

World Vision



Ethiopia

Response Plan to Internal Displacement around
Gedeo (SNNPR) and West Guji (Oromia) Zones

SITUATION OVERVIEW



- Inter-communal conflict in the Somali, Oromia and the SNNPR (Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples' Region) regions has led to the internal displacement of over 2.3 million people across Ethiopia, with numbers expected to increase.
- Despite the overwhelming scale, international assistance for 1.8 million conflict-induced Internally Displaced People (IDP) have been negligible.
- The conflict IDPs are flooding into areas where World Vision Ethiopia implements long term development programmes, undermining decades of progress and introducing fragility. One of these areas is the Gedeo-West Guji zone, along the borders of SNNP and southern Oromia. As a result, World Vision Ethiopia finds itself in the centre of the most acute conflict IDP situation.
- The National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC) estimates that as many as 642,152 people are displaced from Gedeo zone alone; while 176,098 people are displaced in West Guji zone.
- Recurrent spikes in violence between the Gedeo and Guji communities, compounded by the rainy season and local flooding between two other ethnic groups in the regional capital Hawassa, significantly restricted access to affected populations.
- Hampered by the onset of the rainy season, the displacement is happening at the peak of the lean season, at which time household food resources are most constrained or depleted, and malnutrition levels are on the rise – especially in the poorest households. The displacement is likely to create a life threatening upsurge in malnutrition and childhood illnesses.
- Increased strain on water, sanitation and health facilities is leading to a growing risk of a communicable disease outbreak. Water and health services - already insufficient before the onset of the conflict – are stretched beyond capacity.
- Recognising the scale and severity of the Gedo-Guji IDP crisis, the United Nation's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) is mobilising international humanitarian action, also calling operational international non-governmental organisations (INGOs) to treat this as a "major new emergency" and bring in surge capacity and resources to help scale the response efforts. World Vision Ethiopia is well positioned to take a lead role and ramp up its ability to respond.
- The population of Kochore woreda (a World Vision Area Programme zone) is 130,486, which has roughly doubled over the past three weeks. According to the local government records, 82,423 IDPs are concentrated in 21 sites, such as schools, churches, and various institutional halls. In addition, many are staying with host families.
- The population of Gedeb woreda was estimated at 141,990 before the influx of IDPs. It has now tripled. According to the local government records, 306,572 IDPs are concentrated in 36 sites.

THE CRISIS IN A NUTSHELL



2.3 million

people have fled their homes due to conflict and natural disasters in Ethiopia



818,000

people displaced in Gedeo and West Guji



800,000

displaced people in need of health assistance



39%

of Ethiopians live on less than \$1.25 US per day



115,000

children in need of education support



818,000

people in need of clean water, sanitation and hygiene services

RESPONSE ACHIEVEMENTS

World Vision was already working in West Guji and Gedeo before the displaced crisis started. Our existing programmes included:



Health



Food



Nutrition



WASH

Since the displacement crisis began, World Vision has also provided:



Medical supplies dispatched for **26,400** after three days after assessment



World Vision is contributing to community nutrition programme expanding them to target **2,215** children and **2,214** pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers



World Vision distributed **4,800** USD to help them purchase goods

RESPONSE OBJECTIVES

Reduce the suffering of conflict people in the Gedeo and West Guji Zones through multi-sector, multi-stage and multi-agency interventions:

