



UNFPA ETHIOPIA HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

SITUATION REPORT - AUGUST 2023

SITUATION OVERVIEW

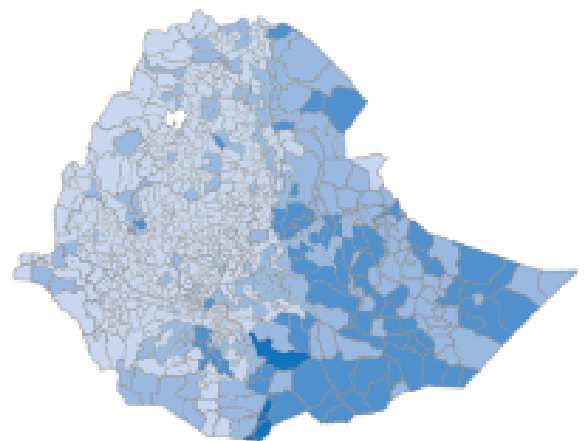
Conflict, displacement, climate-related shocks, and persistent disease outbreaks continue to be the major drivers of need in Ethiopia. According to the [Humanitarian Response Plan 2023](#), **over 20 million people are estimated to be in need of humanitarian assistance, including 4.5 internally displaced persons (IDPs)**. Malnutrition remains a public health problem in various regions plagued by food insecurity, inadequate WASH services, and disease outbreaks. Cholera cases continue to rise and spread with outbreaks reported in all the regions, except for Gamella, South West and Tigray. Climate-related events caused by heavy rainfall and floods have resulted in new displacements in Oromia while water shortage due to drought continues to impact Somali Region.

In **northern Ethiopia**, and despite the spontaneous and assisted IDP returns in some targeted areas of Tigray and Amhara, over 1.5 million people remain displaced and in need of food, shelter, as well as health, education, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services amid limited humanitarian response capacity [1]. In **Amhara**, the security situation has stabilized after weeks of hostilities allowing the resumption of humanitarian assistance to nearly 580,000 IDPs living in dire conditions across several sites [2]. In **Afar**, desert locusts continue to pose a risk to great livelihood loss amid a pause in food assistance and increasing malnutrition levels.

Climate-related shocks, particularly associated with the *Kiremt* season, have brought torrential rain and flooding impacting several parts of **Oromia Region**. The Joint Government and Humanitarian Partners Flood Contingency Plan for the 2023 Kiremt season predicted that more than 270,200 people in Oromia would be affected [3]. Similarly, over one million people faces water shortage due to **drought** in over 323 locations across Afder, Dawa, Korahe, Liban and Shabelle zones in **Somali Region**.

Meanwhile, since the onset of the **crisis in Sudan**, the influx of people to Ethiopia mainly through Metema and Kurmuk in the Amhara and Benishangul regions, respectively, has exceeded **80,000 people**. In Amhara, a region already grappling with widespread cholera outbreak, at least 225 cases and seven cholera related deaths were confirmed at the Kumer site, which hosts close to 10,000 refugees and asylum seekers who fled the crisis in Sudan. Protection risks are reported to be high for women and girls due to the lack of food, water and proper sheltering options.

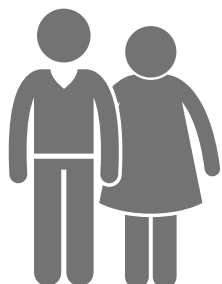
Map on the severity of needs. OCHA Ethiopia.



Severity: ● Low ● Medium ● High ● Very High

PROGRAMME UPDATES

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



139,938

Individuals reached with sexual and reproductive health services and information affected regions of Ethiopia

(August 2023)

*Monthly data from Amhara and Benishangul Gumuz regions is not available due to the telecommunication shutdown and ongoing hostilities.

• Key Achievements

- **17,279 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.
- **875 deliveries assisted** by a UNFPA-supported skilled birth attendant or midwife in health facilities across affected regions.
- **3,351 pregnant and lactating mothers screened** and provided with food and nutrition supplements across affected regions.
- **122,659 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.

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

Over 900 youth monthly visit Secha Youth Center in Arba Minch, SNNP Region. Library, art, music, and dance clubs attract them to engage in community outreach on HIV & GBV. The center has a youth-friendly SRH service provision corner supported by UNFPA with funding from Norway.



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PROGRAMME UPDATES

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)



68,804

Women and girls reached with comprehensive GBV services and information in affected regions

(August 2023)

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Key Achievements

- **66,216 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.
- **2,544 women and girls** –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.
- **2,192 dignity kits, and sanitary pads distributed** to support the menstrual and personal hygiene need of vulnerable women and girls in partnership with Maedot, Women Association of Tigray (WAT), and World Vision 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.



Sindayu (18), an aspiring singer, is a regular at the UNFPA-supported Women & Girls Friendly Space (WGFS) at Sebacare IDP camp in Mekelle.

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COORDINATION & PARTNERSHIPS

UNFPA has:

- 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 30 million within the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus** programming from World Bank, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, BPRM, 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**, and in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs (MoWSA), has drafted the Ethiopia National GBV Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) (3rd Revision). The revision is guided by consultations with the Case Management, Health, Mental Health and Psychosocial support, Security, and Legal Access to Justice sector.

