



UNFPA ETHIOPIA HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

SITUATION REPORT - DECEMBER 2022

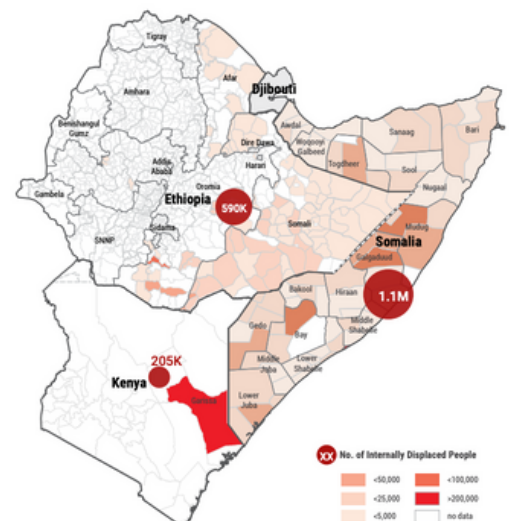
SITUATION OVERVIEW

Ethiopia continues to face huge humanitarian challenges, with conflict and displacement, a protracted severe drought, disease outbreaks and the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 as the main drivers of need. More than 26 million people depend on humanitarian assistance, including 20 million people affected by climate shocks in the eastern and southern regions. **According to the Global Humanitarian Overview for 2023 that was officially launched on 1 December 2022, more than 26 million people in Ethiopia are estimated to require humanitarian assistance in 2023.**

In northern Ethiopia, following the signing of the Peace Agreement on 2 November 2022, humanitarian partners continue to scale-up response and significant improvements have been witnessed in the operational environment and access to people in need. Humanitarian supplies continue to enter **Tigray** via four corridors through Afar and Amhara regions as well as via the UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS). Commercial flights have resumed to Mekelle and Shire by the Ethiopian Airlines. Electricity, telecommunication and banking services are gradually being restored in several locations in the Tigray Region. **In Afar and Amhara regions**, despite the scale up of humanitarian assistance, hundreds of thousands of returnees are reported to be living in substandard shelters and with limited assistance. **In Oromia Region**, the humanitarian access situation remains very challenging. The humanitarian operations in Guji and West Guji zones are being impacted with ongoing conflict inducing displacements in the region. **In Benishangul Gumuz Region**, more than 182,000 returnees and 110,000 IDPs are in need of humanitarian assistance.

In eastern and southern Ethiopia, communities continue to suffer the impacts of climate-related shocks, particularly the severe drought affecting the livelihoods of nearly **17 million pastoralists and agro-pastoralists**. The reduced availability of food, water and pasture have triggered internal displacement and deepened food insecurity, exacerbating protection risks. The drought is also causing a health crisis due to increased malnutrition rates and disease outbreaks while access to health services has decreased. To that effect, the cholera outbreak in parts of Oromia and Somali regions is still not contained with communities increasingly becoming exposed to illness. **The drought will continue to drive high humanitarian needs in 2023, with a high likelihood of a sixth failed rainy season in March-May 2023.** Humanitarian assistance has continued although it is not commensurate with the magnitude of needs across the region.

Drought-induced Internal Displacement



Map of new drought-induced displacements in Ethiopia.
Source: OCHA

PROGRAMME UPDATES

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



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Mobile Teams deployed across Afar, Amhara, Benishangul-Gumuz, Sidama, Somali and Tigray Regions (December 2022)



