



# UNFPA ETHIOPIA HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

## SITUATION REPORT - NOVEMBER 2023

### SITUATION OVERVIEW

As of November 2023, Ethiopia continues to face critical humanitarian needs primarily stemming from the intertwined impacts of intercommunal violence, disease outbreaks, conflicts, and the effects of climate change. According to OCHA, **over 20 million people, including 4.5 internally displaced persons, are in need of humanitarian assistance.** Between October to November, the impact of heavy rainfall and river overflows, resulting in **flooding and mudslides, has affected approximately 1.5 million individuals** [1], primarily in the regions of Somali, Oromia, Afar, South Ethiopia, and Gambela regions. Over 632,700 people have been displaced as a consequence [2].

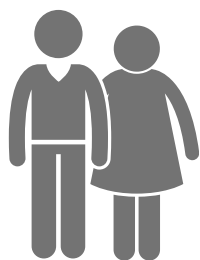
In recent weeks, extreme weather events such as drought and floods have continued to cause extensive damage, including induced displacement, devastation of crops and livelihoods, leading to increased health and protection risks. **Floods have impacted 23 zones, affecting 85 districts in seven regions, with reports of this being the worst flooding in years. Somali, South East, Gambela, Oromia, Afar, and Sidama are the most affected regions,** with Somali alone accounting for 80 percent of those impacted [3]. Humanitarian assistance remains critical but still insufficient to address the needs of communities still grappling with the effects of five consecutive seasons of severe drought. Similarly, **an estimated 5 million people are reportedly affected by drought-like conditions in Amhara and Tigray regions.** According to reports, crop failure has left an estimated 2.8 million people food insecure in Amhara amid an upsurge of disease outbreaks, particularly malaria and measles, and restricted mobility due to ongoing hostilities in the region. In **Afar**, high malnutrition rates are reported with over 130K pregnant and lactating women in dire need of assistance [4]. In **Tigray**, weather conditions have left farmers across 23 woredas/districts food insecure in a region where agricultural production had been disrupted for two years as a result of the conflict [5].

**Oromia** is currently grappling with a surge in displacements and, simultaneously, returns by people previously displaced. Ongoing hostilities in West Gojam, Amhara, have led to the displacement of about 4,000 people to Horo Guduru Wellega Zone. Similarly, MIRA assessments indicate that over 61,000 are displaced due to the recent hostilities in North Shewa zone, with extensive damage on public facilities also reported, including 53 health posts and 12 ambulances rendered inoperable [6]. The volatile circumstances impede the extension of humanitarian operations to hard-to-reach areas by constraining the movement and access of relief workers and convoys, particularly in rural areas.

Since the onset of the **Sudan crisis** in April, over 91,500 arrivals, including refugees, asylum seekers, Ethiopian returnees, and third-country nationals have entered Ethiopia, mainly through main border points of entry (PoE) at the Metema and Kurmuk towns in the regions of Amhara and Benishangul Gumuz, respectively [7]. In Metema PoE, partners continue to support medical screenings, including the provision of Psychosocial First Aid (PFA), and sexual and reproductive health services for expectant mothers. As **food distributions has resumed across Ethiopia since November 14**, it is expected an improvement in the overall situation of food security, especially in children under five, pregnant and lactating women, and individuals with pre-existing health conditions.

## PROGRAMME UPDATES

### SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



24,295

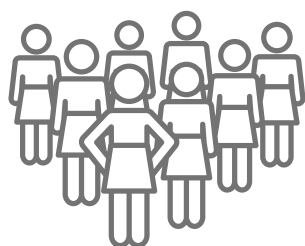
Individuals reached with sexual and reproductive health services and information affected regions of Ethiopia

(November 2023)

#### • Key Achievements

- **24,295 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 deployed midwives and health extension workers (HEWs) through multiple strategic partnerships.
- **867 deliveries assisted by a UNFPA-supported skilled birth attendants** or midwives in health facilities across affected regions.
- **2,821 pregnant and lactating mothers screened** and provided with food and nutrition supplements across affected regions.
- **10,299 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.

### GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)



47,548

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

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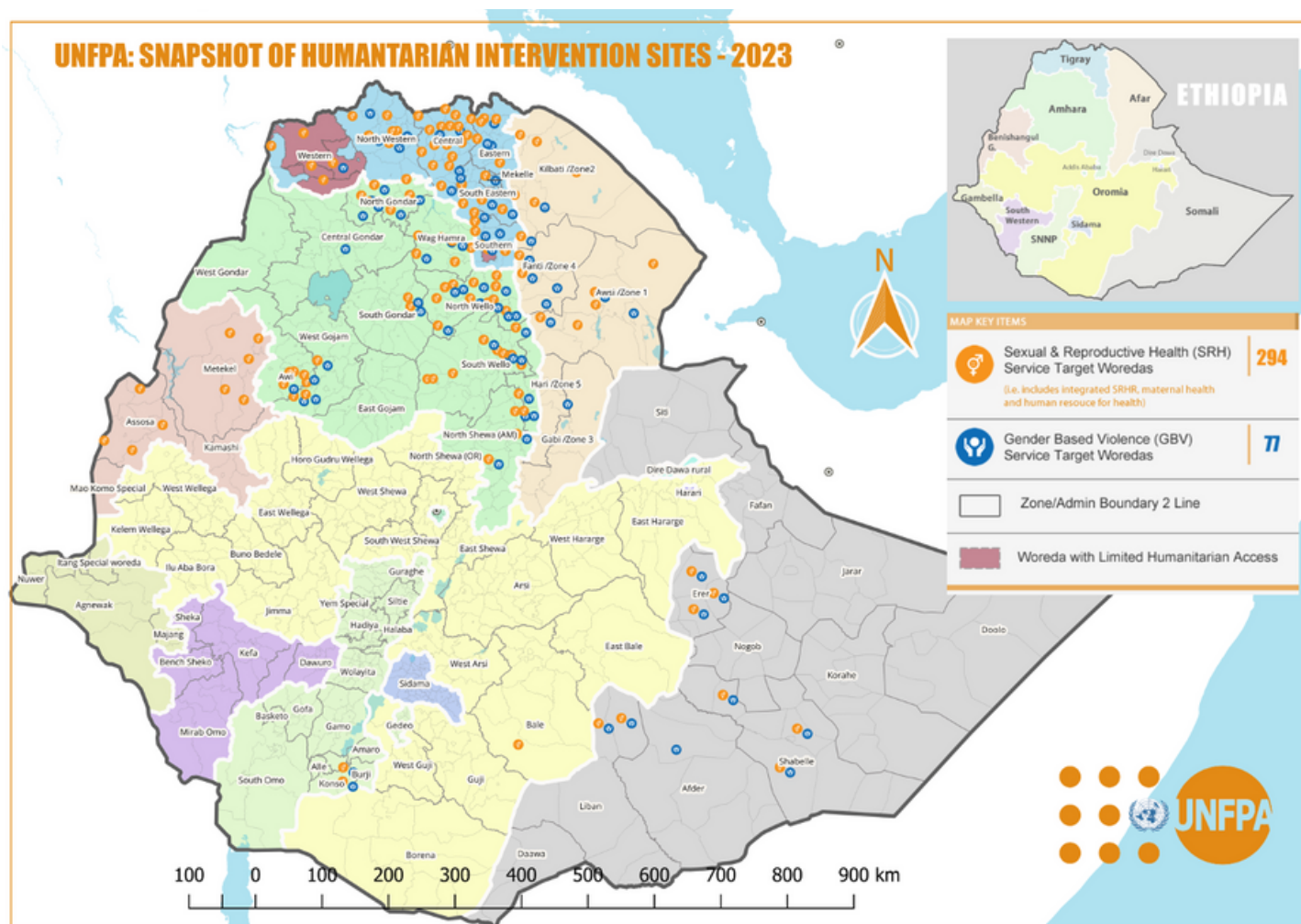
- **47,548 women and girls reached with gender-based violence multi-sectoral services** and referrals through 40 UNFPA-supported Women and Girls' Friendly Spaces (WGFS), 30 One-Stop Centers and 10 Safe Houses.
- **3,894 women and girls** –SNNP, Somali and Tigray Regions – **reached with Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)** and outreach activities outside of WGFS by social workers and outreach teams.
- **2,310 dignity kits, and sanitary pads distributed** to support the menstrual and personal hygiene need of vulnerable women and girls in partnership with Maedot, World Vision and Women's Association of Tigray in selected areas of 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.

## PROGRAMME UPDATES

### 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 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 2023. Resource mobilization efforts from Canada, Spain and other donors are ongoing. The resources will be largely used to scale up interventions within the humanitarian, development, peace nexus.
- Organized in partnership with Ministry of Health, **a five-day training and planning workshop on Domestic Resource Mobilization for Family Planning** in Ethiopia with several partners and stakeholders.
- UNFPA, as the lead agency of the GBV AOR, organized a two-day workshop with the Ethiopian Disaster Risk Management Commission** to advocate on the impact of climate change on women and girls among early warning and response directorate focal points while discussing the integration of GBV/SRH tools in early warning and response systems to extreme weather events. In addition, **finalized the Humanitarian Needs Overview 2024**, which indicates 400 woredas/districts as severely affected and in need of GBV services, including an estimated 7.8 million people in Ethiopia.
- As the co-lead of the SRH TWG**, and with the leadership of the Ministry of Health, finalized the *Guidelines on Emergency Preparedness and Response for Sexual and Reproductive Health in emergencies*.