PROGRAMME UPDATES

LOGISTICS & OPERATIONS

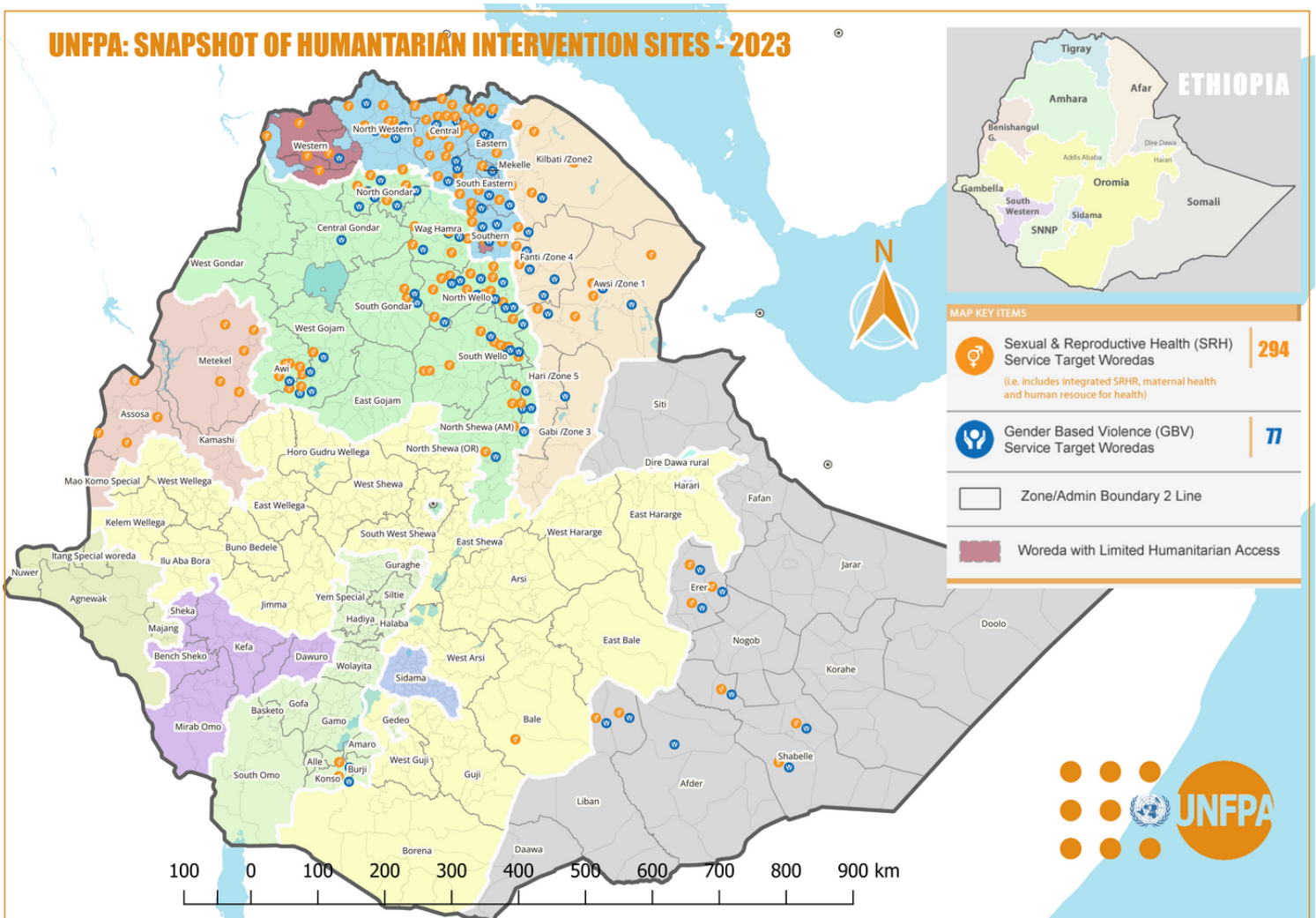


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Metric tons of dignity kits, PPEs, and medical supplies dispatched to Afar, Amhara, SNNP, Somali and Tigray regions

(August 2023)

- **Procured and cleared 7 high-spec ambulances** to support the referral health system of conflict-affected areas of Afar, Amhara and Oromia 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

PROGRAMME UPDATES

COMMUNICATIONS & ADVOCACY

- Showcased the efforts to provide comprehensive GBV services at Women and Girls' Friendly Spaces in Tigray Region.
- Highlighted the efforts of Japan-funded projects to strengthen maternal and reproductive health and youth-friendly SRH/GBV service provision in affected areas of B/Gumuz and Amhara Region.
- Follow up on the commemoration of the World Population Day in Ethiopia and other events to raise visibility of UNFPA's Country Programme portfolio.

UNFPA ETHIOPIA HUMANITARIAN SNAPSHOT 2023

1ST SEMESTER OF 2023



The UNFPA Humanitarian Response Snapshot summarizes concrete results and achievements to address the health and protection needs of women and girls across 9 crisis-affected regions of Ethiopia during the first semester of 2023.

[\[Read more\]](#)

FROM THE FIELD

"I was very scared when I first entered the safe house. I was lonely and would not leave my room for one month. However, the people here are very welcoming and kind, so it did not take me long to adapt. Now, I became the person who welcomes the newcomers,"

says Alemtsehay Abelneh, 18, recalling her first days in the safe house.

[\[Read more\]](#)



RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

2023

UNFPA National Humanitarian Response Plan (2023)*
*(*revised as of July 2023)*

Funding Required: 48,200,085 USD

Funding Received: 30,003,643 USD

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