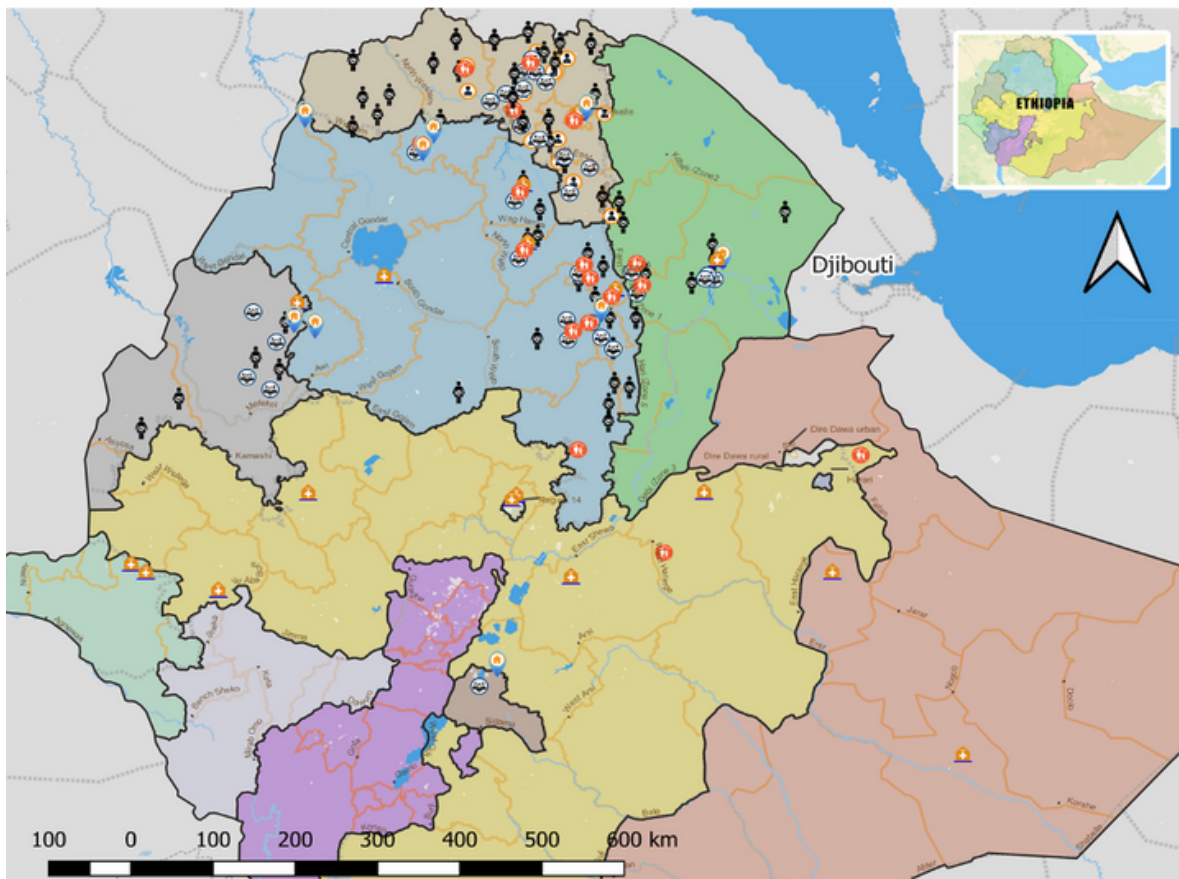
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Midwives and Health Extension Workers (HEWs) deployed in 4 regions (December 2022)

Key Achievements

- **10,001 conflict-affected individuals** – in Afar, Amhara, Benishangul Gumuz, Somali and Tigray regions – **reached with sexual and reproductive health services**, including maternal and newborn services, by deployed midwives and health extension workers (HEWs) through multiple partnerships.
- **2,568 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) screened for acute malnutrition and provided with iron and folic acid supplements** – Amhara (745), Benishangul Gumuz (464), Somali (333) and Tigray (1,026).
- **9,160 individuals** – Amhara (680), Benishangul Gumuz (1,825), Somali (1,630) and Tigray (5,025) – **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.

SNAPSHOT OF UNFPA INTERVENTION SITES - 2022



MAP LEGEND KEYS	
	Addis Ababa
	Afar
	Amhara
	Benishangul Gumuz
	Dire Dawa
	Gambela
	Harari
	Oromia
	Sidama
	SNNP
	Somali
	South West Ethiopia
	Tigray
	REGION - ADMIN BOUNDARY 1
	ZONE - ADMIN BOUNDARY 2
LOCATION CATEGORY	
	Location of Health Facilities where Midwives Deployed
	Location of Health Facilities where HEW's Deployed
	One Stop Centers Supported
	Women & Girls Friendly Spaces Established
	Safe Houses Supported
	Locations where Mobile Health and Nutrition Teams Deployed

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GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)



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Women and Girls' Friendly Spaces (WGFS) established and supported by UNFPA (December 2022)

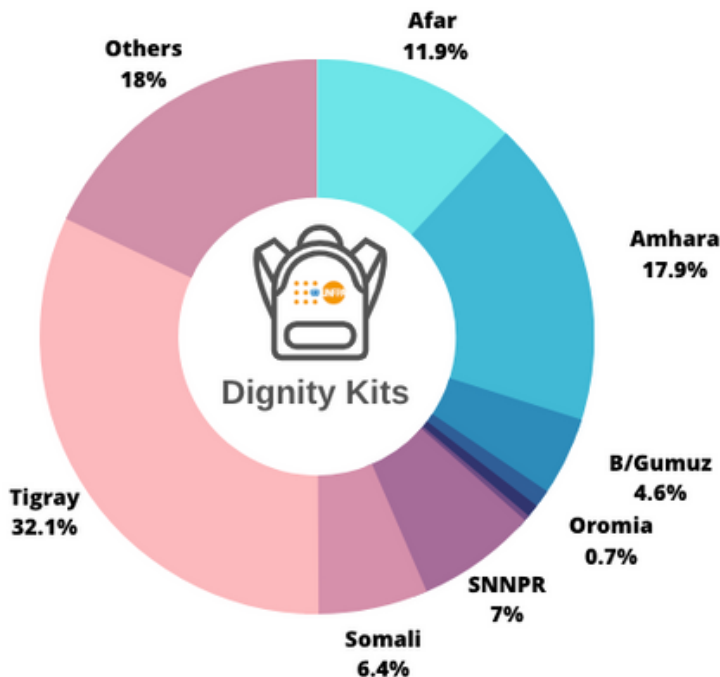


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One-Stop Centers (OSCs) strengthened with UNFPA's support in Ethiopia (December 2022)

