

TIGRAY CRISIS RESPONSE

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SITUATION OVERVIEW

Almost five months on since the start of the conflict in Tigray, the humanitarian situation on the ground is extremely dire despite very significant efforts from the UN and its partners to scale up assistance. The ongoing hostilities, with clashes and ambushes reported in most parts of the region, not only impact safety and wellbeing of millions of civilians but also constrain humanitarian actors' ability to operate and support people affected.

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According to OCHA 27 Apr 2021 situation report;

- The access situation in Tigray is fluid and constantly changing. Despite recent improvements in access, active conflict in various areas this week restricted humanitarian response.
- In addition to insecurity, humanitarian partners continue to flag challenges with capacity and resources to be able to scale up to the level needed to respond across Tigray.
- Security permitting, humanitarian partners with the capacity and resources to expand into rural areas are looking at how to reach areas where no assistance has yet been provided.
- The Government of Ethiopia is working to reach six districts that have not received any food assistance, targeting approximately 300,000 people.
- Women and girls caught in the conflict continue to fall victims of sexual violence and abuse.

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World Vision Ethiopia Area Programme in Tigray



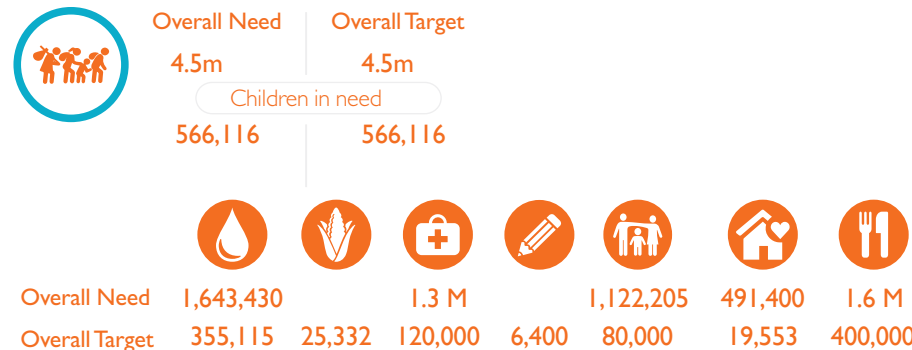
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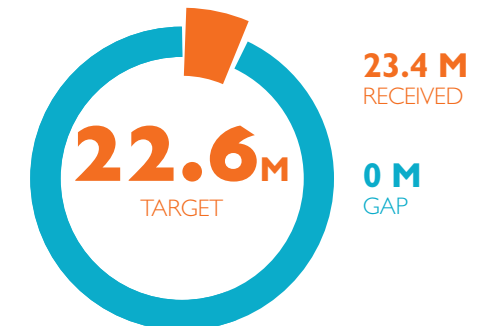
KEY MESSAGES

- 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

The humanitarian access situation in Tigray remains volatile, with active hostilities reported in the central, eastern and northwestern parts of the region. The presence of multiple armed groups and shifting check points further complicates movement of humanitarian convoys and personnel. Access to rural areas remains particularly limited or in some case impossible, preventing the expansion of humanitarian interventions to the so-far unreached areas.

Overall, food insecurity has deteriorated across the region, especially since the conflict erupted during the harvest season.

The interim Regional Administration has estimated that 5.2 million people are now in need of food assistance. Further deterioration is expected as the conflict continues and disrupts the next planting season. Nutrition partners have expressed grave concern that the significant number of moderately malnourished cases identified so far will become severely malnourished unless the food and nutrition responses are urgently scaled up. Of the 117,035 children screened from February until mid-April, more than 25,647 moderately malnourished (MAM) and over 3,458 severely malnourished (SAM) cases have been identified.

Provision of adequate shelter and protection for the estimated 1.7 million internally displaced people (IDPs) across the region, including half a million new IDPs in Shire alone is amongst the humanitarian response priorities. Citing official sources, Shelter Cluster partners reported a marked increase of new IDP arrivals in major towns, notably Shire, Adwa, Mekelle, and Axum. Displacement site assessments also revealed deplorable living conditions with high risk of health outbreaks, particularly during the coming rainy season.

