Humanitarian needs in conflict, drought and flood-affected areas across Ethiopia continue to grow with more than 20 million people in need of humanitarian assistance - including nearly 5.5 internally displaced people and 18 million non-displaced affected people - according to the latest Humanitarian Response Plan. In Ethiopia, it is estimated that 13 million people are in need of emergency health assistance and 7.9 million are in need of protection services. The resurgence of hostilities in northern Ethiopia as well as violence and insecurity in other parts of the country has fuelled large-scale displacements and increased humanitarian needs while some areas remain inaccessible, disrupting humanitarian operations and preventing people in need from accessing lifesaving assistance and protection.

Climate-related shocks continue to have a devastating impact on the lives and livelihoods of nearly 24 million affected people across Somali, Oromia, SNNP and South-West regions with 17 million currently in need of lifesaving assistance. The extended drought has led to a reduced availability of food, water and pasture triggering significant displacements, especially in Somali Region (175,000) and Southern Oromia (163,000) [1]. Similarly, flooding has brought substantial damage on civil infrastructures displacing more than 180,000 people in Afar and Gambela regions alone in the last month, as reported by OCHA[2].

[Risks of gender-based violence - including sexual violence, sexual exploitation, intimate partner violence and female genital mutilation - are increasing, while services to respond remain limited, as reported by the GBV AoR. In western Ethiopia, active hostilities in Oromia have caused extensive damage to infrastructure and nearly 400,000 people have been displaced across 6 zones without lifesaving assistance and increasing protection risks.

In northern Ethiopia, hundreds of thousands of men, women and children have been displaced in the conflict affected areas of Afar, Amhara and Tigray regions. Supply routes to Tigray remain closed although the UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) has been restored partially to allow the rotation of staff from Tigray. In Amhara, secondary displacements and destruction of shelters and camp facilities were also reported due to active hostilities in North Wello and Wag Hamra zones. Across the three regions, the humanitarian situation continues to worsen due to people’s weakened immunity for lack of food and the inability of affected people to access basic health services.

**PROGRAMME UPDATES**

### SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

**HEALTH FACILITIES: UNFPA MIDWIFERY SERVICE LOCATIONS - 2022**

#### Key Achievements

- **62,586 conflict-affected individuals** – Afar (1,817), Amhara (32,884), Benishangul Gumuz (3,130), Somali (1,038) and Tigray regions (23,717) – **reached with sexual and reproductive health services**, including maternal and newborn services, by deployed midwives and health extension workers (HEWs) through multiple partnerships.

- **8,837 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) screened for acute malnutrition** and provided with iron and folic acid supplements – Afar (348), Amhara (1,299), Benishangul Gumuz (459), Somali (354) and Tigray (6,377).

- **29,365 individuals** – Afar (898), Amhara (8,167), Benishangul Gumuz (523), Oromia (462), Somali (694) and Tigray (19,083) – **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 through multiple strategic partnerships.

- **Distributed 80 Interagency Reproductive Health (IARH) Kits and 151 medical devices** (hospital beds, delivery beds and screens, refrigerators, among others) in partnership with Medical Teams International (MTI) and Addis Ababa City Administration to support the provision of emergency reproductive health services across crisis-affected areas in Ethiopia.

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**Mobile Teams deployed across Afar, Amhara, Sidama and Tigray Regions (September 2022)**

**Health facilities supported by 91 deployed Midwives and Health Extension Workers (HEWs) in 4 regions (September 2022)**
**Key Achievements**

- **21,604 women and girls reached with gender-based violence multi-sectoral services** and referrals through 28 Women and Girls’ Friendly Spaces (WGFS), 21 One-Stop Centers and 6 Safe Houses.
- **18,041 women and girls** – Afar (25), Amhara (12,261), Somali (3,235) and Tigray (2,058) Regions – reached with Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) and outreach activities outside of WGFS.
- **151 frontline professionals trained** in psychosocial support (PSS), GBVIE and GBV ethical data collection in Amhara region.

- **Supported 3,332 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, Organization for Social Services, Health and Development and World Vision Ethiopia.
- **Distributed 4,265 Dignity Kits** to conflict-affected women and girls in Amhara (100), Somali (4,000) and Tigray (165) 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.

**Other Resources:**

“The situation of GBV in Ethiopia (September 2022) by the GBV Area of Responsibility. Available [here](#).
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COORDINATION & PARTNERSHIPS

- 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.
- By the end of September, nearly $18.4 million USD had been earmarked for 21 Implementing Partners (IPs) supporting operations across northern Ethiopia and other crisis-affected regions in Ethiopia. Followed-up on additional resource mobilization opportunities to scale up humanitarian interventions across Ethiopia.
- As the GBV AoR lead at national and regional level, support was given by UNFPA for the strengthening of GBV Coordination tools and mechanisms at regional level, development of Contingency Plans for northern Ethiopia, Cash & Vouchers guidelines and mapping of existing resources and services to respond to the increasing protection needs of women and girls.

LOGISTICS & OPERATIONS

UNFPA Humanitarian Response Supply Distributions in Ethiopia
(Cumulative figures from January to September 2022)

- 130,288 Dignity Kits and Menstrual Pads issued to crisis-affected regions in Ethiopia (From January to September 2022)
- 1,208 IARH Kits distributed across affected regions in Ethiopia (From January to September 2022)
- 3,251 Medical devices provided to health facilities across the country to support maternal and SRH services (From January to September 2022)
- 5 Ambulances handed over to regional authorities in Afar, Amhara and B. Gumuz regions (From January to September 2022)

- Mobilized 2 Trucks with IARH Kits to respond to support the provision of maternal and reproductive healthcare in Semera, Afar region.
- 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.
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.
- Supported the development of the UNFPA Humanitarian Response Plan- 2022 for Ethiopia.
- Showcased the support of Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), Denmark, Irish Aid, UNDP and CERF on UNFPA Menstrual Hygiene Management (MHM) interventions across Amhara, Afar and Tigray regions.
- Advocated for greater resources to respond to the needs of women and girls affected by drought in Ethiopia by pitching a story to RTVE available here (in Spanish).

FROM THE FIELD

“In this difficult situation, family planning will help me take care of my own health and safety and better care for my baby and family” says Nigiste, 21, mother of a three month old son at Kulch-Meda Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camp in Debark, Amhara.

[Read the full story]

DONOR HIGHLIGHTS

More than 78,000 displaced women and girls assisted with UNFPA Dignity Kits across northern Ethiopia with the support of Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF), Denmark, Irish Aid, UNDP and CERF.

[Read the full story]
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UNFPA National Humanitarian Response Plan (2022)

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

**Funding Required**
60%

**Funding Gap**
40%

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