

TIGRAY CRISIS RESPONSE

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SITUATION OVERVIEW

The overall security situation remains highly complex and fluid. Ongoing active hostilities are very mobile, taking place mostly in rural areas and hindering planning and expansion of humanitarian operations.

Violence and attacks against civilians, including humanitarian workers, continue. Since the start of the conflict, nine aid workers have been killed in Tigray, all Ethiopian nationals. The latest incident occurred on 28 May when a humanitarian worker working with an INGO was killed together with the Mayor of Adigrat town and another victim during an attack outside the Government building in Adigrat Town, Eastern Zone. The individual was not a direct target but was the victim of a crossfire.

In a press release issued on 23 May, US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, called on the Ethiopian Government to ensure unhindered humanitarian access in the Tigray Region, and raised the risk of further deterioration of the food insecurity without rapid expansion of humanitarian access.

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According to OCHA 15 May 2021 situation report;

- Increased funding, unfettered access, communications equipment, longer-term visas for NGO staff and robust civil-military coordination are all required for scaling up the response
- Displacement from rural areas continues due to both hostilities and the consequent inadequate humanitarian assistance in areas of origin
- The UN released US\$40 million to the aid operation in Tigray from the CERF and the Ethiopian Humanitarian Fund, in addition to \$25 million for needs in other geographic areas. https://reports.unocha.org/en/country/ethiopia?ct=t%28EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_07_APR%29&goal=0_82a80d2ffe-074bbb5d76-109578465

Tigray Emergency Response Operational areas



Legend

WVE Operational areas in Tigray

KEY MESSAGES

- World Vision is deeply concerned for the safety and well-being of vulnerable populations, especially children.
- Concerns remain high with regard to humanitarian access in Tigray region, with particular emphasis on access to Shire, Samre, and rural communities as insecurity rises.
- We call on all participants in the current armed hostilities to prioritize the protection of civilians and to enable humanitarian access so that life-saving humanitarian interventions can continue unhindered.
- Reporting of GBV incidents and protection cases have increased in the reporting period in Tigray. We call on all relevant authorities at all levels to use their influence and power to bring an end to violence of all kinds against non-combatants.

Estimated number of people in need



Overall Need	1,643,430		1.3 M	1,122,205	491,400	1.6 M
Overall Target	355,115	25,332	120,000	6,400	80,000	19,553

Funding status (US\$)



Number of beneficiaries

from multi sector interventions



TIGRAY CRISIS RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

RESPONSE CONTEXT

There are currently [as of 2 June] 387 UN staff supporting the humanitarian response (97 international and 160 national staff in Mekelle and 23 international and 107 national staff in Shire), an increase from 227 two weeks ago. Similarly, NGO partners have significantly scaled-up with 32 NGOs currently responding in Tigray (up from 17 pre-crisis). Additional staff continue to be deployed to support the scale up of operations. With at least 1,141 additional national staff and 108 international staff deployed, the total NGO staff in Tigray is approximately 1,850 [as of two weeks ago]. There are 54 partners (Government, UN, NGO) operating across the region, an increase from 51 partners few weeks ago.

From 27 March to 31 May (since the start of round 1 food distribution of 2021), the three main food operators assisted more than 2.8 million people out of the targeted 5.2 million people in 58 Districts across Mekelle town, Eastern, Western, Central, North-western, Southern, and South-Eastern Zones, reaching nearly additional 650,000 people during the reporting period. Meanwhile, partners and the Government Water Bureau continue to provide water trucking to nearly 633,000 people in Central, Eastern, North-Western, South-Eastern and Southern Zones and in Mekelle.

To date, about 430,000 people, which is 15 per cent of the targeted 3 million people, were reached with emergency shelter and non-food items. This is compared to 386,000 people a week earlier. With completed, ongoing, and planned distributions, partners expect to reach more than 800,000 people (nearly 30 percent) of the total target.

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



Shelter/NFI

BHA/OFDA Project:
Capacity building:

More than 45 staff based in Alamata and in offices around Mekelle received training in Sphere standards and humanitarian accountability.

BHA/OFDA Project: ESNFI kit distribution and transitional shelter construction in 5 districts: ESNFI kit distribution for 2,750 households and transitional shelter construction for 200 households is approved by donor. SNFI staff recruitment and procurement of supplies is at final stage.

WVUS (PNS) Project: transitional shelter construction for 218 households is in good progress. First round of cash transfer completed; a total of ETB 6,200 transferred to households whose houses are fully damaged and ETB 3,200 transferred to households whose houses are partially damaged. All materials have been procured from Addis Ababa markets and transported to project site. House construction will start in a couple of weeks time.

