






Situation Report

Ethiopia faces escalating humanitarian crisis amid ongoing conflict and climate shocks

Country:	Ethiopia
Emergency type:	Conflict
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Key Indicators

 15.5 million Total people targeted (OCHA HRP 2024)	 2,075,000 Women of reproductive age	 188,101 Estimated pregnant women	 8,300,000 million People targeted by UNFPA ETHIOPIA HRP in 2024
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Highlights

- La Niña is anticipated to cause **drought** in the lowlands of Somali, Oromia, and Southern Ethiopia during the October–December 2024 rainy season. This will likely result in water and pasture shortages, intensify food insecurity, disease outbreaks, as well as aggravate health and protection concerns for women and girls in the affected regions.
- In September 2024, **severe flooding** impacted several regions across Ethiopia, including Gambella, South Ethiopia, Afar, Oromia, Somali, and Sidama. The floods displaced thousands, devastated infrastructure and crops, and heightened health risks from waterborne diseases.

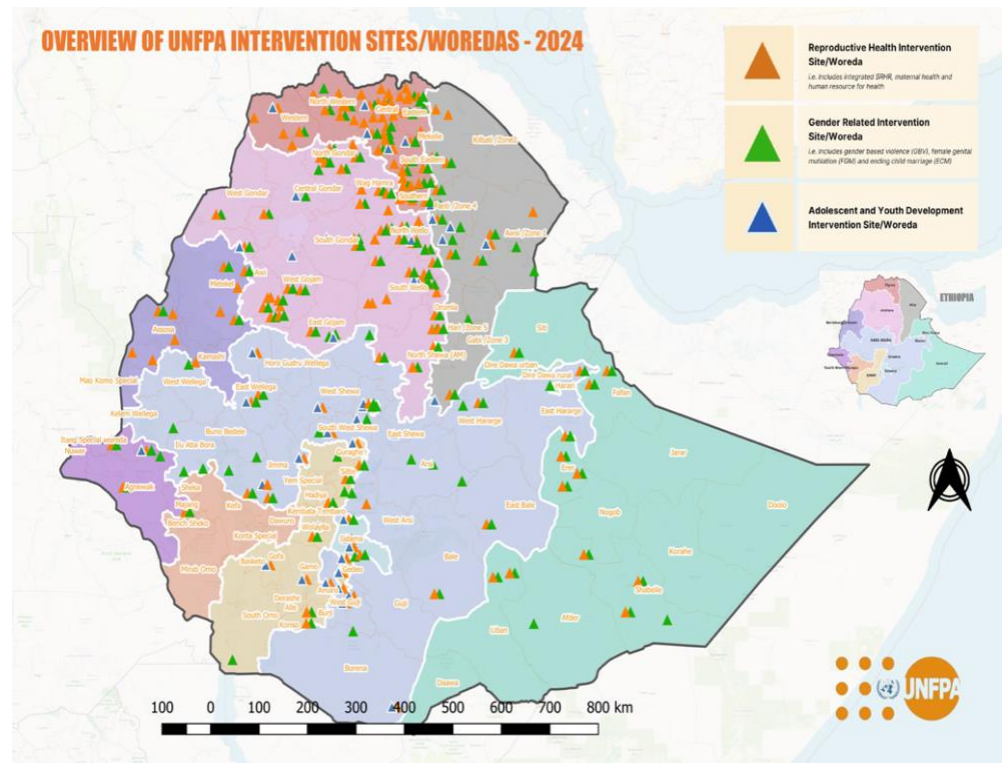
Situation Overview

- Ethiopia faces a severe humanitarian crisis, driven by conflict, widespread displacement, disease outbreaks, and climate-induced shocks. According to the **2024 Humanitarian Response Plan**, an estimated 15.5 million people—among them 4.5 million internally displaced individuals—are in urgent need of assistance across multiple regions.
- Several regions in Ethiopia, including Gambella, Afar, Amhara, Somali, Oromia, and South Ethiopia, are severely impacted by **floods** in September 2024. These events have displaced thousands, damaged critical infrastructure, and increased the need for urgent humanitarian assistance. Authorities and partners are responding with essential support like food, shelter, and water, but resources are limited, making it challenging to address the growing needs effectively.
- Preparations for anticipatory action are underway in Ethiopia’s southern and southeastern lowlands to address the projected drought during the October–December Deyr/Hageya rainy season. With 7.8 million people at risk across 123 woredas, many still recovering from previous droughts, the government and partners are mobilizing resources guided by the national Drought Anticipatory Action Framework. The Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund (EHF) is considering support to reduce the impacts on health, nutrition, and protection. Early interventions are critical, especially in high-risk areas like the Somali Region, to prevent severe consequences.
- **Armed clashes** continue in various regions of Ethiopia, particularly in different parts of Amhara, with shifting hotspots and unpredictable intensity. In conflict-affected areas, disruptions to employment, trade, and agricultural activities are impacting livelihoods, limiting cash income opportunities, and affecting market stability. Additionally, the instability has heightened the vulnerability of women and girls, increasing their risk of gender-based violence (GBV) as access to safe spaces and medical support becomes increasingly limited.

UNFPA Response

UNFPA Ethiopia continues to broaden their humanitarian efforts to meet the Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) needs across 11 regions, responding to multiple crises, including the refugees and returnees of the South Sudan crisis.

