



Horn of Africa | Floods

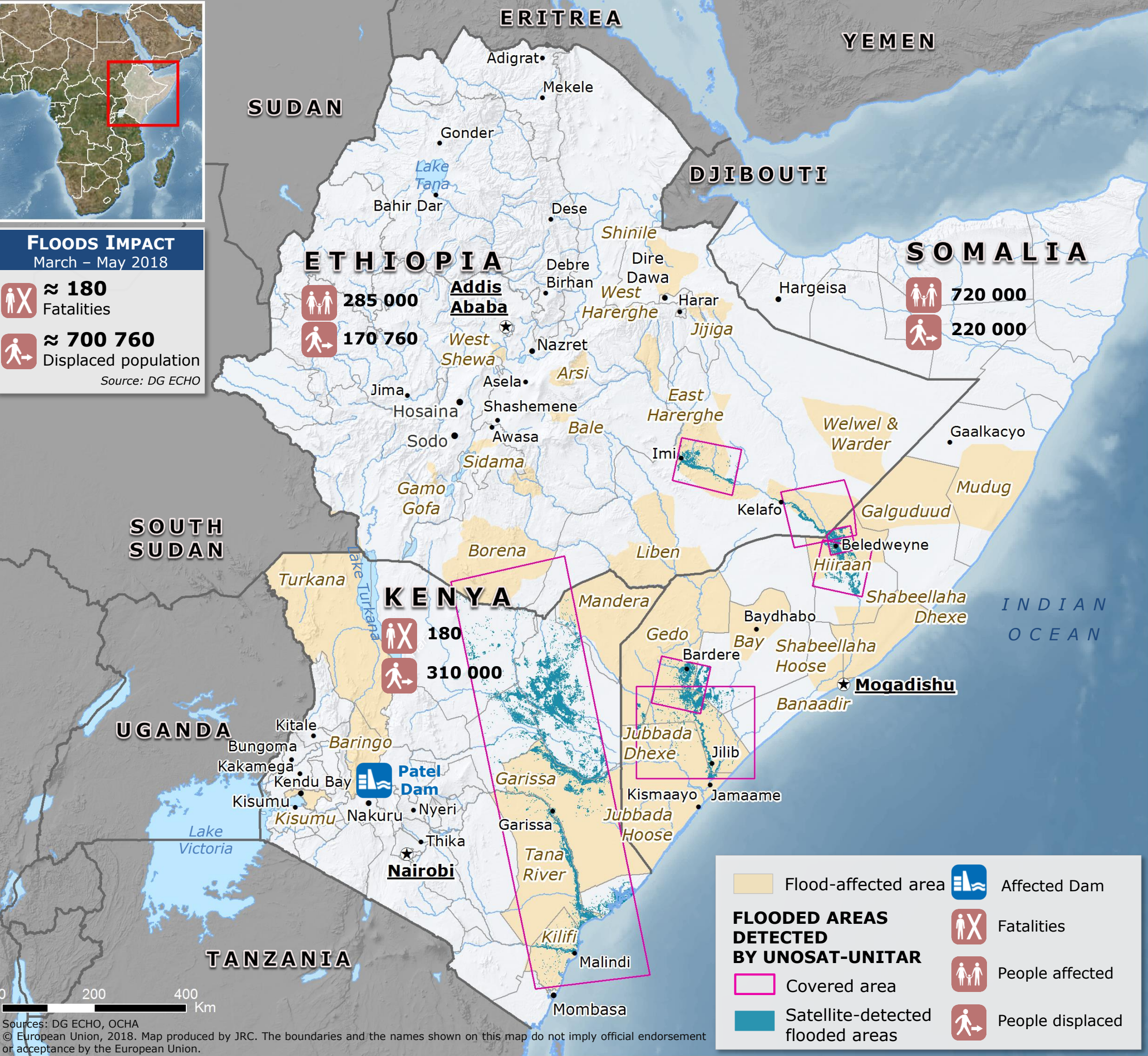


**FLOODS IMPACT**  
March – May 2018

 **≈ 180**  
Fatalities

 **≈ 700 760**  
Displaced population

Source: DG ECHO



**SITUATION OVERVIEW** (Source: DG ECHO)

- Since March, heavy rainfall has led to **flash floods** and **riverine flooding** across large areas of the Horn of Africa.
- Most of the flood affected areas are the ones already affected by the 2017 drought. The compacted soil reduced their capacity to absorb rain, further increasing the flooding.
- On 14 May, a low pressure area formed over the Arabian Sea. Over the next 48 hours, it is forecast to move over the Gulf of Aden, possibly strengthening into a tropical depression. Heavy rain and strong winds may affect the coast of Yemen, northern Somalia, and southeastern Ethiopia over 16-21 May.

