

TIGRAY CRISIS RESPONSE

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SITUATION OVERVIEW

The humanitarian situation throughout Tigray is reportedly dire, with prevailing insecurity and violence impacting the civilian population, forced displacement, and widespread looting of public infrastructure and private property. Safe and unimpeded humanitarian access to people in need remains an issue nearly three months after the start of the conflict, with few partners operational on the ground and very limited assistance provided. WHO estimates that only 22 percent of health facilities are functional and some 78 percent of the hospitals in the region are not accessible. Unconfirmed, reports of a cholera outbreak began to emerge from Adwa Town, Central Zone. According to OCHA there has been reports of increasing sexual violence and abuses as well as malnutrition.

In addition to hampered physical access into many parts of Tigray, mobile network communications is still a challenge even though some improvement is seen in recent days, affecting response operations and access to vital information, including on COVID-19. Electricity, banking, telephone and public transportation services are slowly being restored but are highly limited and remain accessible only in major towns. On 19 January, electricity was restored in Adigrat, Adwa and Aksum towns, while phone services were restored in Adigrat. Electricity, telephone, banks (but with a very low money withdrawal cap) have already been restored in south and western Zones and Mekelle Town. Internet connection remains switched off, severely affecting operations of partners. Public transport is functioning along the Alamata-Shire-Adigrat road <https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Situation%20Report%20-%20Ethiopia%20-%20Tigray%20Region%20Humanitarian%20Update%20-%202025%20Jan%202021.pdf>

World Vision has 83 staff, seven Area Programmes, 11 grant-funded projects, and 19,254 registered children in Tigray.

World Vision Ethiopia Operational areas in Tigray



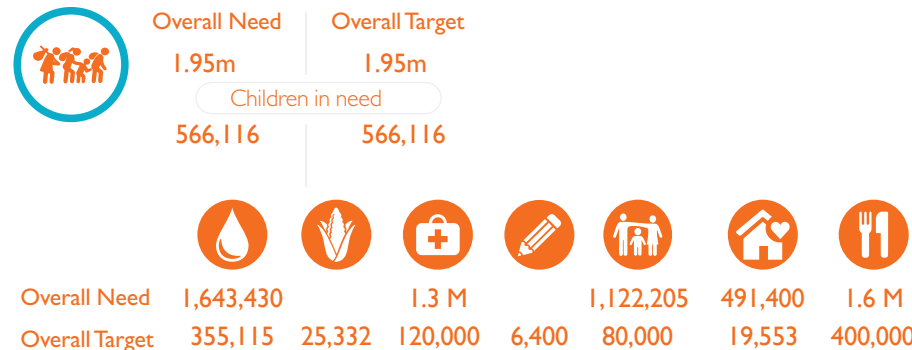
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APs in Tigray

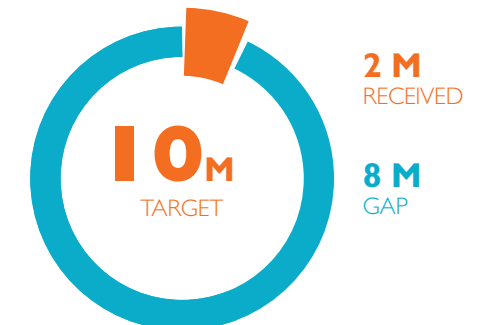
KEY MESSAGES

- World Vision is deeply concerned for the safety and well-being of vulnerable populations, especially children.
- We call on all participants in the current emergency to prioritise the protection of civilians so that life-saving humanitarian interventions can start again.
- World Vision adheres to the principles of humanitarian neutrality and neither participates in partisan politics, nor takes sides in conflict. Our focus and concern are on children and communities, based on humanitarian need.

Estimated number of people in need



Funding status (US\$)



TIGRAY CRISIS RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

RESPONSE CONTEXT

OCHA situation update indicated that there are 950,000 people in need of aid before the conflict, 2.3 million people are targeted (UN December 2020) for humanitarian assistance, the majority of whom may be displaced within the region and across the regional borders into Amhara and Afar due to the evolving situation in Tigray. Besides, there are 60,595 refugees in Sudan since 7 November (UNHCR February 2021). The report also indicated that US\$40.3 million unmet of the required funding for the Response Plan.

There are reports of chronic shortages of supplies, fuel, and cash in Tigray region. Since the beginning of the conflict, basic services such as telecommunication, electricity and water supply have been disrupted while recently partially restored in some parts of the region. <https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Situation%20Report%20-%20Ethiopia%20-%20Tigray%20Region%20Humanitarian%20Update%20-%202025%20Jan%202021.pdf>

Lack of communication and road access is preventing partners to gauge the situation on the ground and identify needs. There are currently 31 partners involved in non-refugee response operation in the region, including 16 INGOs, 9 UN agencies, 4 National NGOs and 2 Government agencies [3].



OUTCOME 1: *protect lives and livelihoods of conflict affected people by providing food assistance and livelihood recovery support*



Shelter/NFI

NEPRF - ES/NFI items supported for 500 people in Debarek Woreda and 1100 people in Chercher Woreda of Tigray region; which totally cost US\$ 107,694

SWAN- ES/NFI kits transported for 6000 people of Raya Alamata and Mehonie ; and 1793 people of cherecher receded ES/NFI kits

WV-Singapore – ongoing support to 1425 IDPs living in Mekelle



OUTCOME 2: *Improve health status, protection and dignity of affected households (HHs) by providing and creating access to shelter and non-food items (NFIs)*



Health

Medical kits: IEHK, NCDK, RH kits, Trauma Kit, oxygen concentrator worth of US\$ 52,000 given to Alamata General Hospital and Alamata Health Center. The medical kits meant to address the primary and advanced health demands of up to 130,000 people.

