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Highlights

Ethiopia continues to face a complex and evolving humanitarian crisis driven by armed conflict, inter-communal violence, climate shocks and public health emergencies, affecting millions of people across multiple regions. Renewed tensions along the Somali–Oromia border have displaced an estimated **288,000 people**, while a sudden escalation of armed conflict in Afar has forced **around 18,000 people** into displacement, many sheltering in overcrowded collective centers with urgent needs for food, water, health, shelter and protection services ([OCHA, 2025](#)). At the same time, Ethiopia continues to provide refuge to populations fleeing regional instability, with **more than 49,000 South Sudanese refugees** arriving in Gambella since July 2025, the majority women and children, placing additional pressure on basic services in hosting areas. Climate-related shocks are further exacerbating vulnerabilities, as prolonged dry conditions in southern and southeastern regions have affected **over half a million people**, undermining livelihoods, water access and food security. Compounding these challenges, the country is responding to a **Marburg Virus Disease outbreak**, underscoring the fragility of health systems amid high population mobility and multiple, overlapping emergencies.



5,513,541

Total people in need of GBV and SRH services².



877,679

People targeted with SRH services³



188,000

Estimated pregnant women required essential SRH services²



1,045,901

People targeted with GBV services²



1,923,580

People targeted w/ UNFPA Ethiopia humanitarian interventions.

¹ [OCHA Ethiopia, 2025](#).

² [UNFPA Ethiopia Humanitarian Preparedness and Response Plan 2025](#).

Situation Overview

Between October and November 2025, Ethiopia faced **overlapping humanitarian crises** driven by conflict, displacement, climate shocks and public health emergencies. Renewed inter-communal violence along the **Somali–Oromia border** displaced an estimated **288,000 people** across multiple woredas, forcing families into spontaneous and dispersed displacement sites with limited access to shelter, water, health and protection services. In **Afar Region**, a sudden escalation of armed conflict in early November displaced **around 18,000 people** in Megale Woreda, with urgent needs identified for food, water, sanitation, health services, shelter and temporary learning spaces, further compounding pre-existing vulnerabilities.

Climate-related shocks continue to deepen humanitarian needs, particularly in **southern and southeastern Ethiopia**, where below-average October–December rainfall has affected pastoral and agro-pastoral livelihoods. In Somali Region alone, **over half a million people** are affected by water scarcity, crop failure, and livestock stress, with dry conditions expected to persist into early 2026, increasing risks of food insecurity, malnutrition and displacement. At the same time, Ethiopia is hosting growing refugee populations, with **more than 49,000 South Sudanese refugees** arriving in Gambela since July 2025, the majority women and children, placing sustained pressure on basic services in hosting areas.

The humanitarian situation is further complicated by a **Marburg Virus Disease outbreak** in southern regions, underscoring the fragility of health systems amid high population mobility and multiple emergencies. Across all affected regions, humanitarian operations face access constraints, funding shortfalls and overstretched local capacities. Within this context, **UNFPA and partners** are prioritizing integrated, multi-sectoral responses to ensure access to **sexual and reproductive health services**, prevent and respond to **gender-based violence**, and safeguard the dignity, rights and well-being of **women, girls and young people** affected by conflict, displacement and climate shocks.

UNFPA Response

UNFPA Ethiopia continues to advance its humanitarian response by strengthening access to sexual and reproductive health services, addressing protection risks, and ensuring the dignity and safety of crisis-affected populations.

UNFPA provided critical support in addressing needs in the areas of family planning, maternal and newborn health, and HIV prevention and treatment. In the four quarter of 2025, **UNFPA reached 236,969 individuals with lifesaving sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services**. This included 45,105 individuals who received family planning services, 46,918 who accessed maternal and newborn health care, and 29,592 who benefited from HIV and STI treatment and care. In addition, 185,833 community members were reached with awareness messages on GBV prevention, sexual and reproductive health information, and available services.

Gender-based violence (GBV) continues to pose a serious threat to the safety, health, and dignity of women and girls in crisis-affected areas. With community protection systems weakened and services disrupted, UNFPA is scaling up integrated GBV and SRH interventions to better reach those most at risk. **In addressing protection needs UNFPA reached a total of 260,774 individuals during the last quarter of 2025**. This includes over 197,077 health, legal, MHPSS and other critical services provided to individuals through One-Stop Centres and 68,129 through Women and Girls' Friendly Spaces; 4,216 women and girls supported with dignity kits and sanitary pads for menstrual health management; and 173,519 reached social and behavioural change communication sessions across the country. Additionally, UNFPA strengthened the capacity of 1,814 professionals on various topics on GBV and SRH related topics during the last quarter of 2025.