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



Shelter/NFI

A total of 218 households are targeted in this response; out of this 196 household are fully damaged shelter and the rest 22 are partially damaged.

Cash transfer provided to 196 households whose houses are fully damaged, US\$ 155 (6,200 Birr) per household and for 22 households whose houses are partially damaged, US\$80 (3,200 Birr) per household

The procurement of materials like corrugated iron sheet and nails of various size are in a good progress and this will be completed in the coming two weeks until the end of April.

Around 15 households have already completed preparations to start house reconstruction in Chercher district.



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

WV Ethiopia under SWAN project distributed medical kits of different types worth US\$ 123,559 to five hospitals and six health centers in Mekelle, Adigrat, Wukro and Shire. The medical kits meant to address the primary and advanced health demands of up to 340,000 people.



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



WASH


Water trucking has been continued in Mekelle where we managed to distribute 419,000 liters of water benefitting 3724 people both to IDPs and host communities,

WASH non food items (NFI): jerry cans, bucket, washing basin and soap were distributed to Mekelle IDPs benefitting 2,590 people,

Household level water treatment chemicals were distributed and benefited 2590 IDPs in Mekelle

Hygiene and sanitation promotion training given to 62 IDPs and 70 non IDPs people in Mekelle.

Rehabilitation of 10 shallow wells has been under way in Southern Tigray: Alamata, Mehoni, Raya and Maichew

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



Nutrition

Training provided to 14 health workers on the revised Community Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM) guideline as well as to 65 health extension workers (HEWs) and 11 health workers (HWs) on Integrated Management of Acute Malnutrition (IMAM) guideline in Mekelle.

Nutrition screening:

1673 children under five are screened out of which 50 are with Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) and 165 are with Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM). Besides, 322 Pregnant and Lactating Women (PLW) screened and 187 of them have MAM. All SAM cases are linked to Therapeutic Feeding Programme (TFP).


8794 children under five are screened where 401 SAM cases are linked to TFP and 1788 MAM cases are identified. In addition 2226 PLW screened 944 of them are with MAM cases.

On-job training provided to 43 health professionals and 20 health facilities mentored Mekelle, Shire and in South Tigray.

World Vision provided logistic support to transport 40 carton ready to use therapeutic (plumpynut) from Tigray Regional Health Bureau (Mekele) to Adigrat.

Logistic support provided to transport 280 carton ready to use therapeutic (plumpynut) from Sekota to Korem, Zata and Ofla districts.

Logistic support provided to transport nutrition supplies from Regional Health Bureau to Kasech Health Centre and Yekatit 11 Hospital.

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



Protection

Established five child friendly spaces and five women and girls friendly spaces at five districts (Mekele, Rayacherch, Maychew, Raya Mehone and Ofla) with the fund obtained from IRC.

Child, women and girls friendly space materials distributed to all centers at five districts.

A one-day workshop conducted on basic concept of GBV at Mekele, participants from Women office and law enforcement bodies participated, a total of 20 participants have participated (17 Female)

A one-day workshop conducted on Child Protection (CP)/ Gender Based Violence (GBV) basic concepts, community representatives, faith leaders and volunteers have attended the workshop with a total of 20 participants (8 female).

Community outreach sessions conducted at Adiha IDPs site. A total of 370 households (163 female)

Awareness raising training conducted on CP-GBV reporting mechanism at shire. A total of 45 girls, 32 boys, 53 women and 9 men participated.


Mental Health and Psycho Social Support (MHPSS) need assessment has been conducted at Shire in collaboration with partners.

Referral pathway established with BoLSA and other Implementing partners at Shire.

IDP children participated on recreational activities through indoor and outdoor games. A total of 1332 children (567 girls) in Mekele.

Child, women and girls friendly space materials purchased and transported to Alamata and Mekele.

