



UNFPA ETHIOPIA HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

SITUATION REPORT - MAY 2023

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Climatic shocks, conflict, insecurity and disease outbreaks coupled with chronic economic challenges continue to exacerbate humanitarian needs in Ethiopia. Persistent food insecurity in Northern Ethiopia, as well as consecutive hazards in drought and flood affected areas, are having detrimental consequences leading to health risks and increased protection concerns - **with over 20 million people estimated to be in need of humanitarian assistance across the country**. Emerging situations such as a cholera, dengue, malaria and measles outbreaks, the suspension of food aid countrywide and the ongoing influx of thousands of displaced people escaping from violence in neighboring Sudan and Somalia continue to overburden an already strained health and protection system due to multiple crises and lack of sufficient funds and resources.

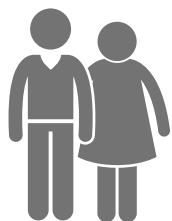
Recent heavy rains in some drought-affected pocket areas **have caused widespread destruction and displacement in Somali, Oromia, Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples', and Afar regions**. Floods are hitting the most drought affected areas of Somali Region (Liban, Dawa, Afdar and Shabelle zones) with loss of lives, livelihoods and substantial damages to roads and bridges impacting the possibility to access the services for IDPs and isolating some IDPs sites. According to OCHA, **more than 460,000 people have been impacted by floods in Somali Region and close to 1,540 HHs (7,000 people) across eight woredas in Oromia Region** [1]. Health risks related to complications from malnutrition and disease outbreaks have multiplied at a time when access to health services has decreased. The **cholera outbreak** continues to expand affecting 85 Woredas across Oromia (41), Somali (6), SNNP (29) and Sidama (9) regions [2].

In northern Ethiopia, although access to hard-to-reach areas has improved substantially after the signing of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (COHA) in November 2022, the response remains below the scale of needs. Since April 2022, food aid has been suspended although other lifesaving supplies and services continue to be provided by partners across the region. In **Amhara**, a shortage of nutritional food supplies for management of moderate malnourishment is exposing 18,159 under-five children and 4,602 pregnant and lactating women in six zones of the region to further risks of severe malnourishment [3]. In **Afar**, malaria and dengue outbreaks amidst ongoing floods are creating additional humanitarian needs in the region. Flood-affected communities have received limited assistance while over 23,000 remain displaced due to the Northern Ethiopia conflict and in need of multi-sectoral support to return to their places of origin.

Meanwhile, **the situation of Sudan** continues to drive an influx of Sudanese, Ethiopian and third country nationals into Ethiopia. **More than 48,000 people have arrived through multiple border crossing points in Amhara, Benishangul Gumuz, and Gambella regions**, with the majority (over 36,200) having crossed through the Metema Point in Amhara Region. Food, water, shelter, health care, NFIs as well as psychosocial support and protection remain critical needs upon arrival while financial resources fell still short to meet the high needs of the refugees/asylum seekers.

PROGRAMME UPDATES

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



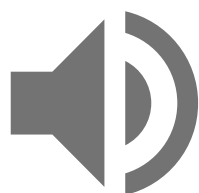
13,324

Individuals reached with HIV/STIs care in crisis-affected regions
(May 2023)



83,332

Individuals reached with sexual and reproductive health services in affected regions
(May 2023)



33,501

Individuals reached with GBV/SRH awareness raising activities across affected regions
(May 2023)



16,567

Pregnant and Lactating women screened for malnutrition and provided with nutritional supplements
(May 2023)

• Key Achievements

- **83,332 conflict-affected individuals** – in Afar, Amhara, B/Gumuz, SNNP, Somali and Tigray regions – reached with sexual and reproductive health services, including maternal and newborn services, by **212 deployed midwives, 95 health extension workers (HEWs) and 13 Maternal Health and Nutrition Teams (MHNTs)** through multiple strategic partnerships.
- **16,567 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) screened** for acute malnutrition and provided with iron and folic acid supplements in Afar, Amhara, Somali and Tigray regions.
- **33,501 affected 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 IDP sites and health facilities in Afar, Amhara, SNNP, Somali and Tigray regions.

INTERNATIONAL DAY TO END OBSTETRIC FISTULA

Fistula affects about **9,000** women annually in Ethiopia, but only around **1,200** are treated.