Phase 1: Assistance to displaced people

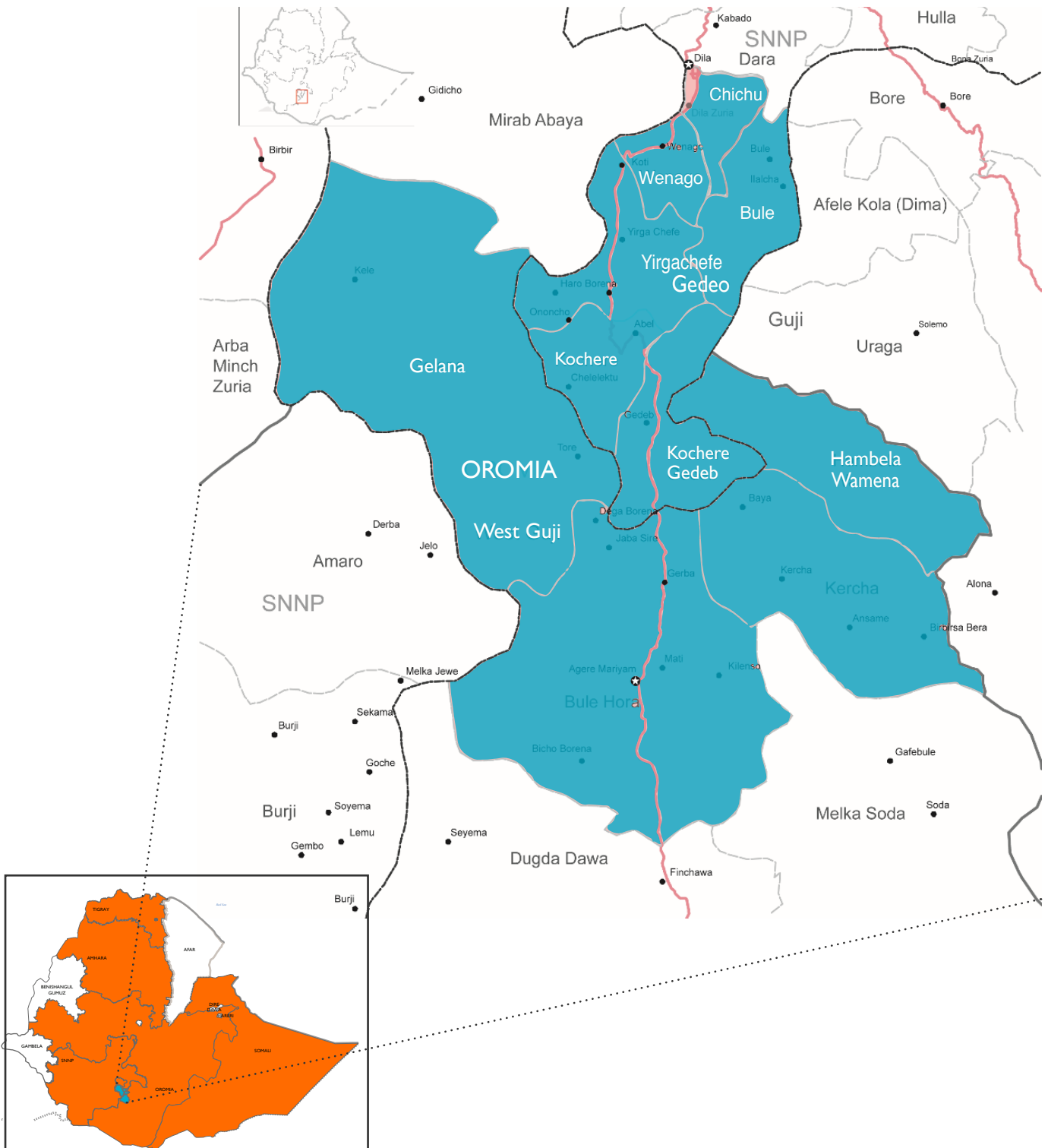
1. Improve access to shelter and non-food items (NFIs).
2. Enhance access to safe drinking water and to appropriate sanitation and hygiene for the displaced and host communities.
3. Improve access to health and nutrition services with a special focus on preventing the spread of communicable diseases and acute malnutrition.
4. Ensure protection for children, women and vulnerable groups, including psychosocial support.
5. Provide support for the rehabilitation of damaged schools and ensure that children are learning in a conducive and safe atmosphere.
6. Support the coordination and collaboration efforts across the humanitarian agencies on the ground.

Phase 2: Support the return or resettlement of displaced people

1. Support and participate in trust building and conflict resolution efforts.
2. Support the coordination and collaboration efforts across the humanitarian agencies on the ground.
3. Support livelihood recovery through in-kind and multi-sector cash programming with a special focus on IDPs, families hosting IDPs, and returnees.



