



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

- Unseasonal rains** in October and November caused significant damage across several regions, especially in Tigray, where heavy rainfall affected croplands, leading to a coordinated humanitarian response involving over 400 staff to assist vulnerable farmers. Similar flooding occurred in Shashego Woreda (Central Ethiopia) and Gelana Woreda (Oromia Region), displacing over 6,000 people, damaging crops, and disrupting social services and livelihoods (OCHA).

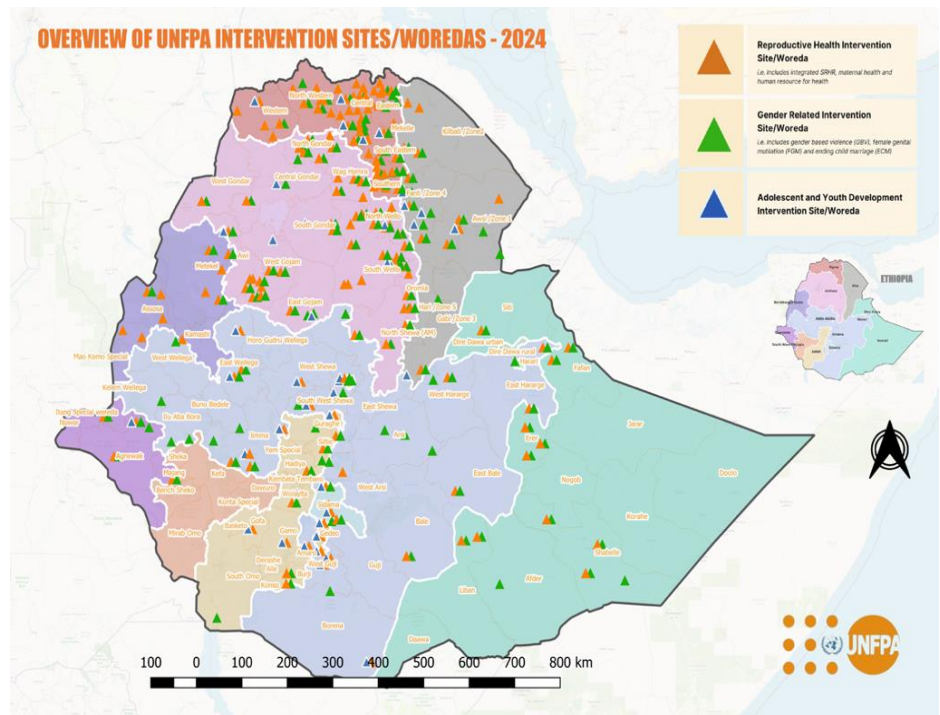
- **Protection issues - especially gender-based violence - remain a major concern in conflict-affected areas.** Reported cases represent only a small fraction with under-reporting driven by stigma, fear of retaliation, and access challenges. The lack of a GBV Information Management System (GBVIMS) further hinders efforts to fully understand the scope of GBV incidents. In 2024, funding for GBV response is under 20% of the required target.

Situation Overview

- Ethiopia’s humanitarian situation remains dire, with climate-induced disasters like droughts, floods, and destructive landslides impacting millions of vulnerable people, exacerbating food insecurity and malnutrition. Additionally, ongoing conflict and violence, especially in the Amhara and western Oromia regions, continue to displace civilians and disrupt critical humanitarian operations and services. 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 Tigray, Central Ethiopia, Oromia are severely impacted by **floods** during the heavy rainfalls of October and November. These events have displaced thousands, damaged critical infrastructure, extensive farmland and livelihoods, increasing the need for urgent humanitarian assistance.
- In **conflict-affected areas** like Amhara, humanitarian access constraints continue to hinder assistance to hundreds of thousands of people in need. Additionally, widespread damage of health facilities - with more than 40 per cent of health facilities in the region either looted or damaged (OCHA) – continue to severely limit access to critical health services, including medical aid to survivors of gender-based violence. Ongoing public health outbreaks, such as malaria and cholera, further exacerbate the crisis.




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 November 2024, UNFPA reached over 73,671 individuals with essential lifesaving **SRH services** and information, delivering crucial support to communities nationwide. This included over 11,000 individuals provided with family planning services, 16,416 mothers provided with maternal and newborn health services, including over 20,000 Pregnant and Lactating Women (PWL) screened for acute malnutrition, with 9,393 supported with nutritional supplements in affected regions. Additionally, 70 IARH kits were distributed to Benishangul Gumuz and Amhara Regional Health Bureaus to benefit 51,200 emergency affected populations with SRH and GBV services.



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. 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 November 2024, UNFPA has reached 102,606 women and girls with comprehensive GBV services and information, including 3,360 individuals supported with mental health and psychosocial support services (MHPSS), and 1,273 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

 73,416 People reached with SRH services 94% Female - 6% Male	 141 Health facilities supported across 11 regions
 102,606 People reached with GBV prevention, mitigation, and response activities 76% Female - 24% Male	 114 Safe Spaces for women and girls supported nationwide

	70	Inter-Agency Reproductive Health Kits distributed to B/Gumuz and Amhara Regional Health Bureaus aiming to benefit 51,200 emergency-affected individuals with SRH and GBV services.
	1,273	Women and girls benefitted from dignity kits and sanitary pads provided to meet their personal hygiene needs during 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 November 2024, UNFPA Ethiopia has **mobilized a total of USD 20.78 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 November 2024, the **SRH Technical Working Group (TWG)** held a workshop from 5-8 November 2024 at Adama Kereyu Resort to revise and finalize the SRH Implementation Guideline for humanitarian settings. Additionally, SRH TWG and GBV AoR coordination strengthening and reactivation meetings were held in South Ethiopia, Central Ethiopia, Benishangul Gumuz, and Somali regions.

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 **\$20,7 Million USD** from our generous donors.

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