Capacity building: HEA team is preparing to give training in Sphere standards and humanitarian accountability for over 25 staff based in Shire working in emergency response.



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.


Provided support to strengthen government's response capacity in surveillance, active case search, risk communication, case management and health system strengthening in crisis-affected localities.

Provided lifesaving medicines and medical supplies and distributed to support 15 health facilities in Mekele and 5 districts in Raya Alamata, Raya azebo, Raya Chercher, Olfa and Mehone districts.

In May 2021, more than 3,110 people received outpatient consultation in Alamata district and of these, 978 (596 girls) were under five children.

Pneumonia, malaria, diarrheal diseases, measles and malnutrition were the five commonest causes for outpatient visit among under 5 children.

WorldVision supported the transportation and referral of 15 individuals with severe injuries to higher hospital for further care in Alamata district. Besides, more than 16,570 people reached with COVID-19 awareness creation messages. Supported health facilities to enhance their routine immunization activities in six districts and provided supportive supervision to 23 health facilities. In addition, World Vision Ethiopia provided logistics support to Public Health Emergency Management Team (PHEMT) in 6-targeted districts in Mekele, Raya Alamata, Raya Chercher, Olfa, and Mehone to support the PHEM team in outbreak investigation and verification.

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



400 households received full package NFI (Jerry cans, buckets, washing basins, laundry soaps and multipurpose soaps) in Maichew, South Tigray.

400 households received about 80,000 sachets of water treatment chemicals in Maichew, South Tigray.

Continued safe water provision through water trucking benefitted 42,000 IDPs in 22 IDP collective centers in Mekelle and 50,000 individuals from the Mekele city (host community)

Rehabilitation of 6 Shallow wells completed in south Tigray, 5 in Raya Chercher districts and 1 in Offla districts. 3000 individuals were benefitted with safe water supply from the schemes.

5 WASHCO's re-establishment was done in Chercher districts – 29 individuals trained (25 Male & 4 Female)



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



Nutrition

Establishment mobile OTPs in IDP sites

Mobile Outpatient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) services established in five different IDP sites in Shire. Hence, 19 severe acute malnutrition cases received for timely therapeutic treatment services.

Capacity building trainings

Community management of acute malnutrition (CMAM) training provided to 7 health workers and 3 medical doctors at Shire

Integrated management of acute malnutrition (IMAM) training was provided to 65 health extension workers and 10 health workers in Maichew town, Enda Mehoni and Neksega districts for 4 days.

Screening orientation provided to 99 health extension workers in Maichew and Enda Mehoni districts for 1 day.

Support health facilities in the treatment of acute malnutrition

Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergency (IYCF-E) activities and establishment of breast feeding spaces

9 breast feeding corners were established in South Tigray Response
18 IYCF registration book (9 PLW and 9, 0-2 years) was distributed for 9 SC sites.
Integration of IYCF-E in to CMAM activities were strengthened in 23 health facilities.

Nutrition screening, orientations and linkage to nutrition programmes

World Vision in collaboration with MOH staff conducted screening to assess nutrition status of children under five and pregnant and lactating women in Mekelle, Southern and North Western zones.

Mekelle

102 Children under five screened out of which 22 are with moderate acute malnutrition and linked to targeted supplementary feeding programme (TSFP) while 2 are with severe acute malnutrition and linked to outpatient therapeutic programme. On the other hand, 125 pregnant and lactating women screened with 14 of them found acutely malnourished and linked to TSFP.

South Tigray

2122 pregnant and lactating women screened where 533 are with acute malnutrition and waiting for linkage.
5890 children under five screened, out of which 1594 with MAM cases and are waiting for admission and 311 are with severe acute malnutrition and linked to TSFP.

North West Tigray

255 pregnant and lactating women screened where 60 are with acute malnutrition and linked to TSFP.
435 children under five screened, out of which 58 with MAM cases and linked to TSFP and 21 are with severe acute malnutrition and linked to TSFP.

Supportive Supervision and Technical Support

• South Tigray Response and Mekelle (Emergency Nutrition Response)

Supportive supervision and technical onsite support provided to Maichew, Korem, Yekatit 11 and Mehoni hospitals as well as to 13 health centers and 14 health posts in the stated districts.

On- job training

South Tigray Response, Mekelle Emergency Nutrition Response and North West Emergency Nutrition Response

On job training provided to 56 HWs and 89 HEWs on new IMAM guidelines, supply chain management especially on bin-card and stock card recording and reporting system, SAM management, linkage, reporting and recording and follow up.

