

UNFPA ETHIOPIA HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

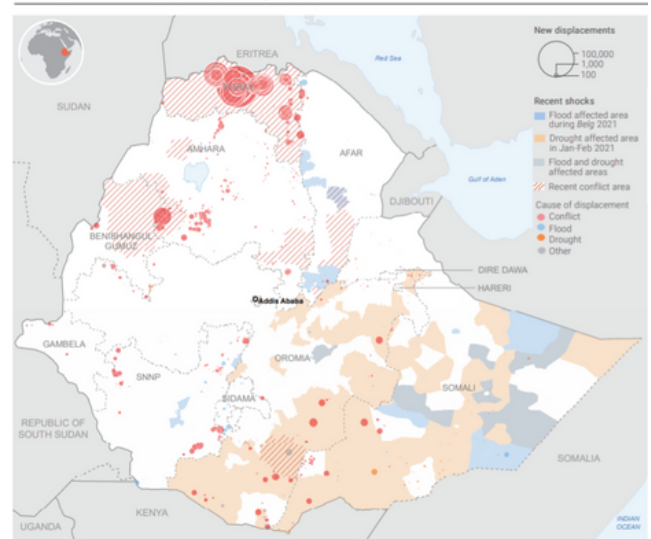
SITUATION REPORT - JUNE 2022

SITUATION OVERVIEW

The overall humanitarian situation in Ethiopia has significantly worsened since the beginning of 2022 triggered by the cumulative impacts of active conflicts and violence, disease outbreaks - particularly, the COVID-19 pandemic - and climate shocks such as the recent floods in Afar and Somali regions. The country was also hit by one of the worst droughts in the last forty years especially affecting the lowlands of Afar, Oromia, Somali, and the Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples' (SNNPR) regions. More than [25.9 million people](#) in the country are estimated to be in need of humanitarian assistance, including nearly [4.51 million internally displaced](#) people across 9 regions, as of February 2022[1]. According to OCHA, nearly [three quarters of the people in need in 2022 are women and girls](#).

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 with increasing needs faced by IDPs with respect to accessing essential services, including food and health care. Although the movement of lifesaving supplies into **Tigray** by humanitarian actors has continued steadily, the shortage of fuel is constraining partners' ability to reach affected people within the region. Mekele airport has been temporarily shut down due to fuel scarcity as reported by authorities in Tigray [1]. **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 respond to the increasing needs. Although regional authorities have started a multi-sectoral response to relocate internally displaced people, the response remains largely inadequate to meet the scale of needs.

MAIN HUMANITARIAN CONCERNS, January-June 2021



Ethiopia is experiencing one of the worst droughts since 2020 after four consecutive rainy seasons failed. At least 8 million people have been affected across the South and South-West regions. Recent weather forecasts suggest a potential 'fifth rainy season' below average (Oct-Dec), threatening to worsen the drought situation and increase humanitarian needs across the affected regions. In Oromia and Somali regions, drought is compounded by conflict and intercommunal clashes, exacerbating already existing humanitarian needs and hindering access to the people in need. In western Ethiopia, the humanitarian situation is concerning due to hostilities in **Benishangul Gumuz, Oromia, and SNNP regions** with reported high numbers of newly internally displaced people, damage to infrastructure and basic services, major exposure of affected communities to protection risks and constrained humanitarian access due to insecurity to the people in need.

