

TIGRAY CRISIS RESPONSE

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SITUATION OVERVIEW

According to OCHA 28 Feb. 2021 report:

- The humanitarian situation in Tigray Region remains critical, with reports of intensified fighting across the Region, particularly in the Central Zone.
- Despite large amounts of food aid reportedly dispatched across Tigray, better monitoring is needed to ensure that aid is reaching those most in need.
- Additional resources are urgently required to ensure that protection activities and other life-saving services can scale up. <https://reports.unocha.org/en/country/ethiopia/>
- Several critical clusters, including Shelter, Health, Protection and Education, reports that the resources received are inadequate for the dire needs, even in areas that are currently accessible.
- Concerning security issue, there is still road blockage in some places. The local and federal government have reported, on 18 February 2021, 6 graduated students of Axum University are killed by armed forces while 5 are highly injured and 7 have faced a light injury when they were traveling from the University to their family.

According to the PM office statement on 3 March 2021:

- Humanitarian agencies can operate in the region with unfettered access unhindered mobility, by simply providing a notification of operations to the Ministry of Peace, and at their own risk in region wide movement. All entities are expected to abide by the laws of the land and any entity or individual abetting criminality under the guise of provision of aid, will be held accountable.
- The Federal Government has recently granted full access for international and local media to travel to and report from the Tigray region.
- Media operating in the region are to be bound by operating protocols that ensures understanding of the context, legal operations and mobility as established by the Ethiopian Broadcast Authority.' <https://www.fanabc.com/english/pm-office-issues-statement-on-the-tigray-region-rule-of-law-operations/>

World Vision Ethiopia Operational areas in Tigray



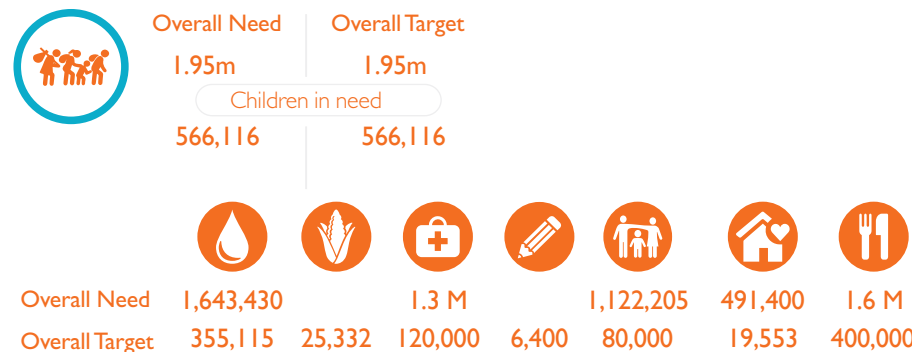
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APs in Tigray

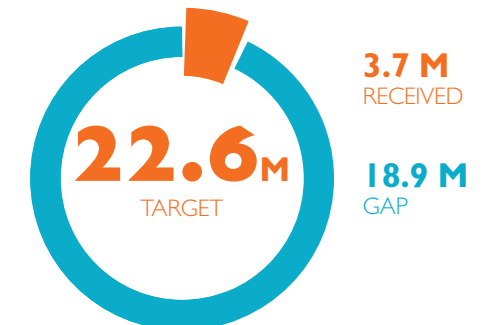
KEY MESSAGES

- 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

- Further OCHA situation update indicated that there are 950,000 people in need of aid before the conflict, 1.3 million more people projected need aid, 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 and 61,307 refugees in Sudan since 7 November. The report also indicated that US\$33.9 million unmet of the required funding s for the Response Plan.
- Several critical clusters, including Shelter, Health, Protection and Education, report that the resources received are inadequate for the dire needs, even in areas that are currently accessible.
- Given the volatile security situation and evolving access opportunities, it is critical that clusters are sufficiently equipped with resources to be able to provide life-saving assistance whenever and wherever possible.

https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Situation%20Report%20-%20Ethiopia%20-%20Tigray%20Region%20Humanitarian%20Update%20-%2019%20Feb%202021_1.pdf



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



Shelter/NFI

WVE dispatched ES/NFI kits to Mekelle which benefit a total of 285 HH (budget source – WV-Singapore \$ 50K)

WV-US – \$226,000 for Chercher district for 660HH

Staff Recruitment on going

Beneficiary targeting ongoing



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

Water trucking is in progress at Wukro, Mekele, selekleka, Endabaguna, Adi Daero, shireendesilase woredas. 144,707 vulnerable community members including 5181 IDP members are using the water.

WASH NFI (Jerican, Bucket, washing basin) and household water treatment chemical, provision is made to 2000 Alamata Woreda and 650 Mekele town vulnerable households. 4274 girls, 3703 boys, 3059 women and 2664 men benefit from the distribution.



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



Nutrition

Nutrition screening conducted in four IDP sites in Mekele (Kesate Berhan School, Elshaday Center; Kisanet and Ady Haki School) and 205 children screened. A total of 28 SAM admissions have identified and linked to TFP programs. Some 40 pregnant and lactating women were screened, of whom 16 were identified as MAM.


