

TIGRAY CRISIS RESPONSE

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SITUATION OVERVIEW

- According to ACAPs food security briefing note (10 March 2021), Very high levels of food insecurity across Tigray are evident despite lack of robust, reliable data. Government of Ethiopia estimates that 4.5 million people will need emergency food assistance in 2021. Additionally WFP and Food Cluster estimate that 3 million are in need of food assistance. Food security situation critically deteriorated and FEWSNET projection indicated that IPC Phase 4 expected in Central and Eastern zone and parts of South Eastern and North Western zone. Remaining sections of South Eastern and North Western projected to be in IPC Phase 3.
- According to OCHA situation report (13 March 2021), the humanitarian situation in Tigray remains extremely concerning, with conflict continuing to drive displacements of people and reports of some villages completely emptied.
- Government flexible notification system for access has resulted several organizations to deployed international staff to Tigray to support the scale up of the response.
- Delivery of assistance is stepping up, with humanitarian partners reaching 0.9 million people with complete food baskets, almost 0.7 million with water, and 136,000 with shelter.
- Despite some progress in accessible areas, many people remain in hard-to-reach areas due to insecurity, logistical and administrative hurdles, where assistance is needed.
- Over the past week, a large influx of people has reached Shire from Western Tigray.

World Vision Ethiopia Operational areas in Tigray



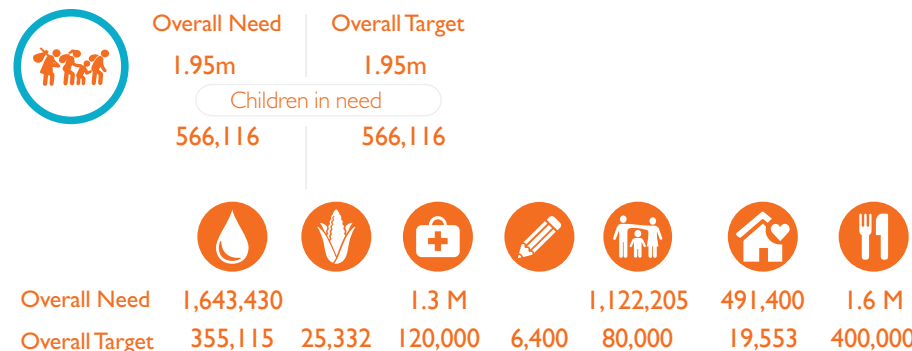
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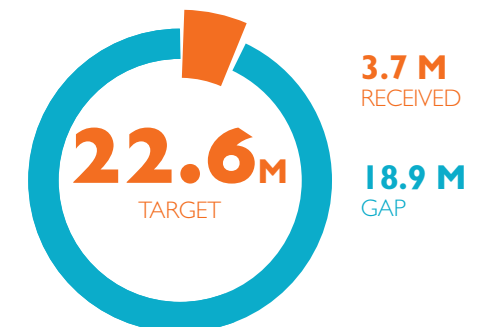
KEY MESSAGES

- 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\$)



<https://reliefweb.int/report/ethiopia/ethiopia-tigray-region-humanitarian-update-situation-report-13-march-2021>

TIGRAY CRISIS RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

RESPONSE CONTEXT

- Further ACAPS food security brief note showed that there are 4.5 million people in need of humanitarian assistance, of which 420,000 IDPs are estimated to be in host communities and 61,719 refugees in Sudan since 7 November. The report also indicated that US\$34 million unmet requirements of the response plan.
- Despite ongoing efforts, the overall humanitarian response remains deeply inadequate compared to the needs on the ground. Limited access due to both increasing insecurity and bureaucratic obstacles, as well as restricted funding, continue to hamper humanitarian operations.



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

USD 123,559.9 worth medical kits dispatched to Mekelle on 6th of March 2021. The medical kits aimed to cover the health demands of 340,000 population.

20 boxes of hydralazine injection and 2 oxygen concentrator have been provided


5 hospitals (Shire H , Wukro H , Adigrat H, S.Samre H and Mekelle Town) and 6 health centers (Enderta HC, H/Selam HC, Adigrat HC, Wukero HC, Shire HC, Segede HC) are planned to be addressed.

WVE pharmacist is on the field visiting the new rented warehouse and ensure the storage condition is suitable for medical supplies.

Additionally, our pharmacist will continue to support and monitor the distribution of medical kits for the identified health facilities.

SWAN Health kit distribution is ongoing; and two health center and two hospitals benefited from SWAN health interventions.

