



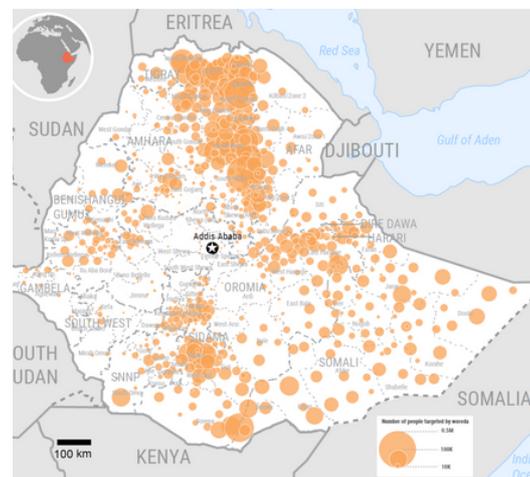
UNFPA ETHIOPIA HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

SITUATION REPORT - JULY 2022

SITUATION OVERVIEW

The humanitarian situation in Ethiopia continues to deteriorate fueled by the cumulative impacts of ongoing conflicts and violence, disease outbreaks, and climate shocks. Drought has severely affected the lowlands of Afar, Oromia, Somali, and the Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' (SNNP) regions and while 11 regions in the country were affected by floods, according to the [Flood Contingency Plan](#). More than 20 million people are estimated to be in need of humanitarian assistance in the country, including nearly 5.5 internally displaced people and 18 million non-displaced affected people [1]. According to OCHA, out of the total population in need, 14.8 million are female; 15 million are male; close to 42 per cent are children, 5.4 are elderly and 18 per cent are people with disabilities [2].

Heavy and prolonged seasonal rains have led to **flooding and landslide incidents in recent weeks in Afar, Oromia, Gambella, SNNP, Somali and Amhara regions** with nearly 1.1 million people affected and 300,000 displaced, according to the National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC). Meanwhile, **in the South and South-West regions of the country**, the humanitarian situation continues to be dire with alarming levels of food insecurity and malnutrition due to the combined effects of a severe drought and conflict, displacement, lack of market access, and high food prices, with 16.5 million in need of assistance across drought-affected regions. **In western Ethiopia**, active hostilities in Benishangul Gumuz, Oromia, and SNNP regions have caused new displacements, damage to infrastructure and basic services, increasing protection risks and insecurity-related access constraints to the people in need.



Map of planned humanitarian response - Humanitarian Response Plan 2022 (OCHA).