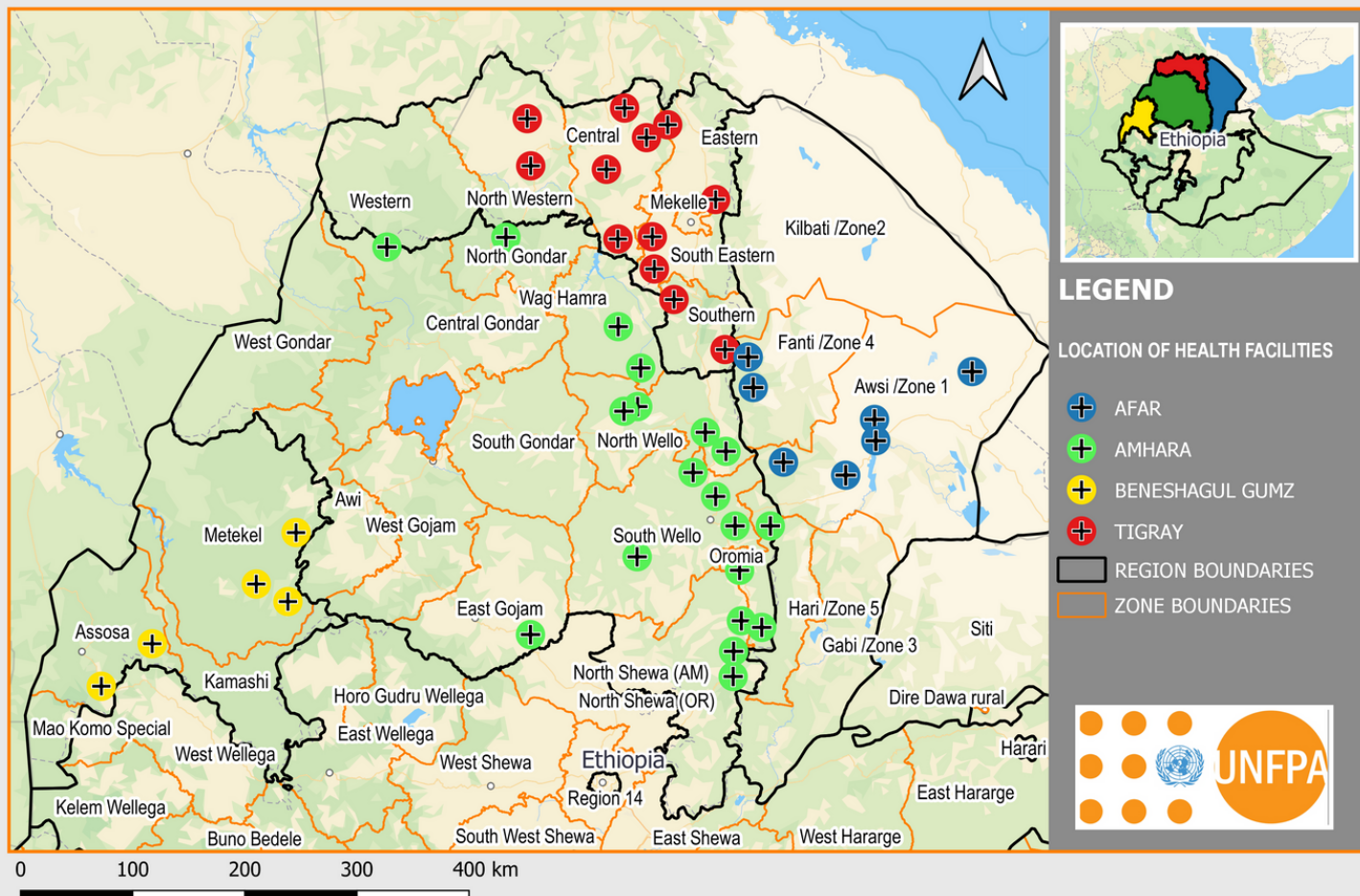
[1] IOM - DTM Round 29: <https://displacement.iom.int>

[2] Northern Ethiopia crisis: Update on humanitarian needs, ACAPS, June 2022: <https://www.acaps.org/country/ethiopia/crisis/complex-crisis>

PROGRAMME UPDATES

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

UNFPA MIDWIFERY SERVICE LOCATIONS - 2022



• Key Achievements

- **22,002 conflict-affected individuals reached with reproductive health services** by deployed midwives and clinical mentors in partnership with the Ethiopian Midwives Association (EMWA), Marie Stopes International (MSI) and Maedot in Afar, Amhara, Benishangul Gumuz and Tigray regions.
- **33,092 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 (1,085), Amhara (10,409) and Tigray (21,598) in partnership with EMWA, MSI, Amhara Women Association (AWA) and the Organization for Social Services, Health and Development (OSSHD).
- **Distributed 432 IARH Kits and assorted medical equipment** to support the provision of emergency reproductive health services for nearly **1.16 million conflict-affected individuals** in Afar, Amhara, Benishangul Gumuz and Tigray regions.



22,550

women reached with
SRH services across
Afar, Amhara,
Benishangul Gumuz and
Tigray regions
(June 2022)



91

Midwives and Health
Extension Workers
(HEWs) providing
services across 4
regions
(June 2022)

PROGRAMME UPDATES

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)



15,218

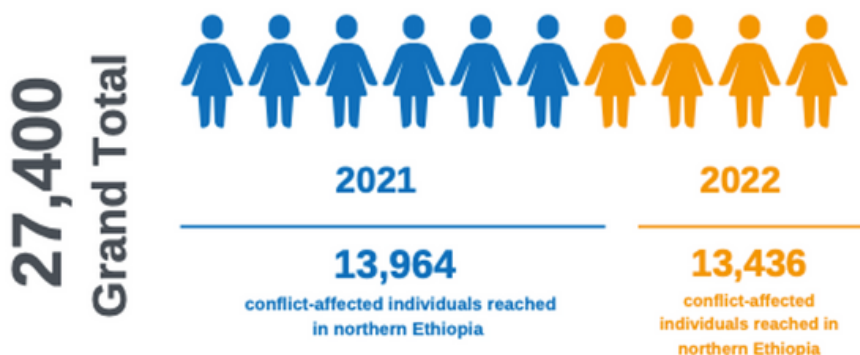
Women and girls reached with Women and Girls' Friendly Space (WGFS) services across northern Ethiopia
(June 2022)