AFFECTED AREAS



● Response Locations ● West Guji & Gedo Woredas



OUR RESPONSE PLAN

245,475

people targeted in Ethiopia with planned response programming during the next 180 days

PHASE I SUPPORT TO DISPLACED PEOPLE



Water, sanitation and hygiene services

240,000 individuals

- Safe and adequate water supply within household reach in Gedeb, one of the target response locations, was only at 21 per cent before the influx of displaced people. With the IDPs arriving, and the area's population tripling, there has been significant challenges in accessing clean water, as well as sanitation and hygiene facilities. Flooding in West Guji also contaminated clean water sources. World Vision plans to rehabilitate shallow wells, distribute water treatment chemicals, soap, jerricans and buckets to at least 17,000 households. World Vision also plans to support access to safe water at one of the health facilities attending to the largest number of people from the displaced and host community.
- To prevent a water-borne disease outbreak, World Vision aims to support the renovation and construction of sanitation facilities in IDP evacuation sites, in five primary schools. World Vision will also work with community health workers to promote hygiene messaging in communities that are currently hosting IDPs or returnees.

community health workers, and utilise mobile health and nutrition teams to cover the hardest to reach areas. World Vision Ethiopia will also proactively partner with other international non-governmental organisations in scaling up emergency health interventions in the Gedeo and Guji zones.



Protection

8,500 targeted

- World Vision Ethiopia will facilitate opportunities to develop and strengthen community-based child protection systems. Community based protection structures, including women centres and child friendly spaces, will be established. These structures will ensure that persons with specific needs, including women and older persons at risk, persons with disabilities, persons with elevated medical conditions, and children without appropriate care will be identified and provided with emergency protection services. Moreover, optimisation of inclusive participation and information regarding entitlements will be key strategies to ensure protection while resource distributed to beneficiaries.



Nutrition interventions

24,000 IDPs

- Prior to the current displacement, World Vision was already implementing a project in response to the acute malnutrition needs of children in Gedeb. The mass influx of IDPs only increased the need for services to manage acute malnutrition. World Vision plans to enhance support to screening services, as well as treatment through stabilisation centres, outpatient therapeutic programmes, and targeted supplementary feeding. Children under age five, as well as pregnant and lactating mothers, will be targeted. In addition, World Vision will increase programme coverage through partnership with



Food Assistance

100,440 individuals

- World Vision Ethiopia is distributing food assistance in partnership with the Joint Emergency Operation Program (JEOP) to 18,017 people in Kochera, in the Gedio zone. Through the JEOP Food for Peace (FFP); blanket food distribution is planned to address the needs of 82,423 IDPs in the same woreda for the next six months.



OUR RESPONSE PLAN



Education

39,000 individuals

- At least 24 schools in the response catchment area either had classrooms burned, school furniture used as firewood when IDPs sheltered in them, stationeries burned or damaged, or had extensive damage to sanitation facilities. In some of the schools, some of the teachers and students were displaced and are yet to return. World Vision will support the renovation and reconstruction of classrooms in eight schools, as well as provide essential furniture for students and teachers. In addition, World Vision will provide essential scholastic learning materials and activities that promote healing and reconciliation within the schools and their communities.



Health

35,000 individuals

- World Vision plans to support health facilities with essential drugs, facility level immunisation programmes, help to strengthen woreda level disease surveillance systems, and support preparedness measures for potential outbreaks of acute watery diarrhea. In addition, World Vision will extend its work with community health workers and the Health Development Army on case definitions with an emphasis on pneumonia, measles, scabies and other diseases and illnesses that are life threatening to children.



NFI Non-food items and shelter materials

35,000 individuals

- The majority of the IDPs are concentrated in crowded collective centres, that include churches and schools, while others are accommodated in host families who are ill equipped to accommodate and maintain large numbers of IDPs for a prolonged period.
- Given the situation, it's imperative people are provided with essential non-food items that include shelter materials, blankets, mosquito nets, cooking sets, soap and hygiene kits. In collaboration with partners, World Vision plans to provide displaced families with essential NFI kits. World Vision Ethiopia will also consider providing multi-purpose cash assistance where appropriate.

