NORTHERN ETHIOPIA CRISIS RESPONSE

*As of April 30, 2022

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Map of humanitarian operations*



Areas of operations



The overall humanitarian situation in northern Ethiopia remains dire. Intermittent humanitarian ground access to northern Ethiopia's Tigray Region resumed following a Government of Ethiopia (GoE) declaration of a humanitarian truce on March 24. The first humanitarian convoys since December 2021 arrived in Tigray in early April. However, ground access to Tigray remains tenuous, and sustained transport of aid by road is urgently needed. Despite efforts to mobilize resources and scale-up the response, it has not reached the required scope and scale required to respond to the several crises in northern Ethiopia.

Overall, an estimated 1.39 million children in Tigray are entering their third year without access to learning. An additional 144,200 primary school students and 25,000 children accessing alternative learning programmes are at risk of dropping out of school due to food and other basic supply shortages. Some 46,598 teachers across the region also require immediate life-saving multi-purpose cash and food assistance to keep schools open.

Displacement in eastern Amhara has increased sharply since January amid continued insecurity along the border with Tigray. Reports of lack of adequate assistance reported across all other sectors is also rampant. In Amhara, basic needs particularly shelter needs for IDPs remain largely unmet.

In Afar Region, service monitoring conducted during the reporting week in Afdera and Silsa Guya IDP sites revealed inadequate WASH, shelter/NFIs and health services available to the IDPs. The host communities are equally affected by the lack of these services as they also rely on these services in the IDP sites, particularly for access to water.

The humanitarian response in northern Ethiopia remains constrained by security concerns and administrative limitations such as the inability to bring in sufficient supplies, fuel, and cash to Tigray and limited access to people in hardto-reach areas across northern Ethiopia. In Amhara Region, humanitarian partners are facing access challenges to reach conflict-affected populations due to insecurity.

Source: https://reports.unocha.org/en/country/Ethiopia USAID Northern Ethiopia crisis fact sheet

Humanitarian needs*



People in need¹

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492,800

Children under five

with severe acute

malnutrition⁴

1.6 million

Children in need⁷

2.5 million People internally

5.2 million People in need of WASH assistance⁶



63,110

Ethiopian refugees

in Sudan⁸

displaced²

13% Children accessing

education⁹

Latrines without handwashing formal or non-formal facilities⁵

11% Separated and unaccompanied children not accessing family-based or alternative care 12

52% Prevalence of malnutrition in children under 5¹⁰

100% IDPs state that food is their primary concern¹¹

*Sources: ACAPS, UNICEF, IOM, UNHCR, OCHA, World Vision



Men 807,869 Women 833,766

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Children 1,042,966

* To the extent possible, all figures in the SitRep avoid double counting

NORTHERN ETHIOPIA CRISIS **RESPONSE**



RESPONSE GOAL

Provide life-saving emergency assistance and alleviate suffering for most vulnerable conflict-affected populations.



Women and girls reached

with dignity kits

Unaccompanied and

family-based care

separated children received

reunification services or

People receiving training on prevention & response to protection issues

Current Sector Highlights

Food Security and Livelihoods

- WV conducted a cash distribution for targeted 700 households in Amhara region through the Hilton foundation project. Accordingly, the targeted households received 3.6 million Birr. Each targeted household received ETB 3000 per round. The cash distribution was supported by LMMS and digital transactions happened at the field.
- Distributed multi-purpose cash to 1,501 people (480 children) in Guya IDP site, Afar region, through Hilton foundation project.
- Alamata AP reached 100 HHs with provision of emergency seed and small farm tools.
- 73,845 people reached with emergency food assistance (in kind); wheat, oil and pulse in the North wollo zone of Woliday, Kobo, Hara and Mersa districts.

Education

• 140 education personnel and facilitators, including 94 women, received training on psychological first aid in Hintalo, Wajirat, Samre and Seharti Woredas as well as Adigrat town through UNICEF and OCHA fund projects.

Protection

- Dignity kits (Reusable sanitary pad, underwear, torch, comb, nailclipper, body soap, & laundry soap) distributed to 500 conflict affected girls and women in Dessie city through BHA/USAID granted integrated emergency multisectoral response project.
- Through a UNFPA funded project, 22 women and girls from Dessie city received psychosocial support upon referral to WVE.
- Capacity building training on basics of prevention and response to violence against women and children at Kombolcha provided through SWAN mainstreaming budget.
- In Woldiya town, 859 people (726 female) reached through GBV sensitization and awareness creation activities through EHF funded projects. In addition, 200 women and girls received dignity kit support.
- 31 frontline service providers from Chilga 1 and Chilga 2 woredas (15 female) received GBV case management training through EHF funded project. Furthermore, 5,469 individuals (2393 female) reached through awareness creation activities on child protection and risk mitigation activities in Chilga 1 and Lay Armacho districts.

Nutrition



• 610 pregnant and lactating women were screened and 424 Moderate Acute Malnutrition cases were referred to Targeted Supplementary Feeding Program in Mekelle, Shire, Adigrat IDPs of Tigray region.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- 2,344 conflict affected people have received WASH NFIs (jerry can, buckets, washing basin, multipurpose soap and dignity kit) for hygiene and sanitation purposes from BHA/USAID grant project in Chifra and Teru Districts of Afar Region.
- 53,320 (31,537 female) conflict affected people (IDPs and host community members) accessed drinking water by rehabilitating and repairing 24 water schemes in Shire, Samre, Enderta, Degua Temben, Wukro, Adigrat, Gulomekeda Hintalo and Seharti (Gijet) Districts through BHA and UNICEF fund multi sector projects.



• WASH non-food items (Jerry can, bucket, multipurpose soaps, laundry soap)distributed to 540 targeted beneficiaries in Dessie city through BHA/USAID granted integrated emergency multisectoral response project.

Health

- 2,542 people received OPD consultation through static and mobile health care services in Tigray for the month of April, 2022. More than 14 health facilities reached with supportive supervision, medical commodities support to enhance the quality of health care service to conflict affected people.
- World Vision Ethiopia in collaboration with the health and Logistics cluster have managed to airlift 1000 kg of essential medicines and medical supplies to Tigray.
- Similarly, in Afar region, WV through BHA and JPF Project through mobile health and nutrition team reached 355 IDP communities, especially children under 5 (CU5) and pregnant and lactating women through outpatient consultation for communicable and noncommunicable diseases.
- 1,062 people received OPD consultation in Amhara region. World Vision deployed two Mobile health and Nutrition teams in the Amhara region to improve essential healthcare services to people displaced and affected by the ongoing conflict.
- 28 health workers trained on mental health and psychosocial support in Afar region.



Key Concerns

- Movement of humanitarian workers in and out of Tigray by road has been denied since 28 October while movement within Amhara and Afar regions is relatively allowed after December 2021. (OCHA)
- Humanitarian needs are acute and growing, including food security: World Vision is the largest direct distributor of food, witnessing these tragic needs first-hand. Growing humanitarian needs include protection of children and women, including against GBV and displacement, access to water and health care.
- Immediate restoration of the humanitarian corridor and telecommunications to reach needed populations, especially the supply of fuel, banking (cash), food, medicine, and nutritional supplies.



World Vision distributed multi-purpose cash assistance to 1,200 most conflict affected households in East Amhara Dessie – Kombolcha city of Amhara region.

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