Results Snapshot



236,969

People reached with SRH services
98% female, 2% male



215

Health facilities supported



260,774

People reached with GBV prevention,
mitigation and response activities
68% female, 22% male



409

**Safe spaces and other
service delivery points** for
women and girls



15,263

Non-food items (such as dignity
kits) distributed to individuals



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Youth spaces supported by
UNFPA



1,814

Professionals trained on GBV and
SRH related topics



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Mobile Health Clinics/Teams
providing GBV and SRH
services across regions

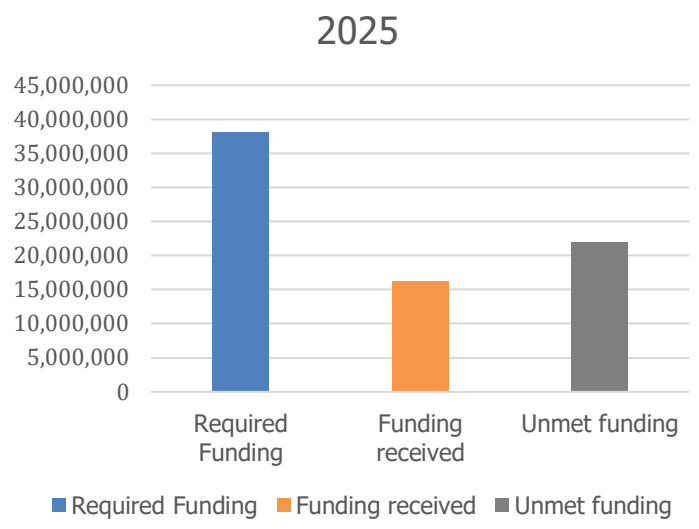
Coordination Mechanisms

UNFPA, in close collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs (MoWSA), advanced Ethiopia's capacity for standardized, survivor-centered GBV response through a landmark investment in systems and human resources. UNFPA spearheaded the country's **first national training on GBV Case Management practice and tools linked to the Gender-Based Violence Information Management System (GBVIMS)**, reaching **173 frontline responders**, including case workers, supervisors and government officials from MoWSA and Regional Bureaus. The training was implemented across **Amhara (61 participants), Tigray (75), and Benishangul-Gumuz (37)**, strengthening technical capacity at scale. Trained personnel are now positioned to pilot the **GBVIMS across 96 designated sites**, all equipped with essential ICT hardware and connectivity to enable **safe, confidential and ethical GBV data management**. Collectively, these actions mark a decisive step toward institutionalizing coordination, accountability and quality, survivor-centered service delivery within Ethiopia's national GBV prevention and response architecture.

Co-leading the Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Technical Working Group with the Ministry of Health, UNFPA continued to strengthen the quality, coordination and reach of lifesaving SRH services in humanitarian settings. Through the SRH TWG, **Training of Trainers (ToT) sessions on Clinical Management of Rape (CMR)** were delivered to **28 health care providers and GBV response officers** from **Amhara, Tigray, Afar, South Ethiopia, South-Western, Somali and Central Ethiopia**, with financial and technical support from UNFPA in collaboration with the **Ministry of Health, the Ethiopian Public Health Institute (EPHI) and MSI Ethiopia**. In parallel, a **three-round National SRH Working Group coordination process** was convened, providing a structured platform for partners to share operational updates, exchange best practices, align interventions in humanitarian contexts, leverage resources and reduce duplication. Together, these actions reinforced national leadership, technical coherence and collective accountability in the delivery of integrated, survivor-centered SRH services across crisis-affected regions.

Funding Status

The UNFPA Ethiopia Humanitarian Preparedness and Response Plan for 2025 requires resources amounting to US\$ 38,132,081 ([UNFPA Ethiopia HPRP, 2025](#)). As of December 31, 2025, **UNFPA Ethiopia has secured \$16,204,949 USD from different development partners.** UNFPA Ethiopia extends sincere gratitude to the Governments of Canada, Denmark, European Union, Spain, Sweden, KOICA, the Gates Foundation, Japan and the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) administered by OCHA. Their contributions are vital in advancing our mission to ensure rights and choices for all in humanitarian crises across Ethiopia.



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