PHASE 2

RETURN OR RESETTLEMENT

Mid and longer term options will be informed by the government strategy for displaced people. It's thought that the majority of IDPs will mostly likely return to their original communities, however there is yet any concrete information on when or how this would happen.



Livelihoods/Food security and Multi-Sector Cash Programming

100,000 IDPs

- World Vision will help families to recover after the effects of displacement and flooding. This will be after the lifesaving critical needs are addressed. Support with seeds, root crops as well as small livestock (goats, sheep, and poultry) will be essential to get farmers and herders back on their feet. In addition, supporting the recovery of markets and market systems will also be essential, especially at the recovery stage.
- Market assessment and partner mapping (FSPs and Cooperatives) will be done for feasibility of cash programming. WVE will also proactively partner with other INGOs implementing multi-sector cash programming in the Gedeo and Guji zones, such as IRC, Save, NRC.



Peacebuilding and reconciliation for Guji and Gedeo communities

15,000 people

- World Vision will also support government and other activities aimed at peacebuilding for the return and reintegration of people displaced. Government officials, elders, social leaders, religion leaders and representatives from the community will be prioritised in trainings and activities that will support the effort of partners on the ground.



OUR PROMISES

We'll reach the most vulnerable

BENEFICIARY SELECTION: World Vision Ethiopia is already implementing long and short term activities in the targeted sectors in the selected woredas, hence there is already a solid understanding of the needs and actors. This knowledge, coupled with information from secondary sources such as interagency assessments, coordination meetings, community engagement and other sources, will ensure that the people most in need of assistance are targeted for all project activities.

We'll work in partnership with many other agencies

COORDINATION: To maximize efficiency of resource utilization, World Vision Ethiopia will implement all its intervention in partnership and consultation with existing government structures, including regional, zonal and woreda offices; international and local non governmental organisations and UN agencies responding to the conflict and flood related IDP situation in Gedeo and West Guji Zones. The project will prioritise interventions where the Government of Ethiopia and existing response programmes are unable to respond, and will ensure appropriate coordination and linkages to relevant humanitarian actors.

World Vision Ethiopia is the lead agency designated by the Humanitarian International Non-Governmental Organisation (HINGO), the leading international non governmental organisation coordinating body in Ethiopia for the Gedeo Zone, and has infrastructure and staff in place to facilitate a multi-agency collaborative effort on the ground. OCHA is planning to establish a response coordination hubs in the affected zones, and World Vision Ethiopia has offered its now vacant Area Programme compound in Kochore as a viable logistics hub for ramping up a multi-agency response.

