

# TIGRAY CRISIS RESPONSE

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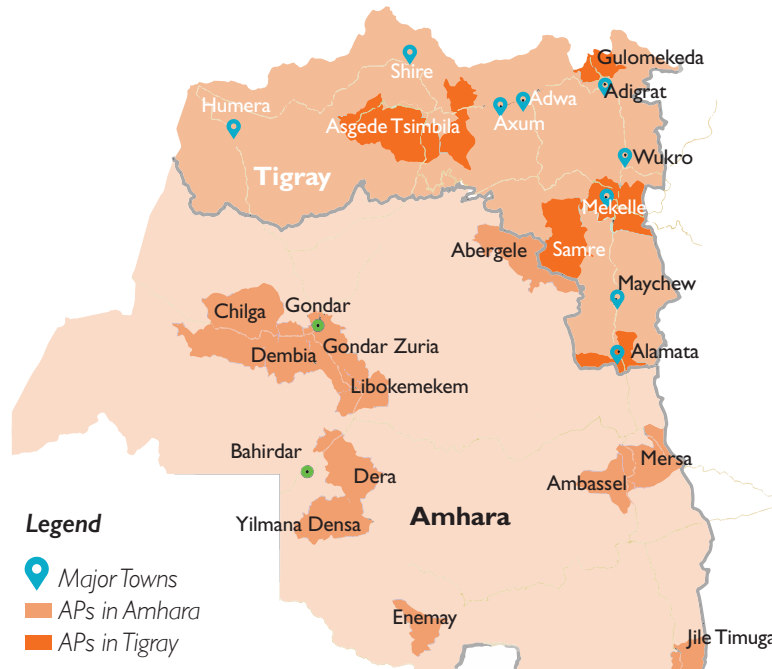


## KEY MESSAGES

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

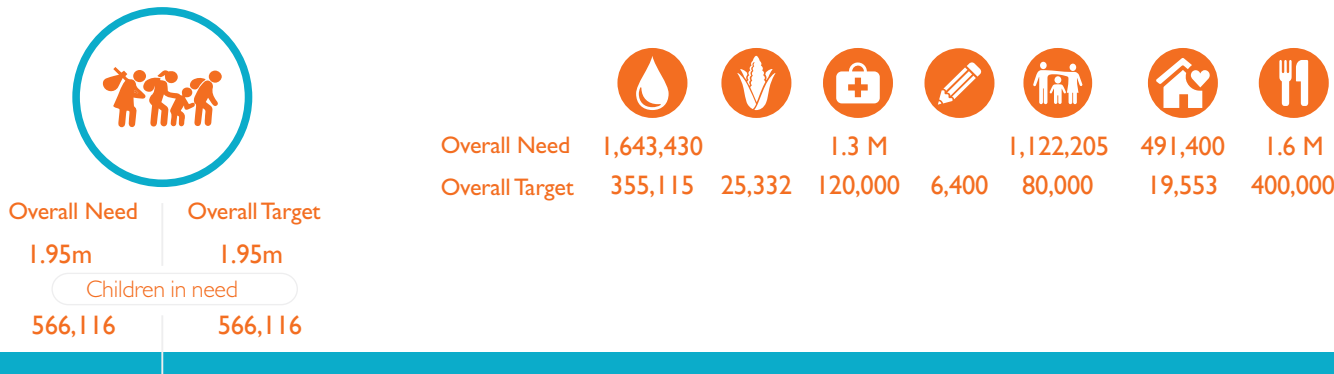
On Wednesday 4 November 2020, Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed announced he had ordered a military response to an “attack by the ruling party of the Tigray region” on the largest military base in the country, and the Federal Council of Ministers declared a six-month State of Emergency in Tigray Region. The Tigray Regional State announced that air space was closed and road transportation, phone and internet were cut within the Tigray Region and in bordering areas in Amhara Region. This crisis has increased the number of children in need of humanitarian assistance in Tigray region to 2.3 million (UNICEF), which the United Nations has described as a “full scale humanitarian crisis”. Although there are signs that the open conflict may be coming to an end, the region remains tense. A large but unquantified still unconfirmed number of civilians in Tigray are internally displaced, and more than 53,000 are believed to have crossed the border into Sudan. World Vision has 83 staff, seven Area Programmes, 11 grant-funded projects, and 19,254 registered children in Tigray. As of December 12, 2020, Ethio Telecom shared that mobile voice services in Mekelle city and Maiyechew have been restored, in addition to Dansha, Humera, Maikadra, Turkan, Maytsebri, Korem and Alamata. However electric Power announced that electricity has been restored to Mekelle city and its vicinity.

