



UNFPA ETHIOPIA HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

SITUATION REPORT - JUNE 2023

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Ethiopia continues to face huge humanitarian challenges, with conflict and displacement, and extended drought, floods, and disease outbreaks as the main drivers of need. 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**. The suspension of food aid countrywide, the expansion of disease outbreaks across regions - like cholera, malaria and dengue fever - and the ongoing influx of thousands of displaced people escaping from violence in neighboring Sudan and Somalia continue to strain the health and protection systems due to overlapping crises and insufficient funds and resources.

Thousands of people have been displaced by **floods** brought on by the recent Belg/Gu rains in **Somali, Oromia, Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples', Gambella and Afar regions**. According to OCHA, more than 37,000 households have been affected by floods in Somali Region and nearly 196,800 individuals across conflict-affected areas in Gambella Region. Health risks related to complications from food and nutrition insecurity, poor WASH practices, and the spread of multiple disease outbreaks continue to threaten vulnerable populations while access to services and assistance does not commensurate to the scale of needs. The ongoing **cholera outbreak** has spread across 74 woredas in Oromia, Sidama, Somali, and SNNP at a cumulative total of 11,960 cases while 272,400 people are affected in Oromia alone by the spread of malaria.

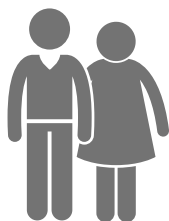
In northern Ethiopia, humanitarian partners continue to support IDP returns in some targeted areas of Tigray and Amhara although numbers are still low and the need to scale up humanitarian assistance is high. In Amhara and Afar regions, malnutrition continues at an alarming rate with an increasing number of children and mothers requiring supplementary and therapeutic feeding interventions.

Regarding **aid misuse/diversion**, humanitarian partners and government counterparts have made significant strides to put in place strengthened measures across the entire programme cycle to ensure aid reaches those more in need while it suits their needs. As part of these efforts, UNFPA has developed a Risk Mitigation Plan countrywide and strengthened accountability to affected people.

Meanwhile, **over 60,600 people have crossed into Ethiopia since the onset of the situation in Sudan, mainly through Metema point in Amhara region and Kurmuk town in Benishangul Gumuz**. Protection risks are reported to be high as women and girls do overnight stays in open spaces or makeshift shelters. Although humanitarian partners are providing life-saving support - including shelter, NFIs, water, and protection services -, a scale up of assistance is needed to support the expected new arrivals in the following months of 2023.

PROGRAMME UPDATES

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



10,824

Individuals reached with HIV/STIs care in crisis-affected regions

(June 2023)



11,580

Pregnant and Lactating women screened for malnutrition and provided with nutritional supplements

(June 2023)



450

SRH Kits distributed to Afar, Amhara and Tigray regions aiming to serve 72,560 individuals with SRH services and 29 health facilities

(June 2023)

• Key Achievements

- **63,580 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, 96 health extension workers (HEWs) and 13 Maternal Health and Nutrition Teams (MHNTs) through multiple strategic partnerships.
- **25 health professionals trained on Basic Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (BEmONC)** in partnership with Medical Teams International in Tigray region.
- **11,580 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) screened** for acute malnutrition and provided with iron and folic acid supplements in Afar, Amhara, Somali and Tigray regions.
- **35,336 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, B/Gumuz, SNNP, Somali and Tigray regions.

FROM THE FIELD

"We are thankful that now we can travel freely to reach health services. Staying here gives me confidence with my pregnancy and childbirth. I can't wait to meet my baby", says Tigist at the UNFPA-supported Maternity Waiting Home in Hawzen Health Center, Tigray Region.



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PROGRAMME UPDATES

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)



2,639

Individuals reached with comprehensive GBV services at UNFPA-supported One-Stop Centers

(June 2023)



497

Persons with Disabilities reached with services at Women & Girls' Friendly Spaces

(June 2023)



1,136

Women and girls accessed midwifery services at Women & Girls' Friendly Spaces

(June 2023)

• Key Achievements

- **79,808 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.
- **23,959 women and girls** –Amhara, SNNP, Somali and Tigray Regions – **reached with Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)** and outreach activities outside of WGFS by 96 social workers and outreach teams.
- **1,130 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 29 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 ongoing. 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 and revision of the first national draft on the GBV SOPs for Ethiopia with preparation ongoing for group consultations, including legal/security, health, psychosocial, referral pathways and case management, CSO's representatives and coordination.
- As part of the GBV AoR, 48 GBV partner proposals were revised and recommended for funding under the Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund (EHF) First Reserve Allocation to scale up GBV cash-based interventions, case management and GBV capacity building in 20 woredas of Amhara, Oromia, Somali, and SNNP regions.