Distribution of nutrition supplies for SC/OTP treatment centers

Given on-the-job training to health workers to support the nutrition response.

Initiated procurements for CMAM drugs, high energy biscuits, supplementary foods and nutrition supplies.

Actively participating in a weekly regional cluster level nutrition meeting that is led by UNICEF/ENCU.

Finalized recruitments for PNS Australia and ECHO/IRC grants nutrition projects (Two coordinator and 17 CMAM Officers)

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



Protection

12 (6-girls and 6 boys' volunteers selected from 3 IDP site (Adi Haki, Hawilty & Meserte school IDP centers) based on the criteria from IDP young Members.

Under 18 children in three sites identified the data that shows the total number of under 18 children will be shared soon.

CFS materials identified, purchase plan prepared and procurement team are processing the procurement.

Two days Psychological first aid training (PFA) and security training given to 12 volunteers, gov't partners (from BOLSA, BOWCA & Justice office) and WVE security focal person.

Discussions made on referral path way linkage to service for vulnerable girls and boys to help volunteers where to go or refer to help children & young girls on emergency crisis.

Three CP officers ECHO (EMR) recruitment for (Mekele, Alamata and Machew) is under process.

DIP and Cash flow is prepared for EMR project.



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

WVE has secured Emergency Response Mechanism (ERM) 626k Euro (575k from ECHO/ IRC + 51k matching from WV New Zealand). With this fund WVE has started delivering integrated multi-sector response in Southern Tigray and Mekele. There are four thematic areas in this multi-sector response; WASH, Nutrition, Protection and Health.

WVE has submitted \$7.6 million (5 million for Tigray, 2.6 million for G-G) integrated multi sector response proposal to BHA Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance/USAID. The selected sectors are WASH, Health, Nutrition, Shelter and Protection. This project is designed based on the recent multi-sector assessment report conducted by WVE. Accordingly, 8 districts in Tigray are targeted for this response.

WVE has submitted \$480,000 integrated multi- sector response proposal to WV Japan to address the dire needs of the IDPS in Shire and Adigrat. The selected sectors are Health, Nutrition and WASH.

Submitted \$21 million integrated multi-sector response to UNICEF and here WV is sub a implementer: The targeted locations are Cherecher, Enderta, Mekele and Wukro where the selected sectors are WASH, Nutrition, protection and Multi-purpose Cash (MPC).

WVE Submitted \$2.5 million integrated multi-sector response to UNICEF. The target locations are Degua Temben, Enderta, Samre, Entalo, Wajirat and Saharti. Selected sectors: WASH, Education, Health, Nutrition and protection/GBV

WVE submitted \$650,000 EiE to UNICEF. The targeted locations are Gulo Mekeda, Woqro, Medebay Zeana, Tsimbila and Adigrat. This fund is exclusively for Education in emergency (EiE)

Coordination and Advocacy

WVE – has actively engaged in all cluster/coordination meetings 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 markets 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.

Cash and digital business

Achievement (including # of beneficiaries reached, utilized budget, picture, assessment)

World Vision Ethiopia started responding to people affected by multiple crises in the Tigray Region. Desert locust, recurrent drought, COVID-19 fueled high market prices for food, and the recent conflict between the regional government and Ethiopian government massively affected people's livelihoods and coping capabilities. WVE existed in all parts of the region and revised its sponsorship budget allocated for the existing Area programs and supporting children. A total of \$518,371.40 collected from seven Area Programs and addressing 8931 HHs (44,655 individuals) in Enderta, Wukuro, Samre, Gulo Mekeda, Aseged Tsembela, Alamata, and Meda Zana. WVE providing a one-off multi-purpose Cash assistance to cover households' Food, Protection, WASH, Health, Shelter, and NFIs needs and services such as Transportation and milling. A transfer amount 2200-2270 Birr is under provision for a household. From Feb 13-25, a total of 2690 HHs (2299 resident communities and 391 IDPs) received a total of 5,37,500 birr in Enderta and Wukuro woredas. The cash distribution supported by the Last Miles Mobile Solution digital payment platform and Berhan Bank engaged to serve the people in need. The project will be progressing in the coming days and will serve many more people through MPC.

NEEDS AND GAPS

Humanitarian preparedness plan of Tigray targets nearly 2.5 million people in Tigray, Amhara and Afar with life-saving assistance at a cost of US\$ \$729.9 million. The targeted population includes existing humanitarian caseload and additional 1.3 million people expected to need assistance because of the conflict. The total 'top priority' funding requirements is \$ 1.3 Billion.

<https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Situation%20Report%20-%20Ethiopia%20-%20Tigray%20Region%20Humanitarian%20Update%20-%202028%20Feb%202021.pdf> Considering available resources from different internal and external funding sources, the outstanding requirements is US\$ 1.292 Billion; while the remaining \$729.9 M is received.

- Due to the rising needs of the crisis, the needs vastly outstripped the requirements estimated in the response plan that was developed during the first weeks of the conflict. Therefore, WVE targets to require a total of US\$ 22 M, of which US\$ 3.6 M (16.3%) is secured internally so far, with the remaining gap of US\$ 18.9M.

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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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