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GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)



33,774

Women and Girls reached with GBV multi-sectoral services across affected regions

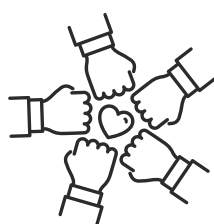
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354

GBV professionals trained on GBV Minimum Standards, PSS and PSEA in crisis-affected regions

(May 2023)



10,941

Women and girls reached with Mental Health and Psychosocial services in affected regions

(May 2023)

• Key Achievements

- **33,774 women and girls reached with gender-based violence multi-sectoral services** and referrals through **40 UNFPA-supported Women and Girls' Friendly Spaces (WGFS), 30 One-Stop Centers and 10 Safe Houses**.
- **10,941 women and girls** –Amhara, SNNP, Somali and Tigray Regions – **reached with Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)** and outreach activities outside of WGFS by 95 social workers and outreach teams.
- **1,218 dignity kits and sanitary pads distributed** to support the menstrual and personal hygiene need of vulnerable women and girls in partnership with Maedot and Food for the Hungry in Tigray Region.
- Provided **multipurpose cash support to GBV survivors** in partnership with World Vision Ethiopia and Food for the Hungry International in Amhara and Tigray regions.

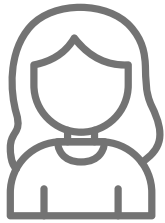
COORDINATION & PARTNERSHIPS

UNFPA has:

- Continued to participate in various humanitarian coordination platforms, including the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) and Health and Protection Clusters. It also continues to lead the GBV sub-cluster and SRH Working Groups at the national and sub-national levels.
- **Mobilized a total of USD 27.7 million within the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus** programming from World Bank, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Irish Aid, Italy, Norway, Japan and USAID for the first quarter of 2023. Resource mobilization efforts from Canada, Spain and other donors are in the pipeline. The resources will be largely used to scale up humanitarian interventions.
- **As the lead agency of the GBV AOR**, continued working jointly with the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs (MOWSA) in the development of the first National GBV specific SOPs for Ethiopia, complemented by other ongoing joint actions with MOWSA including GBVIMS, and GBV Case Management Capacity Building Initiative roll outs.

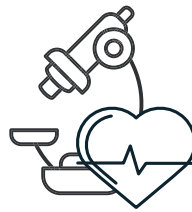
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LOGISTICS & OPERATIONS



102,470

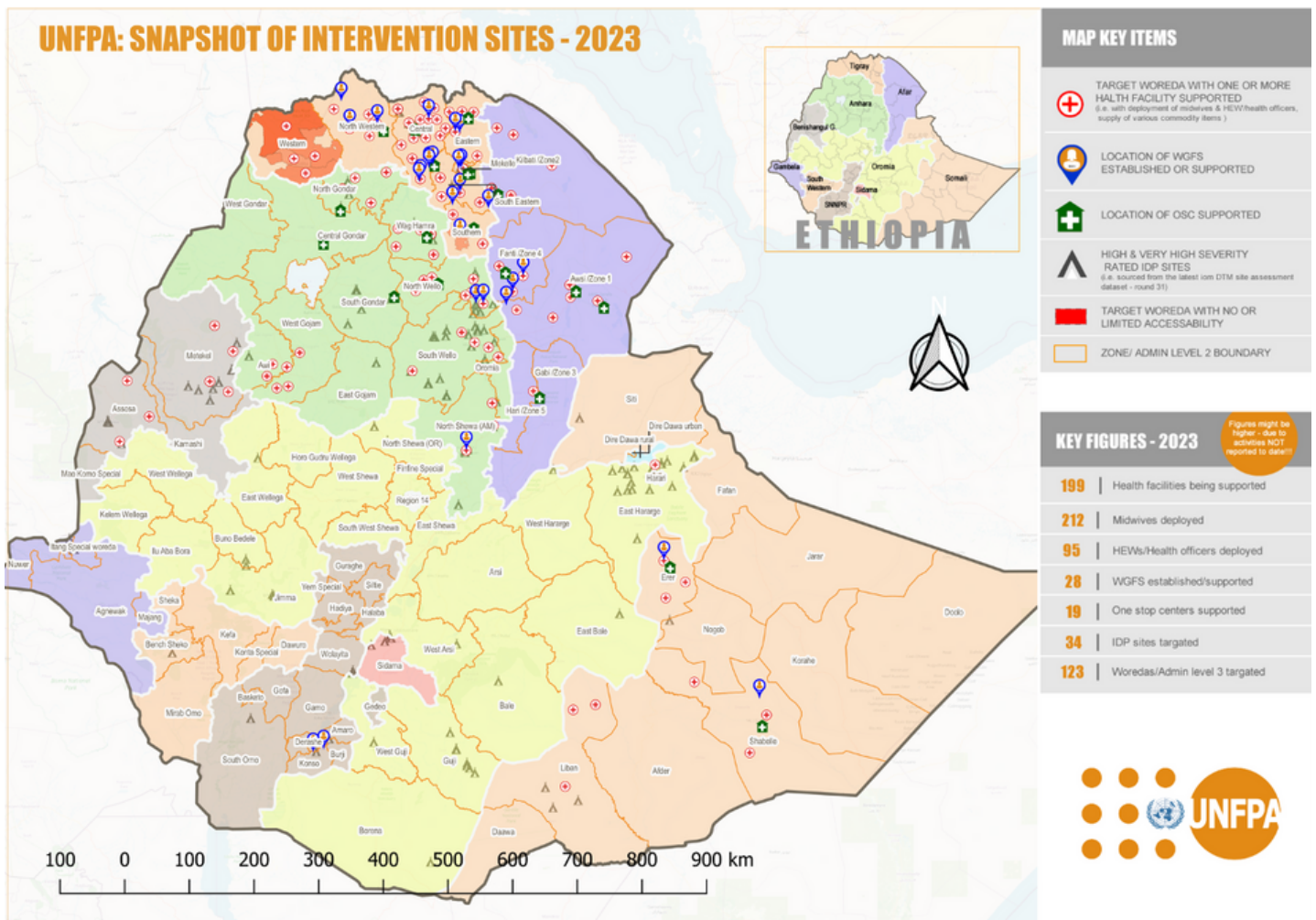
Individuals expected to be served with 570 Inter-Agency Reproductive Health Kits dispatched to 5 crisis-affected region (May 2023)