## PROGRAMME UPDATES

### LOGISTICS & OPERATIONS



127.4 MT

Of customized dignity kits, IARH kits, medical equipment and supplies dispatched to 7 regions aiming to serve 60,230 individuals and 41 health facilities to provide sexual and reproductive health services.

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- **Key Achievements**
- **Procured and handed-over of 2 high-spec Toyota Landcruiser ambulances**, medical equipment, and supplies purchased with the support of Japan to Amhara and Benishangul Gumuz 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 in 2024.

### COMMUNICATIONS & ADVOCACY

- Documented the **field mission of the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)** to the integrated programme on Family Planning and Sexual and Reproductive Health among adolescents in Gedeo and West Guji zones of Southern Ethiopia and Oromia regions.
- Organized the **handover ceremony of an ambulance, medical equipment, and supplies** to strengthen maternal and reproductive health provision in affected areas of Amhara and Benishangul Gumuz regions.
- Supported the **commemoration of the International Day to End Violence Against Women**, as the launching of the ‘16 Days of Activism’ campaign, at national and regional level with relevant authorities, community leaders and partners in Ethiopia.
- **Highlighted UNFPA’s mandate and work in Ethiopia** during the last 50 years **during the UN Diplomatic Bazaar** celebrated in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.



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### DONOR MINUTES

“The project aims to increase access to and availability of quality SRH and GBV information and services for 35,160 vulnerable women, girls, adolescents, and youths in selected emergency-affected districts in 2 target regions and while we face many challenges nationally and internationally, the dignity of the individual must not be neglected, and the voices of the most vulnerable must be heard.”  
**H.E. ITO Takako, Ambassador of Japan in Ethi in Ethiopia.**

## SPECIAL UPDATE

### 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

TWITTER DECK



[#16DaysofActivism](#) launching ceremony in the presence of H.E. Madame President, Ms. Sahle-Work Zewde, in Adama, Ethiopia, under the theme 'Invest to prevent violence against women and girls'.

In her remarks, the President acknowledged UNFPA's support in the response to GBV & towards gender equality. [#NoExcuse](#)

[#16DaysOfActivism](#) [#GBVPrevention](#)

Women and girls in the Konso IDP camp gathered to call for more investment to prevent gender-based violence.

The event included question and answer sessions to raise awareness among community members and leaders on gender-based violence prevention tools and measures.



[#16DaysOfActivism](#) [#MediaSensitization](#)

UNFPA is working with journalists to challenge social norms that perpetuate GBV in Tigray Region.

Under the theme 'Prioritize survivor's safety, right to dignity, and protection from retribution' 25 journalists from 10 media houses discussed their role in ethical reporting standards.

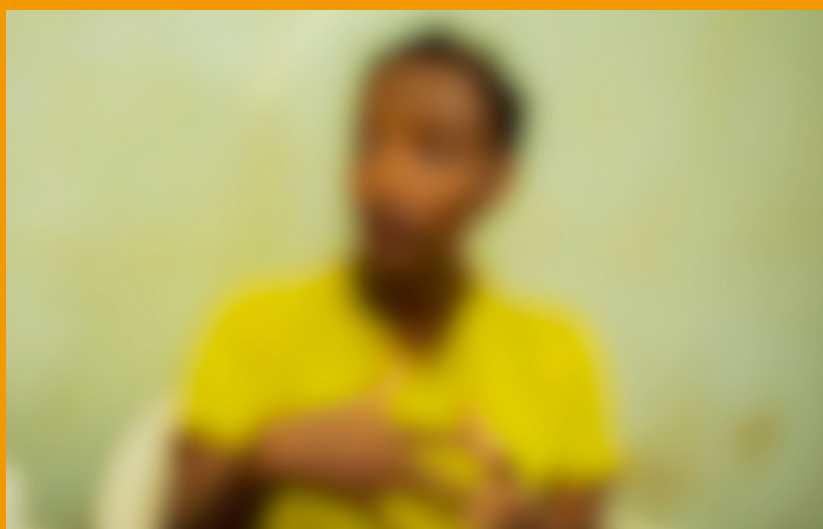


## HIGHLIGHTS

**"I am fine. I am going back to school"**

says Ayantu\*, 14, a GBV survivor at the UNFPA-supported One-Stop Center in West Guji Zone, Oromia Region. Ayantu's recovery journey has just began.

[\[Read more\]](#)



## 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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