WVE has distributed 279 Box of interagency emergency health kit (medicine & equipment) for Wukro and Adigrat Hospital, which could benefit a total of 300,000 people. Additionally 36 box of emergency reproductive health kit distributed for Wukro and Tekele Sewuat health centers which could address a total of 140,000 people.

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



WASH
Southern Tigray:

World Vision provided 40,000 pieces of bathing and laundry soaps and 120 sachets of water treatment chemicals through SWAN project.

Distributed 1000 dignity kits which includes reusable sanitary pack (with at least 3 pieces), two underwear, solar powered flashlight, whistle and one kit bag to 1000 girls and women.
chemicals.

As a result, a total of 10,020 individuals were benefited from hygienic materials and water treatment chemicals.

North western Tigray:

In Shire IDP Sites, SWAN project started responding through Water Trucking and WASH NFI provision to (1500HHs).

currently, the WASH NFI Kits transportation and 1500 households beneficiaries registration and verification completed and regarding water trucking,

World Vision has been providing water for 12,800 people in two IDP sites (Axum and Hibert) and host community's for consecutive two months.

Wukro Water trucking:

Based regional WASH cluster request, SWAN/World Vision started water trucking in Wukro town for 75 days and the water trucking conducted in close collaboration with respective district water office. World Vision is able to address 45,000 people with its response aim to meet minimum spare standard life saving water 7.5 liter per person per day .



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 five IDP sites in Mekele (Midregent, Kesanet Berhan School, Elshaday Center, Kisanet and Ady Haki School) and 194 children screened. A total of five SAM and six MAM admissions have identified and linked to TFP programmes. Around 46 pregnant and lactating women were screened, of whom 14 were identified as MAM


Essential drugs for SC sites are procured and ready for dispatch in the coming weeks [\$9,554.05 for South Tigray, \$15,783.78 amount for Shire SC sites and \$9,121.62 amount for HFs in Mekele]

Two Health and Nutrition Coordinators (Alamata and Mekele), 5 IYCF officers and 5 SC/OTP Officers for South Tigray and Mekele, 3 CMAM Officers for Shire recruitment process is finalized and deployed

Emergency nutrition response proposal is finalized for Shire and Adigrat IDP's to address 5345 children under five and 3140 PLW with a proposed budget US\$160,000\$

FLA process initiated with WFP for 11 districts and two towns for Blanket/ targeted supplementary feeding programme for Tigray to provide 218.9MT of food for 146,630 children and PLW

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

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



Protection


2 days' case management training provided to 18 participants drawn from relevant government stakeholders (Justice Office, Labor & Social Affairs, BoWCYA etc.) & 3 WVE protection officers in Mekele town.

The procurement process of women friendly & child friendly space materials finalized and the materials are being stored at the warehouse.

The selection of 50 GBV survivors eligible for cash support have been finalized. Hence, preparations are underway to provide 2,500 Birr for each survivor through LMMS cash distribution. The cash will be distributed on 17 March, 2021 at Ayder Hospital.


IEC materials developed in English & local language and posted in our target CFS centers to transmit messages for caregivers and 100 posters were distributed.

Indoor & outdoor recreational activities have been started in 3 IDP sites through different recreational activities such as soccer game, jumping rope, drawing, puzzles etc. An estimated of 1308 children (542 girls, 766 boys) received the recreational services in the child friendly spaces over the last 2 weeks.

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



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 **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 \$650000 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 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.

Cash and digital business

World Vision Ethiopia started responding to people affected by multiple crises 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 peoples' livelihoods and coping capabilities. WVE has revised and repurposed its sponsorship budget allocated for the existed Area programmes to supporting children.

A total of \$518,371.40 collected from seven Area Programmes 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 NFI needs and services such as Transportation and milling.

A transfer amount 2200-2270 Birr is under provision for a household. Up to the period this report is finalized (March 15, 2021),

A total of 6782 (6391 HHs RC Families and 391 HHs IDPs) received a multi-purpose cash assistance in Enderta, Gulo Mekeda, Wukuro, Aseged Tsembela, and Medebay Zana.

A total of 15,954,500 Birr distributed for the people targeted in this duration.

Education in Emergency

Participation in Education in Emergency organized by the cluster one-day training

Participated in assessment of damaged schools in Mekele and Eastern zone organized by regional education bureau.

The community are not interested to send their children to school as they are scared due to security.

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 \$ 1.3 Billion

<https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/Situation%20Report%20-%20Ethiopia%20-%20Tigray%20Region%20Humanitarian%20Update%20-%2028%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\$ 22.6 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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