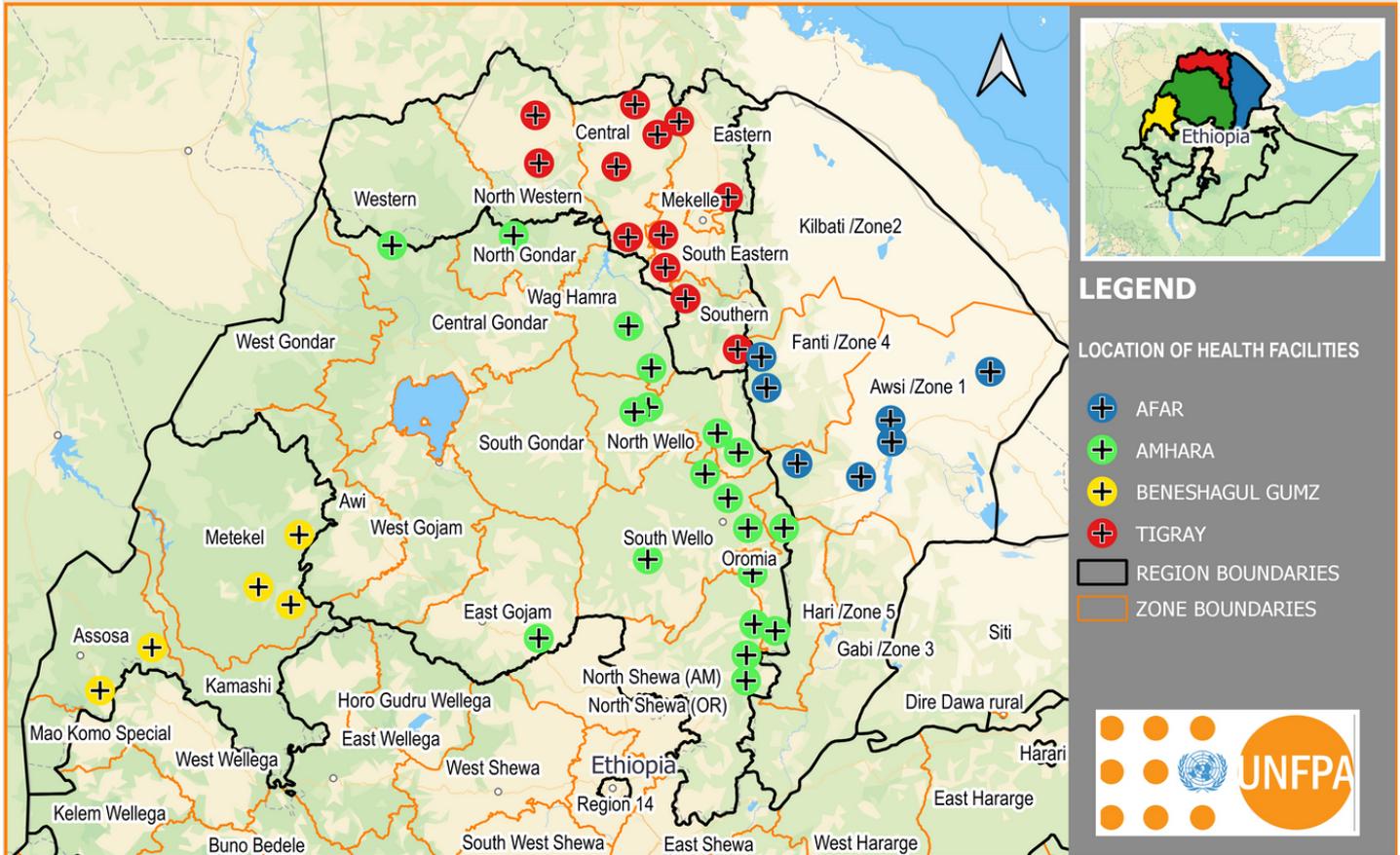
In northern Ethiopia, although active conflict has subsided following the 'humanitarian truce' declared by the Federal Government in March 2022, the humanitarian situation continues to be dire despite the resumption of movement of lifesaving humanitarian supplies by road and air. The shortage of fuel, cash, and sufficient humanitarian supplies continue to constrain humanitarian operations **in Tigray**. In Afar and Amhara regions, the situation is particularly alarming due to the combined effects of conflict and climate shocks, coupled with limited presence and capacity of partners to provide adequate assistance to IDPs and returnees. **In Afar**, the majority of IDPs have returned to their places of origin although the situation is reported to be dire due to lack of basic services, lack of livelihood sources, the destruction of vital infrastructure, and low partners' presence, thus increasing displacement and protection risks. Meanwhile, **Amhara region** continues the relocation of IDPs although new displacements have been reported in Debre Birhan town and North Shewa zone due to the lack of services and humanitarian assistance at places of return.

[1] Ethiopia: Humanitarian Response Plan 2022 (July 2022): <https://reliefweb.int/report/ethiopia/ethiopia-humanitarian-response-plan-2022-july-2022>
 [2] Ibid.

PROGRAMME UPDATES

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

UNFPA MIDWIFERY SERVICE LOCATIONS - 2022



• Key Achievements

- **14,788 conflict-affected individuals reached with midwifery services** by deployed midwives and health extension workers (HEWs) in partnership with the Ethiopian Midwives Association (EMWA), Marie Stopes International (MSI), and Maedot in Afar (2,131), Amhara (10,397), Benishangul Gumuz (1,584) and Tigray regions (676 people reached with services).
- **20,457 individuals reached with integrated GBV/SRH awareness creation sessions** on STI/HIV prevention and risk mitigation, family planning, birth preparedness, and personal hygiene management by health extension workers deployed across health facilities in Afar (508), Amhara (4,256), Benishangul Gumuz (163) and Tigray (15,530) in partnership with EMWA, MSI, Amhara Women Association (AWA) and the Organization for Social Services, Health, and Development (OSSHD).
- **Distributed 69 Interagency Reproductive Health (IARH) Kits** in partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Project Hope to support the provision of emergency reproductive health services across conflict-affected areas in northern Ethiopia.



