

# UNFPA ETHIOPIA HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

## SITUATION REPORT - APRIL 2024

### SITUATION OVERVIEW

The effects of climate change and conflicts across various regions of Ethiopia continue to pose numerous humanitarian challenges, including growing protection concerns, displacement, and the destruction of social infrastructure. According to the [2024 Humanitarian Response Plan](#), approximately **15.5 million individuals require comprehensive assistance across regions, including 4.5 million internally displaced persons (IDPs)**. Humanitarian partners are tackling the lingering effects of previous droughts, floods, and conflicts, while also preparing for a significant response to El Niño-driven drought, which could exacerbate food insecurity and double malnutrition rates. Additionally, they are monitoring potential floods during the belg season (March to May) to ensure readiness and resource mobilization. To this end, a [High-level Pledging Event for the Humanitarian Situation in Ethiopia \(HLPE\)](#) was held on 16 April 2024 in Geneva, hosted by the Governments of Ethiopia, the United Kingdom, and the United Nations (OCHA). During the event, donors committed over US\$600 million to address urgent humanitarian needs of Ethiopia through at least mid-2024.

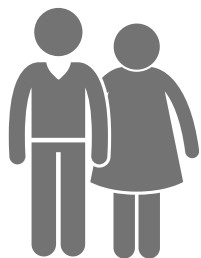
**Climate change-induced weather shocks**, such as droughts and floods, continue to affect the most vulnerable populations across Ethiopia. The **El Niño-driven drought** has impacted communities across Afar, Amhara, Tigray, and parts of Oromia, Somali, and Southern regions following below-average Kiremt rains (June-August). According to OCHA, 6.9 million people have been identified to be in need of humanitarian assistance in the drought-affected woredas, including over 74,000 new displacements [1]. Similarly, the Ethiopian Government and partners continue to monitor the **flood situation during this belg season (March to May)**, particularly in high flood-risk areas in Afar, Amhara, Oromia, Somali, and Southern regions.

**Active hostilities and security challenges** across various regions of the country continue to exacerbate humanitarian needs and constrain response efforts. In **Amhara**, where 4.9 million people are targeted for humanitarian assistance, hostilities continue to displace hundreds of thousands of individuals while widespread access constraints continue to challenge access to those in need. Similarly, the humanitarian situation in bordering areas between Tigray and Amhara region remains complex with limited humanitarian presence and response [2]. Additionally, the conflict between the **Afar and Somali-Issa communities**, especially over territory and resources, have escalated significantly, resulting in the displacement of over 200,000 people from both communities [3].

**April marks the one-year anniversary of the conflict in the Republic of Sudan, and the mass influx of forcibly displaced populations into Ethiopia.** As of 21 April 2024, nearly 122,500 people have crossed into Ethiopia through several border towns, mainly Metema (Amhara) and Kurmuk (Benishangul Gumuz) [4]. Despite significant constraints in operational capacity and resources, partners persist in providing assistance to newly arrived individuals, offering support in the form of food, water, shelter, protection, and health services.

## PROGRAMME UPDATES

### SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



# 142,887

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

(April 2024)

#### • Key Achievements

- **48,526 conflict-affected individuals** – in Afar, Amhara, Somali, and Tigray regions – **reached with sexual and reproductive health services**, including maternal and newborn services, through multiple strategic partnerships.
- **4,900 deliveries assisted** by a UNFPA-supported skilled birth attendants or midwives in health facilities across affected regions.
- **25,106 pregnant and lactating mothers screened** for acute malnutrition with 13,100 pregnant women provided with food and nutrition supplements across affected regions.
- **160 clean delivery kits distributed** to pregnant women in crisis-affected areas of Benishangul Gumuz and Tigray regions to prevent infection during childbirth, one of the leading causes of maternal mortality.
- **24,223 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 affected regions.

### GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)



# 160,942

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

(April 2024)