Through NEPRF budget, essential supplies and equipment procured at a cost of US\$ 28,000 to benefit 64,669 people.

Response plans for four response zones are being prepared to source SWAN medical supplies; namely southern Tigray, north west Tigray, eastern Tigray and south eastern Tigray



OUTCOME 3: *Enhance access to safe drinking water and to appropriate sanitation and hygiene for the displaced / host communities*



WASH

WASH NFI kits distributed for 650 HHs in Mekele town.

In Raya Alamata 6000 people received WASH NFI,


There is an ongoing water trucking activities in Mekelle worth \$50K which could benefit 100,000 people.



OUTCOME 4: *Improve access to health and nutrition services with a special focus on preventing the spread of communicable diseases and acute malnutrition*



NA

 **OUTCOME 5:** Ensure protection for children, women and vulnerable groups, including dignity kits and psychosocial support




Protection

Assigned CP/GBV project coordinator to lead the protection interventions in the region.

Dignity Kits for 1000 women's distributed to Southern Tigray and 750 women to North Gonder


High energy biscuit & powder milk distributed for 3000 children of Southern Tigray and 1000 children of North Gonder distributed

Preliminary assessment was conducted at Mekelle IDPs sites and preparation is under way to establish child friendly spaces in three collective sites.

 **OUTCOME 6:** Provide support for the rehabilitation of damaged schools and ensure that children to return to school in a conducive and safe atmosphere



NA

 **OUTCOME 7:** Support coordination and collaboration efforts across the humanitarian agencies on the ground

Preparedness

A CAT-III national office response has been declared, and subsequent EMS structure, response plan, crisis management committee (CMT), and NEPRF financial procedures have been approved and are in place

New funding in pipelines

US\$ 250K- WV-US (Approved- Multi sectoral response)

US\$ 50K – WV- Singapore (ES/NFI for 285 HHs- Approved)

US\$ 100K- WV-Korea (WASH for 200,000- Approved)

US\$ 75K – WV-Newziland (Approved- Matching for ERM)

US\$ 80K – WV Taiwan (Approved-Nutrition)

US\$ 50K – WV Australia (Approved- Nutrition)

US\$ 1.4 M - OFDA (BHA) – [Pipeline –Multi-sector response]

€ 575K – ERM/IRC [Pipeline- Multi-sector response]

€ 1 M- ECHO (ACF lead)- Pipeline – [Multi-sector response]

Coordination and Advocacy

WVE – has actively engage in all cluster/coordination meeting in Mekele, which is in cluster Meeting, HINGO, ECC; actively participating on Shire UNHCR led meeting by assigning staff based in Shire.

Assessment has been conducted in South Eastern, North Western, Eastern and North Eastern Tigray -Totally in 13 Woredas and 3 cities.

Donor Pre-Positioning

BHA (OFDA), ECHO, UNICEF,

Security

Improvements in communications like telephone and electricity resumed in Mekelle and other zonal areas.

Local market are back to business.

Maychew and surrounding areas are tense due to looting.

No surface transportation from Addis to Mekelle and vice versa.

Staff safety and wellbeing

World Vision Ethiopia has delivered food supplies for 84 WV-Tigray staff in collaboration with World Food Program. Additionally, WVE has provided 10 bags (100Kg each) supplementary food for Tigray staff.

NEEDS AND GAPS

Humanitarian preparedness plan (Tigray) targets nearly 2.5 million people in Tigray, Amhara and Afar with life-saving assistance at a cost of US\$75.6 million. The targeted population includes existing humanitarian caseload and additional 1.3 million people expected to need assistance as a result of the conflict. The total 'top priority' funding requirements to facilitate the minimum preparedness activities to response to the projected needs between November 2020 and January 2021 is US\$96.9 million. Considering available resources, the outstanding requirements is US\$ 40.3 million.

Tigray Crisis Response plan requires a total of US\$10M, of which US\$1.96M (19.6%) is secured internally so far, with the remaining gap of US\$ 8.M.

TIGRAY CRISIS RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

LIST OF FUNDERS/DONORS

NEPRF, Local income, SWAN, COVID 19 pooled fund, Irish aid, WV Korea, WV Singapore, WV Taiwan, WV Australia, WV-US, WV Netherlands.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Edward Brown, National Director of World Vision Ethiopia had several interviews with media and internal staff after his visit to Tigray Region.

1. 'Window to our World' Ignite Staff – all-staff message with Andrew Morley. An in depth interview Eddie with Andrew Morley, President and CEO of WVI on Thursday 21 January 2021.
2. World Vision Taiwan (Interview material used for internal and external media/press). An interview with Pei-Shan Cheng (WV Taiwan Editor and Journalist)
3. German Press Agency (DPA). Interview with Gioia Forster (East Africa Correspondent based in Nairobi) on 25 January 2021
4. The Associated Press (AP News). Interview with Cara Anna (Nairobi based correspondent)
5. ZDF German TV. Interview with Timm Kroger (Foreign correspondent in Nairobi) on 30 January 2021
<https://www.wvcentral.org/Pages/Home.aspx>

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