

WORLD VISION ETHIOPIA

Country Profile



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Background

Changing children's lives since 1971.

Imagine facing a crisis so big that your entire community is at risk. That was Ethiopia in the 1980s when a devastating drought left millions starving. We stepped in, leading a massive relief effort that saved countless lives. But we didn't stop there.

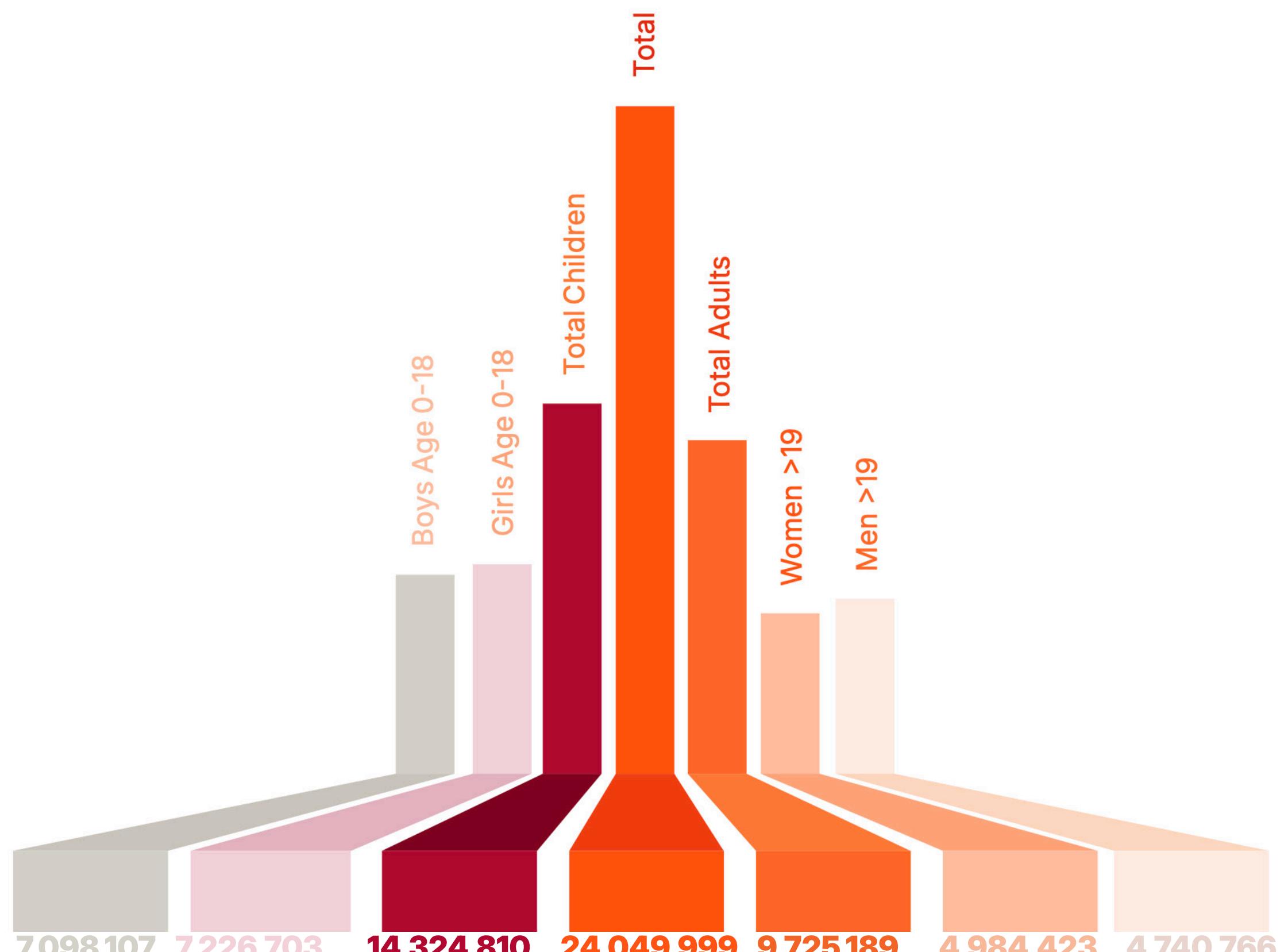
Since 1971, we have been working in Ethiopia, not just with emergency aid but by helping communities build a better future. Today, we run over 100 long term programmes across the country, tackling issues that affect children and families every day. We help bring clean water and sanitation to communities, improve nutrition so children can grow up healthy, and ensure kids get the education and life skills they need to succeed.

We also protect children from harm and stand up for their rights. And when disaster strikes, whether it's drought, conflict, or floods, we step in fast, responding across the country. We're making a real difference for children and families. We're not just providing aid. We're helping build an Ethiopia fit for children.

Our Reach

World Vision Ethiopia, in partnership with donors, governments, UN agencies, and communities, implements humanitarian and development projects to save lives, restore livelihoods, and protect children. With a budget of over US\$ 1.16 billion, we delivered integrated support from 2021-2025 through community-based programmes in WASH, Livelihoods, Nutrition, Health, Child Protection and Participation, Gender Equality and Social Inclusion, Education, Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs, Food and Cash Programming, Peacebuilding and Community Engagement and Sponsorship.