We'll be accountable

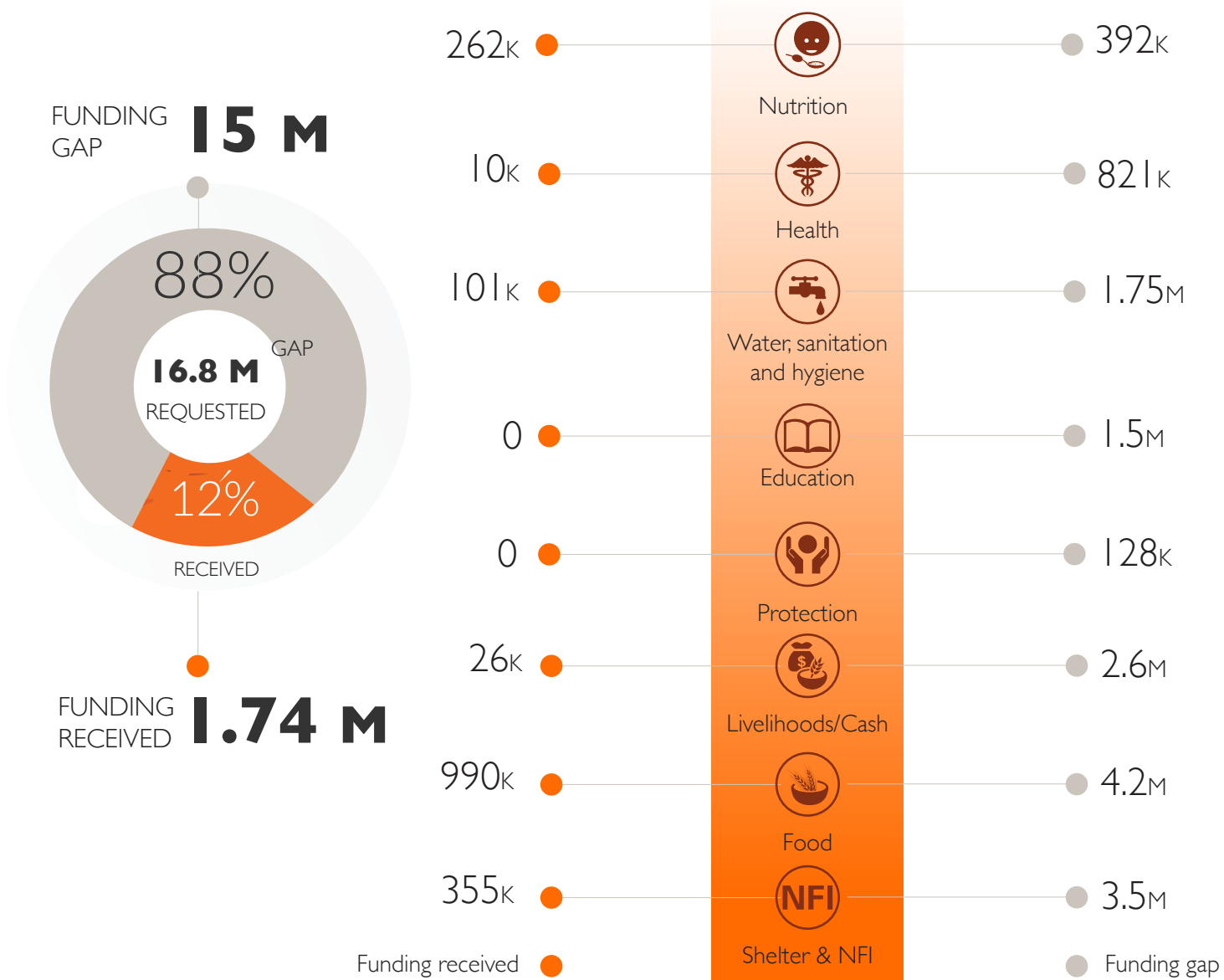
ACCOUNTABILITY: Specific accountability measures that will be an integral part of this plan include the provision of information to project participants in ways that are appropriate to the local context; feedback mechanisms that will ensure that people benefiting from the project give their feedback using locally appropriate methods; and participation and consultation in different stages of the entire plan.

WORLDVISION ETHIOPIA CAPACITY: World Vision is one of the leading international non governmental organisations in Ethiopia providing effective emergency assistance, as well as support for long term resilience and development projects to the people of Ethiopia. World Vision Ethiopia has an established presence in more than 100 communities throughout Ethiopia and, in particular, more than 37 districts that are most vulnerable to drought, flood and other disasters. World Vision has responded in previous emergencies with multi-sector interventions like water, sanitation and hygiene services, nutrition assistance, food assistance, health services and other aid. The World Vision Ethiopia national office based at Addis Ababa has a well-established, multi-sector professional staff and also field offices under 14 cluster programme offices and 68 area programme offices throughout the country, with more than 1,300 staff. A dedicated full time humanitarian emergency team of around 100 staff specialised in humanitarian emergency response and disaster management. This combined team is always ready to take responsibility for coordinating World Vision Ethiopia resources and departments towards disaster response. Hence, World Vision is best placed to effectively implement this response due to its presence, smooth work relationships with all government and local partners in the area and the capacity it has developed.

GAPS AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS



World Vision is appealing for US\$ **16,815,871** to respond to the crises and meet the needs of the most vulnerable.



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