1,455

Medical Equipment distributed to health facilities in B/Gumuz, Amhara, Somali and Tigray regions (May 2023)

- Dispatched 570 Inter-Agency Reproductive Health Kits aiming to serve 102,470 individuals with sexual and reproductive services, including 62 health facilities to provide safe delivery services in Afar, Amhara, B/Gumuz, Somali and Tigray regions. In addition, 1,455 medical pieces of equipment and PPEs - amounting to 157.6 metric tons of supplies - were also distributed to affected regions.
- Followed up on new national and international recruitments as well as on the procurement of additional IARH Kits and assorted medical equipment and supplies to scale up UNFPA's humanitarian response in crisis-affected populations across the country.



*Source: UNFPA Ethiopia

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COMMUNICATIONS & ADVOCACY

- Highlighted the partnership amidst the Ministry of Women, World Bank, UNOPS and UNFPA to scale up GBV response services after two years of conflict in Tigray Region.
- Showcased the efforts to engage young community leaders to rebuild trust and social cohesion in northern Ethiopia as part of the Youth, Peace and Security Agenda.
- Organized the high-level visit of Mr. Harjit Sajjan, Canadian Minister of International Cooperation, and Ms. Arielle Kayabaga, Member of the Canadian Parliament to the UNFPA-supported One Stop Center at the Gandhi Memorial Hospital on May 21, 2023.
- Trained 10 newly recruited UNFPA staff on storytelling and photography in Mekelle, Tigray on May 29, 2023.

UNFPA ETHIOPIA HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN 2023



UNFPA ETHIOPIA HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN 2023

This nationwide Response Plan is intended to contribute to tackling the enormous Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) and Gender-Based Violence (GBV) needs as a consequence of multiple shocks, including the influx of refugees and returnees to Ethiopia as a result of the recent conflict in Sudan. The plan provides a brief analysis of core humanitarian issues at the national and regional levels, defining the SRH and GBV needs in humanitarian settings, and finally proposes UNFPA strategies to tackle the needs with corresponding funding needs.

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PARTNERSHIPS

“In a country of multiple overlapping crises, the support of the World Bank and UNOPS is crucial to protect and promote women and girls’ rights, including those who have been traumatised by two years of war.”

says Mr. Koffi Kouame, UNFPA Ethiopia Representative

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RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

2023

UNFPA National Humanitarian Response Plan (2023)

Funding Required: 45,000,000 USD

Funding Received: 27,711,053 USD

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