WVE FY2021-25 TOTAL REACH



Programming Approach

We believe that sustained solutions are best found by engaging children, communities and government from the most local level right through to systems that foster a thriving future. We have learned that impact is best made through integrated programming. Our work is grounded in the principles of resilience, inclusion, gender equality, accountability, and child protection. Our interventions are designed to respond to immediate needs to save lives, while laying foundations for long-term recovery and development for communities to thrive. The Humanitarian-Peace-Development (HDP) nexus programming and locally-led development are central to how we approach our work. We actively participate in global, national, and local humanitarian coordination to maximise impact.

In the Past Five Years:



19 Million

people reached through emergency response



2.24 Million

children benefited from nutrition programmes



7.9 Million

people accessed safe water, hygiene, and sanitation services



1.1 Million

people reached through protection interventions



1.8 Million

children reached through emergency and primary healthcare



163,930

individuals trained through off-farm income-generating activities, including skills training



1.35 Million

children accessed quality education



6.37 Million

people engaged in community-led advocacy



502,253

hectares of land restored through Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR)



55,491

individuals received critical messages on child protection, gender-based violence and PSEA

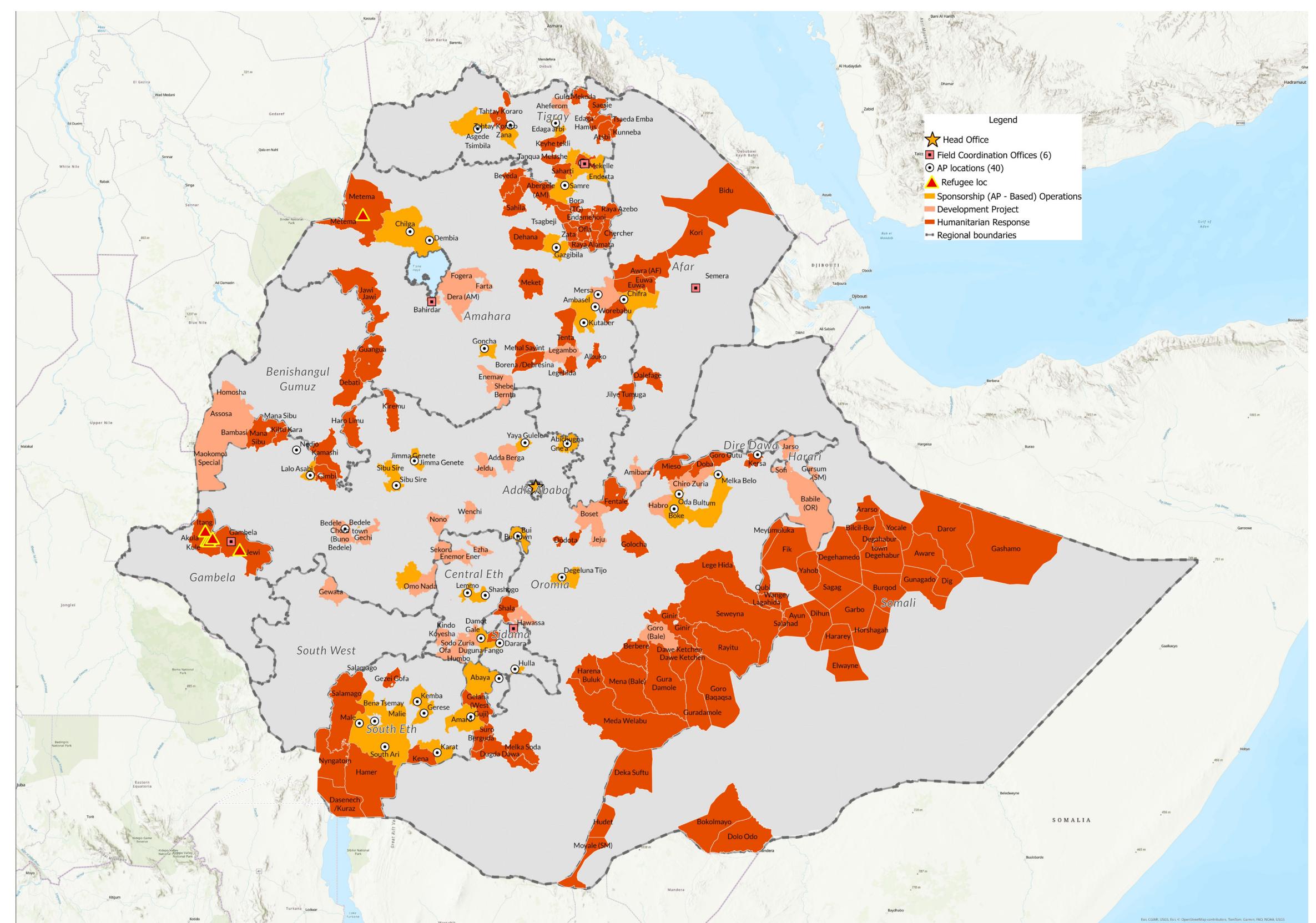
Localisation: Our localisation roadmap builds national capacity by empowering local organisations to lead sustainable, community-driven development. Guided by our partnership management committee, we ensure strong partner selection, due diligence, and targeted capacity-building. We engage local partners in programme designs, going beyond compliance with rapid capacity assessments to strengthen expertise. Of our budget from FY21-25, 15% was channeled through local partners. We remain committed to investing in local leadership for lasting impact and resilience across Ethiopia.