Distributed refreshment for Child Friendly Space (CFS) centers in Mekelle in four IDPs sites (biscuit and mini kid juice) to a total of 729, boys 414 and 315) in Adiha, Meseret, Hawelti and Adai haki IDPs 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




Education

A one-day training was organized for Enderta Area Programme staff and Enderta Education Office officials on education in emergencies (EiE). 26 participants (9 female) were attended

Request for 70 tents, 87 Early Child Development (ECD) kits, 141 recreational kits and 87 school in a carton has been submitted to UNICEF head office to respond to EiE need in Mekelle, Axum and Shire IDPs.

Shortlisting of applicants for education officer position (UNICEF grant) finalized and submitted to People and Culture.

School level camping was organized in collaboration with education officials to initiate education in emergency in ten schools of Enderta District. The campaign was organized through community discussion to start community level reading activities and accelerated school readiness programme.

 **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

WFP US\$405,118, UNICEF US\$308,567.2 OFDA/BHA US\$1,292,000, ECHO US\$553,573.4, JPF US\$160,000 OFDA/BHA US\$520,000 for CP/GBV as well as US\$ 5 million multi-sectoral grant project proposal submitted to USAID/BHA to respond acute crisis in Tigray

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 districts and 3 cities.

Security

There has been sporadic crossfire between government forces and TPLF rebels. Following this number of IDPs has been increasing putting pressure on food supply chain, overall tension is high in the region.

High military deployment

Destruction and loss of life and injury on citizens due to sudden cross fire

Bomb attack by combatants

Cash and digital business

WV Ethiopia has revised its sponsorship budget from all the seven Area Programmes in Tigray to address the immediate humanitarian needs of 44,655 sponsored children families and IDPs with over US\$500,000 in Enderta, Wukuro, Samre, Gulo Mekeda, Aseged Tsembela, Alamata, and Medebay Zana districts.

Until 15 March 2021, World Vision has provided multi-purpose cash assistance to 6,782 households (6391 RCs families and 391 IDPs families) amounting over 2.3 million birr to enable them cover Food, Protection, WASH, Health, Shelter, and NFI needs and services such as transportation and milling. Cash has not distributed to Samre AP due to ongoing insecurity in the area.

Capacity Building

HEA provided a two-day humanitarian accountability and Sphere standards training for Southern Tigray, Mekelle, South East Tigray and Eastern Tigray cluster emergency response team. A total of 40 staff attended (8 female).

Challenges

Limited funding opportunity

Schools are not functioning and education offices at different levels are not active

Shortage of vehicles, no transportation access to Ofla and Chercher in South Tigray

Insecurity and instability hindering access to beneficiaries in rural areas particularly in Ofla and Chercher.

Absence of therapeutic food and routine medications.

Closure of some Area programmes due to fear of violence

It is difficult to provide comprehensive health care due to dysfunctional health system in the region and absence of data at some health facilities.

Most of the items required for nutrition programme are non-receipt items and that hindered. Procurement and delivery of consumable supplies for TFP sites and IYCF-E service in Mekelle.

NEEDS AND GAPS

Humanitarian preparedness plan of Tigray targets nearly 4.5 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 US\$ 1.3 billion. Considering available resources from different internal and external funding sources, the outstanding requirements is US\$ 1.292 billion; while the remaining US\$729.9 has been received.

<https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Situation%20Report%20-%20Ethiopia%20-%20Tigray%20Region%20Humanitarian%20Update%20-%2028%20Feb%202021.pdf>.

Due to the rising needs of the crisis, the needs are vastly outstripped the requirements estimated in the response plan that was developed during the first weeks of the conflict. Therefore, WV Ethiopia has revised its funding requirement targets to a total of US \$22.6 million, of which US\$ 23.4 million has been secured from WV partnership, UN agencies and BHA (USAID) including both cash and commodity value.

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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, WFP, UNICEF, OFDA/BHA, ECHO, JPF USAID/BHA

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Edward Brown, WV Ethiopia National Director and Paul Turnbull, World Food Programme, Ethiopia Country Director and Representative had live discussions with the UK based Parliament TV on the situation in Tigray on 18 March 2021.

<https://www.parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/ff1a43d9-0a05-4bba-9ce2-33b26afb878f>

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