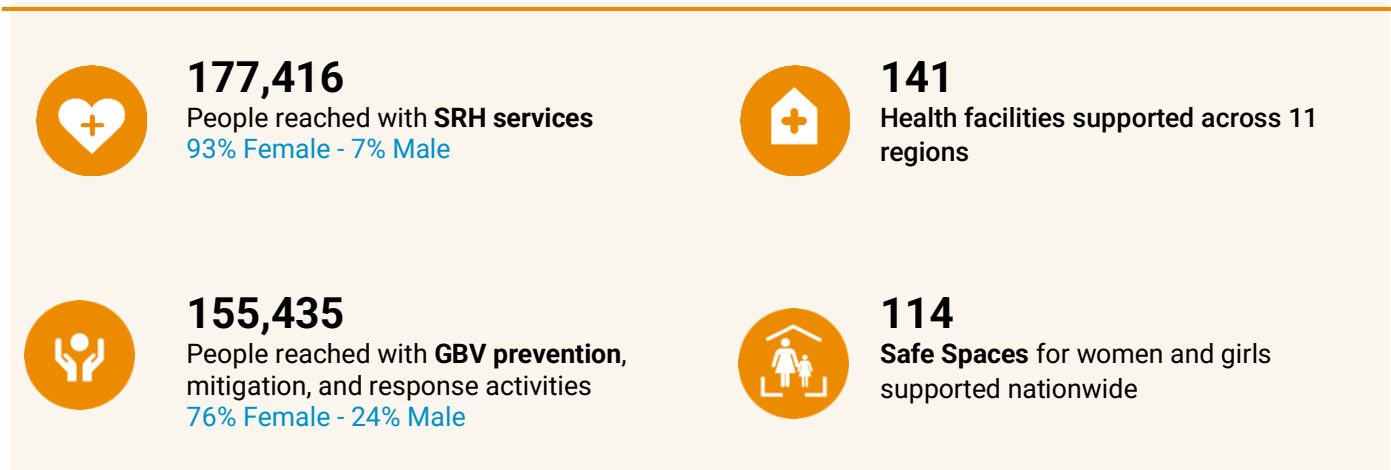
In October 2024, UNFPA reached over 177,000 individuals with essential lifesaving **SRH services** and information, delivering crucial support to communities nationwide. This included over 34,000 maternal and newborn health services, with 6,319 mothers receiving their first Antenatal Care (ANC) visit and 6,614 deliveries assisted by skilled birth attendants through UNFPA’s support. Additionally, over 16,000 Pregnant and Lactating Women (PWL) were screened for acute malnutrition, with 20,275 supported with nutritional supplements in affected regions. With over 209 midwives and 181 health extension workers (HEWs) deployed, 8 Mobile Health and Nutrition Teams (MHNTs), and 12 Maternity Waiting Homes, UNFPA continues to bolster the capacity of health offices and



facilities to respond to the growing SRH needs in affected communities. Similarly, 37 professionals were trained in various topics related to integrated provision of SRH and GBV services in emergencies.

Gender-based violence (GBV) remains a critical issue in communities impacted by conflict and climate shocks, as the breakdown of social structures and limited access to GBV services heighten the risks faced by women and girls, increasing their vulnerability. According to the 2024 Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO), the number of People in Need (PIN) for GBV services increased from 5.8 million in 2022 to 6.7 million in 2023 to 7.2 million in 2024. million. As a response, UNFPA has scaled up integrated GBV/SRH response services through 63 Women and Girls’ Friendly Spaces, 32 supported One-Stop Centers, 19 Safe Houses and other government-led service delivery points. As of October 2024, UNFPA has reached 155,435 women and girls with comprehensive GBV services and information, including 27,541 individuals supported with mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS), and 1,953 women and girls benefitting from dignity kits and sanitary pads for menstrual health management. These efforts were complemented by UNFPA’s robust humanitarian coordination presence, leading the GBV AoR at national and regional levels with MoWSA and the Bureaus of Women’s Affairs.

Results Snapshot



	2,786	Pieces of medical equipment and Personal Protection Equipment (PPEs) distributed to health facilities in Amhara, Afar, B/Gumuz, and Tigray regions.
	10,090	Women and girls benefitted from dignity kits and reproductive health kits provided to service delivery points in 4 regions – Tigray, Amhara, Oromia and Afar regions- to meet the needs of women and girls affected by crises.
	47	Youth spaces supported by UNFPA.

Coordination Mechanisms

- UNFPA has continued to participate in various humanitarian coordination platforms, including the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) and Health and Protection Clusters. It also continues to lead the GBV sub-cluster and SRH Working Groups at the national and sub-national levels.
- As of October 2024, UNFPA Ethiopia has **mobilized a total of USD 20.6 million within the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus** programming from Denmark, Canada, CERF, Korea, Sweden, PRM, and Itochu Corporation in 2024. The resources will be largely used to scale up interventions within the humanitarian, development, peace nexus. Additionally, new partnerships with UNHCR and GIZ are being forged to further enhance impact and collaboration.
- In October 2024, the **SRH Technical Working Group (TWG)** held its monthly meeting, during which the terms of reference (ToR) for the group were revised to address emerging humanitarian needs. Additionally, a workshop to finalize the *GBV Prevention and Response for Health Providers Facilitator Guide* and *Participant Manual* was conducted from 29-31 October in Bishoftu. The finalized documents are now set for proofreading and endorsement by the Ministry of Health's State Minister's Office. To further enhance coordination, UNFPA organized a workshop in the Sidama Region on 30-31 October 2024, bringing together government sector bureaus and partners to strengthen collaboration within the SRH TWG and GBV Area of Responsibility (AoR).
- **As co-lead of the Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) Taskforce**, a training was held in Bishoftu in October 15-17, 2024, to enhance the capacity of 20 Civil Society Organization (CSOs) on the YPS agenda and initiatives.

Funding Status

In 2024, our resource mobilization efforts require **\$48,200,085 USD** to achieve our goals, as outlined in the **UNFPA Preparedness and Humanitarian Response Plan 2024**. As of September 2024, UNFPA Ethiopia has received **\$20,6 Million USD** from our generous donors.

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