusion	
Security threats and risks related to sex, sexual orientation, gender expression and gender identity	
Types of incidents, social and legal aspects affecting women and LGBTI personnel	Female personnel are strongly advised to avoid appear in public with pants, and without wearing of a head-scarf.
Advisory to mitigate risks for women and LGBTI personnel	All female visitors are advised to dress up in accordance with local traditions (head shall be covered with scarf and wearing of long dress is advised) while in public. For details and further queries please contact UNDSS-Bossaso.