Key Achievements

- **1,382 women and girls** reached with gender-based violence multi-sectoral services and referrals through 28 Women and Girls' Friendly Spaces (WGFS), 10 One-Stop Centers and 10 Safe Houses.
- **1,406 women and girls** – Afar, Amhara, Oromia and Tigray Regions – **reached with Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)** and outreach activities outside of WGFS.
- **Provided multipurpose cash support to GBV survivors** in partnership with World Vision Ethiopia and Food for the Hungry International in Amhara and Tigray regions.



Distribution of Dignity Kits in Ethiopia

148,871

*Cumulative figure for 2022 nationwide

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FGM is a big problem in the community I serve. We see many complications including excessive bleeding and uterine and vaginal prolapse. Many women hide this for years, even when they can't sit or walk properly. They are shy, and are often accompanied by an older man when they come to see us

says Sr. Eunice Moraa, Franciscan Sisters of St. Anna in Ethiopia.

[\[Watch more\]](#)

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COORDINATION & PARTNERSHIPS

- By the end of the year, **nearly USD 18.5 million had been earmarked for 25 Implementing Partners (IPs)** supporting operations across northern Ethiopia and other crisis-affected regions in Ethiopia.
- **Mobilized a total of USD 48.1 million within the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus programming** from World Bank, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Irish Aid, Italy, Norway, Spanish Cooperation and Japan in the course of the year. Resource mobilization efforts from Canada and other donors are in the pipeline. The resources will be largely used to scale up humanitarian interventions.
- As the GBV AoR lead at the national and regional level, finalized the formation of the **GBV AoR Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) for 2023** as well as initiated the GBV Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) with the support of the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs (MoWSA).
- Organized the **Bi-annual regional GBV AOR review retreats in Afar and Amhara regions** with the attendance of Government bureaus, International NGOs, and UN agencies, to review the performance of the 2022 Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), plan for the post-peace agreement response and validate 2023 HRP Targets.

LOGISTICS & OPERATIONS

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



13

High Spec Ambulances handed over to crisis-affected regions in Ethiopia



1,176

IARH Kits distributed across affected regions in Ethiopia



3,672

Medical devices provided to health facilities across the country to support maternal and SRH services



45,785

Pieces of Personal Protective Equipment for COVID-19 prevention

- **Dispatched 53 Inter-Agency Reproductive Health (IARH) Kits, including 511 medical devices and 1,881 Personal Protective Items (PPEs)** to be distributed to conflict-affected women and girls in Benishangul Gumuz, SNNPR and Somali regions.
- Followed up on the **upcoming recruitment of national and international staff to scale up UNFPA's humanitarian response** as well as the procurement of assorted medical equipment and supplies from several donors to expand SRH-GBV-MHPSS service provision for conflict-affected populations in Afar, Amhara, Benishangul Gumuz, and Tigray regions.

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COMMUNICATIONS & ADVOCACY

- Organized a **high-level panel discussion on the challenges preventing GBV survivors from accessing comprehensive services**, as part of the 16 Days of Activism against gender-based violence in Ethiopia.
- **Handed over 10 ambulances** - purchased with funding from Canada, Ireland and Japan - to conflict-affected regions in an official event held at the UNECA Compound in the presence of H.E. Dr. Lia Tadesse, Minister of Health of Ethiopia, the Ambassadors of Canada, Ireland and Japan and senior officials of Afar, Amhara and Benishangul Gumuz regions.
- Advocated for additional financial support to scale up **GBV prevention and response services** across the country with the development and dissemination of a GBV Brief - 2022, including several visits to UNFPA's programme sites with Ambassadors to Ethiopia and the African Union.
- Co-organized with the Ministry of Planning and Development of Ethiopia the **high-level event to mark the 'Day of 8 Billion'**.



DONOR MINUTES

“We know that more sexual violence survivors are waiting at the other end of the trips these ambulances are about to take. Access for the survivors to services and access for the ambulances within their regions go hand in hand. Access is absolutely critical.”

*says H.E. Mr. Mr. Stéphane Jobin,
Ambassador of Canada in Ethiopia*

[\[Read more\]](#)

FROM THE FIELD

“Everytime I come to the Safe Space and see my basket there, hanging on the wall, I feel proud of myself. It brings some comfort to my life”, says Ugosa Hassan, a 60-year-old mother displaced by the inter-communal conflict along the border areas between the Somali and Oromia regions in Ethiopia.



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RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

2022

UNFPA National Humanitarian Response Plan (2022)

Funding Required: 30,000,000 USD

Funding Received: 22,700,000 USD

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