32

Mobile Teams deployed across Afar, Amhara, Sidama and Tigray regions (July 2022)



56

Health facilities supported by 91 deployed Midwives and Health Extension Workers (HEWs) in 4 regions (July 2022)

PROGRAMME UPDATES

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)



8,967

Women and girls reached with Women and Girls' Friendly Space (WGFS) services (July 2022)



2,800

Dignity Kits distributed to conflict-affected women and girls in Amhara and Tigray regions (July 2022)

Psychological Support provided by UNFPA across Northern Ethiopia Response (July 2022)



Key Achievements

- **28,157 women and girls reached with gender-based violence services** and referrals to multi-sectoral services through 32 Women and Girls' Friendly Spaces, 21 One-Stop Centers, and 6 Safe Houses operational in Ethiopia.
- **43 frontline professionals trained in GBV Case Management** and psychosocial support (PSS) in Tigray region.
- **Supported 2,425 displaced individuals with individual and group counseling** and Psychological First Aid at IDP camps in partnership with Food for the Hungry International, Amhara Women Association, OSSHD, and World Vision Ethiopia.
- **Distributed 2,800 Dignity Kits** and 1,165 sanitary pads to conflict-affected women and girls in Amhara and Tigray regions.
- **Provided multipurpose cash support to GBV survivors** in partnership with World Vision Ethiopia and Food for the Hungry International in Amhara and Tigray regions.

UNFPA Response to GBV across Ethiopia

(Since March 2021)



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Women & Girls' Friendly Spaces established by UNFPA



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One-Stop Centers strengthened with UNFPA's support across 7 regions



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Safe Houses supported by UNFPA in 5 regions

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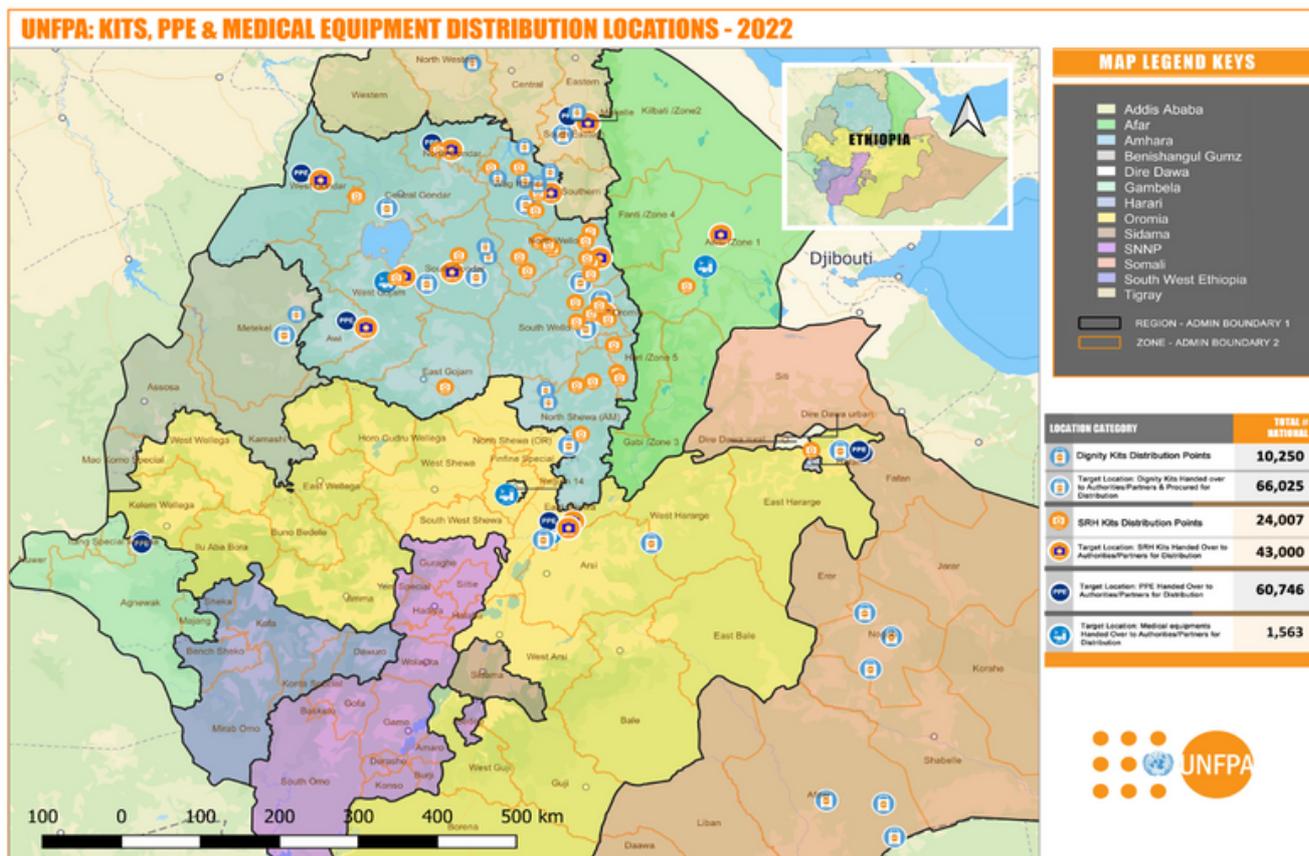
COORDINATION & PARTNERSHIPS