Logistic Support

During road blockage (inaccessibility) to reach North West, World Vision facilitated convoy and supported transportation of 513 cartons of plumpy nut and essential medicines to Shire.



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



Protection

Community awareness session conducted on basic concept of child protection (CP) / gender based violence (GBV) at Mekele, a total of 360 participants (197 F) attended.

250 women participated at women and girls' friendly space (WGFS) tea talk discussion session in Mehoni, Chercher, Mekelle, Ofla and Maichew. The coffee discussion manual prepared by women, children and youth office used to facilitate the session.
2956 children participated in indoor and outdoor activities of child friendly spaces in Mekelle, Ofla Chercher, Maichew and Mehoni.

125 care givers participated on parenting skills discussion conducted at child friendly spaces (Mekelle, Ofla, Chercher, Maichew, and Mehoni)

1150 dignity kit purchased for Mekelle and Raya Chercher districts from COVID-19 response fund. It will be transported to Mekelle and Raya Alamata by next week.

Participated on SWAN protection weekly meeting, and have started the recruitment process of protection staffs.


Total of 1501 (509F) participants from "Ofla" attended in different outreach activities on topics of child protection and GBV aggravating factors.

In "Chercher" three days' community awareness raising sessions were facilitated with overall principles of case management and protection of entire community from exposing to further harm and reached 1437 (409F).

Protection team 21 (5F) based in Enderta, Hintalo, Samre, Degua Temben and Wajirat visited each district structures, discussed with health package workers and identified community representatives that to help provide comprehensive service.

50 (35F) child parents and care givers attended on parenting skill discussions at child friendly spaces of Maichew and Mekelle focus on child protection topics.

Total of 250 (120 girls) children participated in child safe space with different indoor and outdoor activities in Mekelle.

 **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

Project launching workshop organized to stakeholders in the education sector and 18 participants (3 female) from education bureau, zone and district participated.

Project orientation organized for 12 participants (2 female) invited from Education offices of 6 districts (Degua Tembien, Enderta, Samre, Entalo, Wajirat, and Seharti) and 6 project officers participated

24 Accelerated school readiness (ALP) and 18 accelerated learning program (ASR) facilitators have been selected and learning centers identified in 6 districts

EHF project proposal has been submitted to OCHA to respond to EiE need of 5000 children in Adigrat.


Distributed 209 school bag, 43 floor mat, 50 sportswear, 120 clothes, 35,700 Kg of wheat flour for 1428 registered children, 11,300 Kg of maize for 227 RC, 120 blanket for IDP children, 392 sanitary pad and 7 wheelchair for four RC and three IDP children

64 (30 female) accelerated school readiness facilitators from Hintalo, Wejerat, Enderta and Degua Tembern districts trained on accelerated learning programme facilitation skill and briefed about the project and BETA concept.

District Education Technical Committees have been established at four Districts (Hintalo, Wejerat, Degua Temben and Enderta) to mobilize community members for school reopening campaign.

Through community mobilization, four Accelerated Learning Programme (ALP) and three Accelerated School Readiness (ASR) sites were selected. Discussion was held with 44 (8 F) community members in four targeted districts on back to school campaign.

Through child protection and education integration 160 children enrolled in (ASR) and unlock literacy programme at Adiha IDP Center.

 **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, UNICEF US\$308,567.2 OFDA/BHA US\$1,292,000, ECHO, JPF OFDA/BHA US\$520,000 for CP/GBV

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

Security still a challenge (volatile and unpredictable)

Power and connectivity cutoff

Most of the health facilities running out of basic drugs and medical supplies

Limited funding opportunity

Lack of access.

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

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

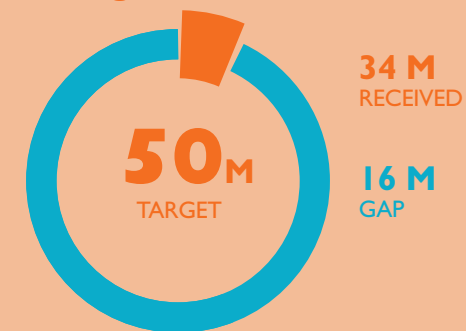
Insecurity and instability hindering access to beneficiaries in rural areas particularly in Ofra and Chercher.

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.

Funding status (US\$)



- 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 \$50 million, of which US\$ 34 million has been secured from WV partnership, UN agencies and BHA (USAID) including both cash and commodity value.

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, 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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