World Vision Ethiopia Operational areas in Tigray and Amhara

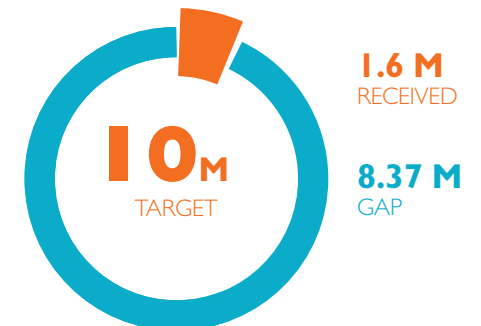


- World Vision is deeply concerned for the safety and well-being of vulnerable populations, especially children.
- We call on all participants in the current emergency to prioritise the protection of civilians so that life-saving humanitarian interventions can start again.
- World Vision adheres to the 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

Tigray currently hosts various categories of vulnerable groups which include 855,000 people who are currently targeted in the 2020 humanitarian response plan (750,000 non-displaced people, 100,000 IDPs and 5,000 IDP returnees). In addition, there are 96,000 refugees in Tigray and over 1 million PSNP beneficiaries who need regular support [1].

The evolving situation in Tigray could bring an additional 1.1M people in need, the majority of whom may be displaced within the region and across the regional borders into Amhara and Afar, while several others could be displaced across the borders to Sudan and Eritrea. Currently more than 53,000 Ethiopian refugees in Sudan, 45% of whom are children [2].

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. 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].

1 <https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/document/ethiopia-ethiopia-humanitarian-preparedness-plan-november-2020>

2 <https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Situation%20Report%20-%20Ethiopia%20-%20Tigray%20Region%20Humanitarian%20Update%20-%2028%20Dec%202020.pdf>

3 [https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/ethiopia/document/ethiopia-tigray-region-humanitarian-update-situation-report-no7-01-dec?ct=\(EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_I\\_DEC\)&goal=0\\_b2ca80d2ffe-0810b1396e-109578465](https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/ethiopia/document/ethiopia-tigray-region-humanitarian-update-situation-report-no7-01-dec?ct=(EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_I_DEC)&goal=0_b2ca80d2ffe-0810b1396e-109578465)



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



#### Shelter/NFI

Procurement for emergency shelter and non-food is completed which could address a total of 350 HHs which cost US\$73,041.43.

ES/NFI kits could be transported by next week to Alamata (200HHs) and Gonder (100HHs)

Additional resource received from World Vision Korea which would address a total of 150 HHs that could cost US \$ 60,000.

Submitted a response plan for SWAN cluster to address 200 HHs of Raya chercher woreda



**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

Procured provision of essential medical supplies to health facilities to manage severe trauma cases at a total cost of US\$26,200; and additional medical supplies request coming from Alamata Hospital.

Based on the nutrition cluster (MANTF) request, World Vision Ethiopia has expressed its interest to distribute High Energy Biscuit (HEB) to Alamata woreda; and still the issue is under discussion.

Health SWAN response plan approved to provide medical supplies for Almata Hospital and 2 health centers



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



#### WASH

Purchase and positioning of WASH materials has been carried out including the purchase of 17,000 laundry Soaps (250 gram), 17,000 body soaps (250gram), 153 cartons of water treatment chemicals, and 10 HTH chlorine tablets (US\$23,310)


WVE as a member of SWAN consortium, received a total of \$US 2.6 M for WASH supplies for the whole consortium members; of which SWAN approved WASH kits for 2500 HHs of Raya Alamata , Raya Cherecher and Mehoni.