UNFPA has:

- Continued to participate in various humanitarian coordination platforms, including in the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG), and Health and Protection Clusters. We also continued to lead the GBV sub-cluster and SRH Working Groups at the national and sub-national levels.
- By the end of July, nearly \$7 million USD had been earmarked for 21 Implementing Partners (IPs)
- operating across northern Ethiopia and other crisis-affected regions with a target to allocate nearly \$10 million by the end of the year.
- As the co-lead of the national SRH Working Group, agreed on conducting a partners' mapping and strategic plan to strengthen maternal and reproductive health across conflict-affected regions in Ethiopia.
- As the GBV AoR lead at national and regional level, support was given for the strengthening of GBV Coordination tools and mechanisms at the regional level, presented GBV AoR Strategy for the last semester of 2022 as well as developed a GBV AoR Flood Response Plan.

LOGISTICS & OPERATIONS

- Transferred 2 million ETB into Tigray to sustain critical GBV and SRH humanitarian interventions across the region. Disruptions of UNHAS airlift service continues to challenge the transfer of cash into the region.
- Brought on board 2 international GBV Specialists to scale up humanitarian response across Amhara and Afar regions and continued following up on the several national positions to strengthen the humanitarian response across drought-affected regions and northern Ethiopia.
- Followed up on additional procurement request of nearly 1,000 IARH Kits, 9 ambulances, and assorted medical equipment from several donors to expand SRH-GBV-MHPSS service provision for conflict-affected populations in Afar, Amhara, Benishangul Gumuz, Somali, and Tigray regions.



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COMMUNICATIONS & ADVOCACY

- Continued to support inter-agency collaboration in communication and advocacy efforts through regular participation in the UNCT Communication Working Group to scale up joint communication and advocacy efforts across Ethiopia.
- Advocated on the need to increase support to GBV survivors across northern Ethiopia with the story [Hidden in Plain Sight: Conflicts fueling sexual violence in northern Ethiopia](#).
- Showcased the [UNFPA and UNDP's partnership to restore dignity](#) and address the health and protection needs of women and girls, including the dissemination of a [video](#) highlighting the joint inter-agency collaboration across northern Ethiopia.
- Supported the advocacy efforts of ESARO to highlight on BBC Global the rise in cases of child marriage in drought and conflict-affected regions in Ethiopia, including the follow up on other media engagements and advocacy.

DONOR MINUTES



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"Partnerships are at the heart of everything we do as UNDP. In this project, we worked with our sister agency, UNFPA, to deliver a coherent, effective, efficient and much-needed support to conflict-affected women and girls in northern Ethiopia, helping them to reclaim their dignity through access to essential supplies that helped them maintain proper hygiene even in adverse conditions," says [Dr. Cleophas Torori](#), UNDP Deputy Resident Representative.

[\[Read the full story\]](#)

FROM THE FIELD

"I keep my pregnancy a secret because if one of the community leaders knows my case, they will say: 'Oh! She is 17 years old, but she is pregnant.' I have fear of social stigma and discrimination," - **Mahlet (name protected for security reasons), a GBV survivor tells UNFPA in a Woman and Girls' Friendly Space (WGFS) in Mekelle, Tigray.*

[\[Read the full story\]](#)



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RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

2022

UNFPA National Humanitarian Response Plan (2022)

- **Funding Required: 30,000,000 USD**
- **Funding Received: 18,000,000 USD**
- **Funding Gap: 12,000,000 USD**

Our Donors:

Canada
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Funding Gap
40%

Funding Received
60%

Delivering a world where every
pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is
safe and every young person's potential
is fulfilled



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