8,150

Dignity Kits distributed to conflict-affected women and girls in Amhara region
(June 2022)

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



• Key Achievements

- **15,218 women and girls reached with services and referrals** to multi-sectoral services through 11 Women and Girls' Friendly Spaces operational across northern Ethiopia.
- **313 legal and health professionals trained** in GBV Case Management, Clinical Management of Rape (CMR), community protection mechanisms and psychosocial support (PSS) in partnership with World Vision Ethiopia in Amhara and Tigray regions.
- **Supported 2,493 displaced individuals with individual and group counselling** and Psychological First Aid at IDP camps in partnership with Food for the Hungry International, Amhara Women Association, OSSHD and World Vision Ethiopia.
- **Started the provision of 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)



11

Women & Girls' Friendly Spaces supported by UNFPA



18

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



8

Safe Shelters supported by UNFPA in 5 regions

PROGRAMME UPDATES

COORDINATION & PARTNERSHIPS

UNFPA has:

- Continued to participate in various humanitarian coordination platforms, including in the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), and Health and Protection Clusters. We also continued to lead GBV sub-cluster and SRH Working Groups at the national and sub-national levels.
- By the end of June, 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.
- Supported the Ministry of Health and the Health Sector Working Group on the national assessment of the impact of conflict and on recovery and rehabilitation planning through the deployment of professional and technical capacity.
- As the lead of the national **SRH Working Group**, agreed on conducting a partner's 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, organized a **GBV Minimum Standard Training** and a **GBV AoR Retreat** to consolidate the separation of the CP/GBV AoR, further strengthen GBV Coordination tools and mechanisms at regional level and inform Ethiopia country of the GBV AoR Strategy for the last semester of 2022.
- Conducted a joint **GBV AoR and PSEA Network mission** to Afar region - supported by UNFPA, UN Women and OHCHR - to work together to address gaps in services, potential risks and ensure timely access to services for survivors of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA).

LOGISTICS & OPERATIONS

- Transferred 6 million ETB into Tigray** and negotiated the allocation of **600 liters of fuel** to sustain critical GBV and SRH humanitarian interventions across the region.
- Brought on board a GBV & PSEA Specialist** on a detailed assignment from UNFPA Tanzania to support operations across the country and continued following up on several national positions to strengthen the humanitarian response across northern Ethiopia.
- Increased cash flow operations, professional capacity, and logistic dispatching** due to the easing of administrative measures by the Federal Government and the improvement of security conditions across northern Ethiopia.
- Followed up on **additional procurement requests** 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.

UNFPA Supplies & Commodities distributed across Ethiopia (Cumulative figures for 2022)



832

Inter-Agency Reproductive
Health Kits (IARH)



78,760

Dignity Kits



57,747

Personal Protective Equipment
(PPEs) items



5

Ambulances

(handed over and imported in the first
semester of 2022)

PROGRAMME UPDATES

COMMUNICATIONS & ADVOCACY

- Continued to support inter-agency collaboration in communication and advocacy efforts through regular participation in the UNCT Communication Working Group and participated in the UN Communication Group Retreat to scale up joint communication and advocacy efforts as One UN across Ethiopia.
- Showcased the UNFPA and UNDP's partnership to restore dignity and address the health and protection needs of women and girls across northern Ethiopia.
- 9 communication focal points from implementing partners in Tigray region trained on UNFPA communication and field visibility requirements on June 4, 2022.
- Followed up on the development of on-site visibility materials for USAID, UNDP, Japan and Irish Aid projects, including the production of the facilitator flip chart for community outreach and awareness raising activities across Ethiopia's emergency affected regions.

INTERNATIONAL DAY TO END SEXUAL VIOLENCE IN CONFLICT



"Sexual violence is a violation of human rights and a crime under international humanitarian law. It should never be ignored, excused or downplayed. In fact, it should not happen at all."

Dr. Natalia Kanem, UNFPA Executive Director



#ThisIsNotNormal

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FROM THE FIELD

"I couldn't go out of my tent during my period as I don't have other clothes to change into. The dignity kit has helped restore my mobility and dignity and also prevent my baby from getting scabies"

Tiemti Adugna after receiving UNFPA Dignity Kit with the support of UNDP Ethiopia at Sabacar 4 camp in Mekelle, Tigray.



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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
CERF
Danish MFA
Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund
Iceland
Ireland
Japan
Norway
Sweden
USAID

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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