Key messages

- **Food security Overview:** National Meher production is expected to be average with localized areas of below average production due to the impact of poor Kiremt rainfall, the ongoing desert locust infestation, and unseasonable rainfall. In parts of northeastern Amhara and Tigray along the Tekeze river catchment; Belg producing parts of Amhara and Tigray, parts of SNNPR, and lowlands of East and West Hararhe Zones in Oromia Regions; Crisis (IPC Phase 3) or Stressed (IPC Phase 2) outcomes are present. In most areas where Stressed (IPC Phase 2) are present, outcomes are expected to deteriorate to Crisis (IPC Phase 3). This is the result of the below average harvest and atypically high food prices.

- **Disease Outbreak:** In December, a marked reduction of the incidence of Cholera has been observed in all regions, however the transmission is active in 5 woredas of Oromia and Afar region during the week. A total of 16 new additional Cholera cases without death were reported. Out of all reported cases in December, 68.7% (11) cases were from Oromia region and 31.3% (5) cases were from Afar region.

- **Displacement:** According to the rapid assessment report in Guji zone of Oromia regional state, there are 79,000 new IDPs in six woreda as a result of internal insecurity; where IDPs gathered in collective centers, host communities and in open space. There are huge humanitarian needs in terms of food assistance, emergency shelter/NFI, Health/nutrition and WASH.

- **Desert Locust:** Desert locust infestations have affected pasture and crops in various districts of Afar, Amhara, Oromia, Somali and Tigray regional states since June 2019. November and December unseasonal rainfall limited the movement of the locusts, however it is expected that they will form swarms in previously and currently infested areas, and have the potential to cause crop and pasture damage following the February to May 2020 rainfall season if control measures are not properly put in place.

Gaps and needs

- The 2019 Ethiopia Humanitarian Response Plan, required US$1.06 billion to help 8 million people, was only 75.4 per cent funded. The food sector is 100% funded while the non-food sectors are funded only 56 %. More funding is urgently required for nutrition, health, shelter, protection, education and other needs.

- Generally 103 % of World Vision Ethiopia’s 2019 response plan was funded with no gap. But sector-wise food security, nutrition, and health remain underfunded by 57%, 78% and 75% respectively. The rest of the sectors are 100% funded.

Humanitarian needs

- 8.86 million people in need of humanitarian assistance
- 4.2 million children in need of humanitarian assistance
- 6.6 million people in need of nutrition assistance
- 7.3 million people in need of water, sanitation and hygiene assistance

Funding needs

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Response highlights

WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

• Distribution of WASH NFIs (jerry-cans, washing basin, bucket, laundry and bathing soaps) was conducted to 1,125 HHS, composed of 7,087 (962 men, 1,010 women, 2,647 boys & 2,468 girls) IDPs in three sites (Jallo, Bule Horra and Dorbade) in Amaro Woredas of SNNPR.

• Dignity kits for 1,125 women and 380 children were distributed for IDPs in Jallo, Bule Horra and Dorbade sites in Amaro Woredas.

• Four pumps were purchased for rehabilitation of shallow wells in Bule Hora and Kochere Woredas of West Guji zone.

FOOD ASSISTANCE

• Through JEOP program of WVE, 289,434 people benefited from food assistance (258,406 are IDPs/returnees of Gedo Guji conflict).

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

• Birr 5.1 million (US $ 0.18 Million) multi-purpose cash was transferred to 3,460 drought affected HHs of Dollo Ado and Boklomanyo Woredas in Somali regional state.

SHELTER & NFIs

• 47,880 corrugated iron sheets, 1,710 kg cup nail, 5,130 kg nails and 1,710 pieces of plastic sheets were distributed to 1,710 targeted returnee households of Gedab and Kercha Woredas from Gedo and West Guji zones.

• 7,280 pcs of different shelter/NFIs were distributed to 260 households affected by flood in Abaya Woreda of West Guji.

NUTRITION

• Nutritional screening for children under five and PLWs was conducted in Dilla Zura, Melka Belo and Jarso Woredas. Accordingly, 200 SAM new cases of under-five year’s children were admitted in OTP and 11 in SC services in Jarso and in Dilla Zura woredas of Oromia and SNNP regional states.

• 61 Health Extension Workers (HEW) and 126 Health Development Agents (HDAs) got training on Integrated management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM) and oriented on nutrition information respectively in Dila Zuria and Jarso Woredas.

PROTECTION

• 405 parents and care givers from Gedo and West Guji were trained on positive parenting and positive discipline, how to care for children, talking and understanding children. They shared their recent experiences, fears, hopes of the future and CP - SGBV and referral path ways.

EDUCATION

• In December, 10 Temporary Learning Centers (TLCs) were completed and handed over to Kochere, Gedeb Abaya and Gelan woredas of Gedio and West Guji zones.

• EiE and conflict sensitivity education (CSE) training was provided for 56 teachers, selected KA managers, PTAs, supervisors and education office focal persons from Birbirsa Kojowa Woreda.

• 4,581 cartons of high energy biscuit were procured and distributed to six schools in Abaya woreda of Oromia regional state and benefited 4,158 ASR and ALP students.

Response achievements

Reporting period December 01 - December 31, 2019

289,434 people reached with food assistance

179,232 people reached with food security and livelihoods

7,625 people reached with nutrition assistance

4,370 people reached with protection services

8,390 people reached with education

7,087 people reached with water, sanitation and hygiene services

7,035 people reached with Shelter & NFIs

179,232 children reached with food assistance

22,810 children reached with food security and livelihoods

4,680 children reached with nutrition assistance

2,968 children reached with protection services

8,320 children reached with education

5,115 children reached with water, sanitation and hygiene services

4,924 children reached with Shelter & NFIs