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LOGISTICS & OPERATIONS



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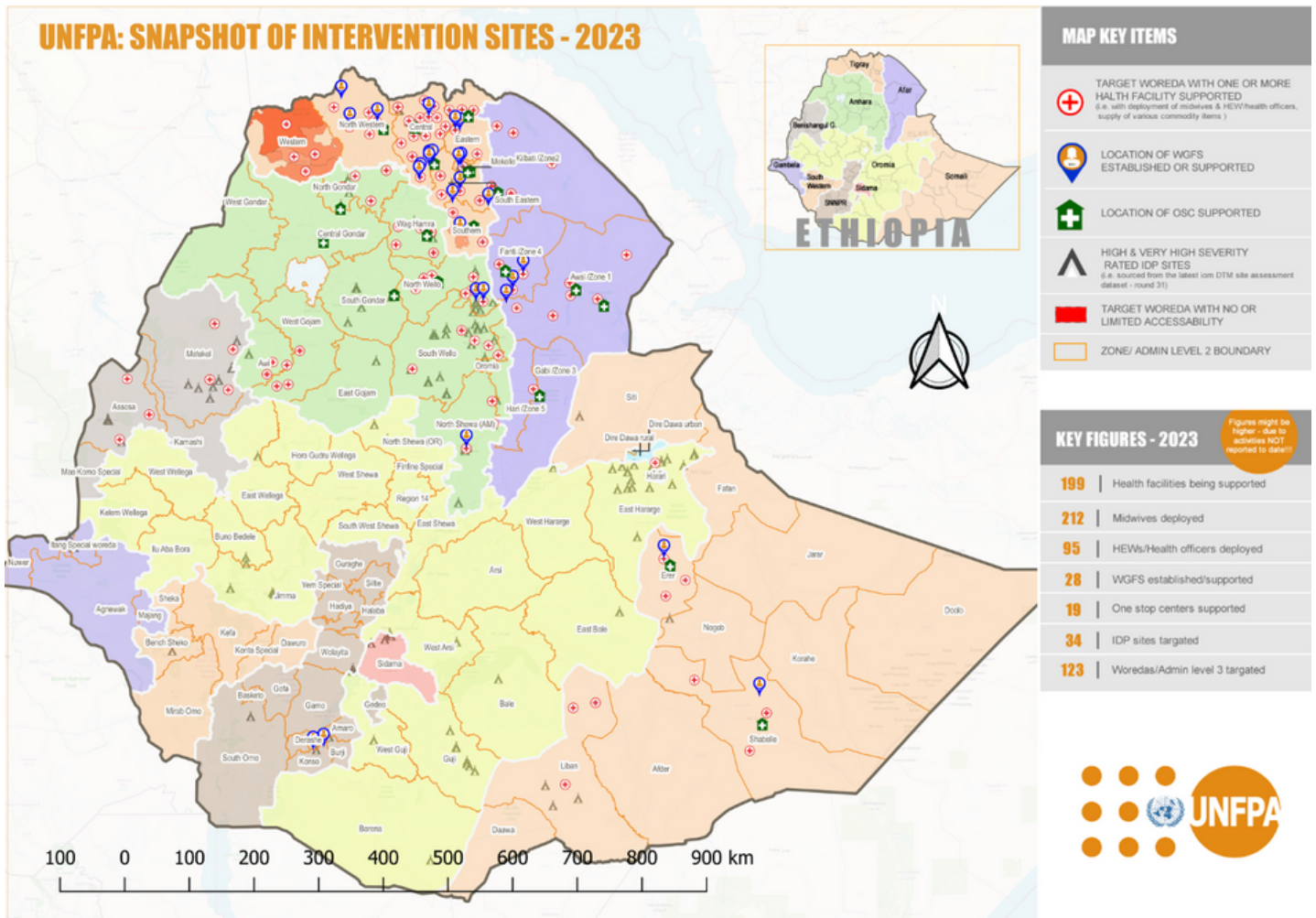
Metric Tons of Inter-Agency Reproductive Health Kits dispatched to 4 crisis-affected regions (June 2023)



10,326

Infection Prevention and Control Items distributed to health facilities in Afar, Amhara, and Tigray regions (June 2023)

- **Dispatched 22.2 metric tons of Inter-Agency Reproductive Health Kits aiming to serve over 70,000 individuals** with sexual and reproductive services, including 29 health facilities in Afar, Amhara, B/Gumuz, Somali and Tigray regions.
- **Conducted a field mission to IPs in Tigray for Last Mile Assurance and on spot assessments of supplies/commodities storage, management and distribution procedures**, in accordance with UNFPA Risk Mitigation Plan for Aid Diversion/Misuse.
- 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

PROGRAMME UPDATES

COMMUNICATIONS & ADVOCACY

- Showcased the efforts to **strengthen Maternity Waiting Homes as a strategy to reduce maternal and newborn deaths** in Tigray Region. Efforts were pitched by [UNFPA ESARO](#), [Addis Standard](#) and [All Africa](#) media outlets.
- Highlighted the **impact of skilled birth attendants trained in newborn care to save lives** in drought-affected areas of Somali Region. The story was pitched by [UNFPA Global](#), [UNFPA ESARO](#) and [All Africa](#) media outlets.
- Supported the **high-level field mission of Canada, Denmark, Norway and Sweden to UNFPA-supported sites** in Tigray from 6 to 9 of June, 2023. Other field missions were organized to SNNP, Afar and Amhara regions.

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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FROM THE FIELD

"We understand the Afar context is challenging and people are resistant. The training has allowed us to see family planning as a family issue, not just a women's issue. Fathers should be involved and encouraged"

says Amanuel Mellese, a nurse trained by UNFPA at Dubti Hospital in Afar Region

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RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

2023

UNFPA National Humanitarian Response Plan (2023)*

(*revised as of July 2023)

Funding Required: 48,200,085 USD

Funding Received: 29,003,643 USD

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