Of the total procured; 1,500 body soaps, 400 powder soaps, 300 bleach bottles, 200 hand washing soaps, and 50 cartons of face masks distributed to Alamata General Hospital (US\$12,000)

WVE has received a new grant from Irish aid that focus on Tigray response amounting US \$ 134,000 for WASH NFI support.

12,000 Sachet of water treatment chemicals has delivered to Mekele city.


WASH –SWAN response plan approved to benefit a total of 1000 HHs in Southern Tigray.

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



#### Nutrition


Based on the cluster Multi Agency Nutrition Task Force(MANTF) request, World Vision has expressed its interest to distribute High Energy Biscuit (HEB) which is procured by UNICEF and prepositioned by OCHA for Alamata displaced children.

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




#### Protection

Procurement of protection kits for children and women (powder milk and biscuits) reusable sanitary pad, underwear, laundry and bath soap, head scarf); are completed and it will be dispatched from AA to Alamata and Gondar by next week.

 **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\$ 50K - Singapore (ES/NFI for 285 HHs- Approved)

US\$ 100K- Korea (WASH for 200,00- Approved)

US\$ 134K- Irish Aid (WASH- Approved)

SWAN- WASH kits in kind to 1000 HHs approved

SWAN- Health kits in kind to Alamata Hospital and 2 HC- Approved

SWAN –ES/NFI in kind– Chercher District for 200HHs-Approved

#### Assessment

WVE has actively engaged in different National and Sub-national cluster coordination. WVE HEA and GAM team conducted a quick field visit in Southern Tigray from 7 -10 December 2020 (Alamata).

World Vision Ethiopia led two assessments in western and Southern Tigray.

- WVE led a multi-sectoral multiagency assessment team by receiving an approval letter from NDRMC to deploy staff in two border zones of Tigray region, North Gondar and North Wollo.
- WVE, CRS and Care did detail assessment across western Tigray with a key strategy of assessment and assistance.

WVE has allocated US\$ 100,000 management and monitoring cost from internal source / NEPRF/

#### Donor Pre-Positioning

USAID, ECHO, UNICEF, BHA

#### Coordination and Advocacy

Humanitarian INGO (HINGO) network; advocacy meeting with national level government together with UN for universal access and protection of civilians and humanitarian staff

### **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 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 1.1 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\$763.4 million.

Tigray Crisis Response plan requires a total of US\$10M, of which US\$1.6M (16.25%) is secured internally so far, with the remaining gap of US\$ 8.37M.

## TIGRAY CRISIS RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

### LIST OF FUNDERS/DONORS

NEPRF, Local income, SWAN, COVID 19 pooled fund, Irish aid

### PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



Sight Magazine (Australia) (Interview with Karmen) <https://www.sightmagazine.com.au/news/18436-world-vision-deeply-concerned-at-situation-facing-those-impacted-by-the-crisis-in-ethiopia-s-tigray-region>



Christian Today (interview with Edward Brown, National Director of World Vision Ethiopia): <https://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2020/november/tigray-ethiopia-conflict-christian-sudan-refugees-aby-tpf.html>



Rhema Radio New Zealand (interview with Stephen Court on Tigray crisis on 6 December 2020): <https://www.rhema.co.nz/resource/WorldVisioninEthiopia>



ABC News Australia (TV interview with Karmen Trajkov Till on Tigray Crisis: <https://storyhub.wvi.org/C.aspx?VP3=SearchResult&UT=20MDYFIEFJ6N>

Find more on Tigray Crisis content on Story Hub : <https://storyhub.wvi.org/CS.aspx?VP3=DamView&VBID=20MDQYB2BM6I&PN=1&WS=AssetManagement>

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