Where We Work

World Vision Ethiopia is a child-focused, community-based and multi-sectoral humanitarian organisation with programming spanning Ethiopia's development and advocacy spaces.

With over 1,600 professionals, we have 40 long-term offices across the country, and we are operational in 159 districts of 12 regional states (Tigray, Amhara, Afar, Benishangul Gumuz, Oromia, Somali, Gambella, Sidama, South West, Central Ethiopia, South Ethiopia regions, and Harari).

Operational Areas



Flagship Programming



World Vision Ethiopia delivers high-impact, multi-sectoral programs that address both chronic vulnerabilities and emergency needs. Our flagship interventions in FY25 demonstrate our integrated approach to building resilience and saving lives.

Through our **Humanitarian and Emergency Affairs** (HEA), World Vision Ethiopia reached **19 million** people in 12 regions with food aid, livelihoods, cash, and protection including the Northern Ethiopia Crisis Response. Over **6.8 million** received food and cash assistance. The layering of food, WASH, and protection proved vital in crisis settings, with early partner coordination improving reach.

The **Peacebuilding Projects** implemented in Gedeo, West Guji, Amaro, Western Oromia, Benishangul-Gumuz, Amhara, and Tigray aim to promote peace, social cohesion, and community resilience across Ethiopia through children and youth engagement, peace dialogue, enhanced community peace structures and strengthened conflict resolution mechanisms and . The projects focus on reconciliation, peaceful coexistence, and conflict prevention, and have directly benefited approximately **131,183** people, including child and youth peacebuilders, faith leaders, peace committee members, community dialogue and trauma healing facilitators.

Under the **ENOUGH Campaign**, **4.17 million** children and mothers received nutrition support. Combining CMAM, school feeding, and awareness sessions proved effective in tackling hunger and promoting healthy child development

Our **School Feeding Programme** supported over 54,000 students, improving attendance and learning outcomes through the provision of daily meals. The active engagement of parents and school committees strengthened the programme's sustainability and built strong community ownership, effectively linking nutrition support with children's education and wellbeing.

RESILIENT-WE: Funded by Global Affairs Canada, RESILIENT-WE project strengthens the resilience of women in Oromia region through integrated livelihoods, nutrition, and gender-responsive interventions. The project promotes women's economic empowerment by enhancing access to climate-smart agriculture, financial services, and gender-sensitive value chains. It also supports improved dietary practices and child nutrition through targeted trainings.

By combining savings groups, input access, and market linkages, RESILIENT-WE has helped women-led households improve food security, increase income, and strengthen decision-making within their communities

Strengthen PSNP Institutions and Resilience II (SPIR II) aims to enhance food security, transform livelihoods, build resilience to shocks, and improve nutrition for **824,161** poor rural people grappling with food insecurity in Ethiopia. Each year, SPIR II imports over 30,000 Metric Tons of food from the United States, sorghum and yellow split pea grown by American farmers, and fortified vegetable oil produced by American companies and generously purchased by the US Government to deliver life-saving assistance in Ethiopia.

Simultaneously, SPIR II supports agricultural and non-agricultural livelihood diversification initiatives and assists in capacity development, market linkages, and improved access to financing to strengthen household income and food security. When people can earn a living where they are, they are much less likely to pursue dangerous and illegal migration routes.

Looking Ahead

WVE Strategy 2026–2030

As WVE completes the FY21–25 strategy period, the next phase builds on our learning, long-term community presence, and commitment to the most vulnerable children. Ethiopia continues to face overlapping pressures such as malnutrition, violence, displacement, climate shocks, and fragile systems while new opportunities in digital innovation, infrastructure, and policy reform create space for sustainable progress.

The 2026–2030 Strategy strengthens our integrated, multi-sector approach and deepens our focus on systems, partnerships, and localisation. The central ambition is clear: **to positively impact 15 million children, one in four children in Ethiopia, by 2030.**

Strategic Focus Areas (2026–2030)

Well-Nourished Children: improved nutrition, reduced stunting and underweight, stronger maternal and child health.

Protected and Safe Children: significant reductions in child marriage, FGM, and violence; stronger protection systems and survivor-centred services.

Learning and Thriving Children: better holistic development, improved reading proficiency, expanded access to quality education and school meals.

Peaceful, Resilient Communities: stronger family relationships, enhanced social cohesion, and community-led development.

How We Will Achieve Impact

Integrated humanitarian–development–peace programming.

Layered and sequenced interventions in shared geographies.

Stronger localisation with government, faith actors, and local organisations.

Continued reliance on proven models and long-term Area Programmes.

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