#### • Key Achievements

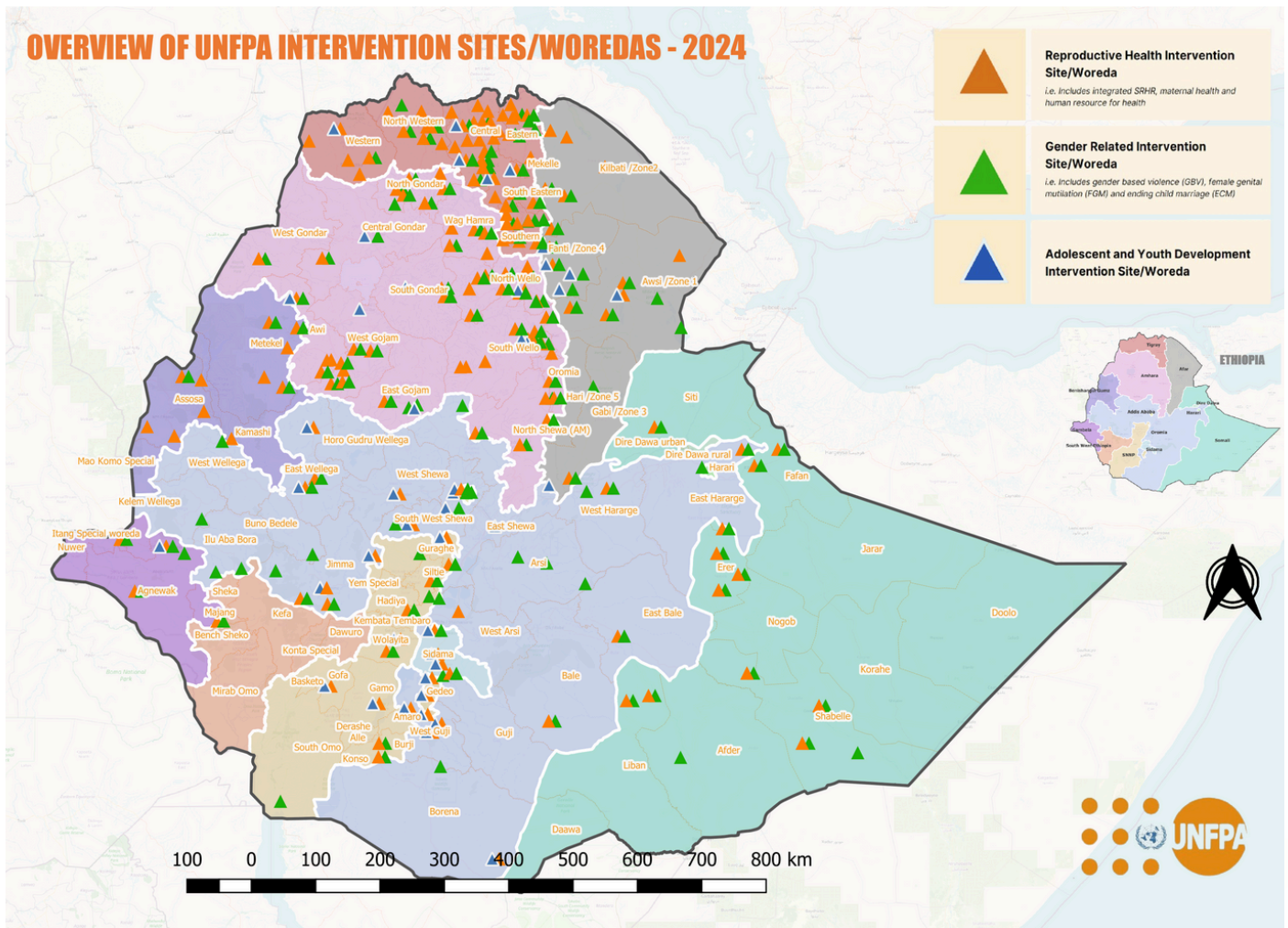
- **103,676 women and girls reached with GBV services and awareness-raising activities** at WGFS, OSCs, and Safe Houses by social workers and outreach teams.
- **11,500 women and girls reached with structured Psychosocial Support (PSS)**, including case management, counselling, group and individual psychosocial support sessions by social workers in Amhara, B/Gumuz, and Tigray Regions.
- **2,115 women and girls received dignity kits and sanitary pads** for menstrual health management, with 539 individuals receiving emergency funds and voucher assistance to access services and other health-related needs.
- **7,349 women, girls, men, and boys attended Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) sessions** in Amhara (13), B/Gumuz (379) and Tigray (7,349) 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 12.5 million within the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus** programming from Denmark, Canada, CERF, Korea, and Itochu Corporation in 2024. The resources will be largely used to scale up interventions within the humanitarian, development, peace nexus.
- **As lead of the GBV Area of Responsibility (AoR)**, and in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs (MoWSA), supported the official **launch of the National Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Prevention, Risk Mitigation, and Response** in a ceremony held on April 16, 2024, in Adama, Ethiopia. This landmark initiative marks a significant milestone in Ethiopia's ongoing efforts to combat GBV and safeguard the rights and dignity of women and girls nationwide. Similarly, the GBV AoR published the GBV Response Monitoring Dashboard for 2024, available [here](#).
- **As co-lead of the Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) Taskforce**, in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs (MoWSA), UNFPA remains engaged in conducting YPS Stakeholders Mapping and Community-level YPS Assessments from April to June 2024. Additionally, the YPS Technical Working Group (TWG) is in the process of finalizing arrangements for an event centered around the 2024 UN Secretary-General's Report on Youth, Peace, and Security.



## PROGRAMME UPDATES

### LOGISTICS & OPERATIONS

- Completed the registration of 2 new vehicles for B/Gumuz and Addis Ababa alongside with the installation of two additional prefabricated offices in Afar Region.
- Followed up on the international 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

- Supported the organization of the official launch of the official launch of the National Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Prevention, Risk Mitigation, and Response in a ceremony held on April 16, 2024, in Adama, Ethiopia.
- Developed and disseminated UNFPA Ethiopia's Annual Report 'Pathways to Equality: Saving Lives and Advancing Rights for All in Ethiopia' showcasing the major achievements and milestones accomplished in 2023.
- Hosted a **UNFPA Branding and Communication Guidelines workshop** in Addis Ababa on April 18, 2024, bringing together communication officers and focal points from implementing partners. This one-day event was designed to bolster communication capabilities and ensure alignment with UNFPA branding and communication standards.
- Advocated for the rights and choices of pregnant mothers affected by multiple crises in Afar by disseminating their stories of hope and resilience.

### STORIES FROM THE FIELD



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Handiya Abdu's journey is one of remarkable resilience in the face of adversity, reflective of many lives in the Afar region's Chifra woreda. Married off at 14, she became a mother while still a child herself, facing immense challenges without adequate support. Her life changed in 2018 when, during a complicated labor, she sought help from Chifra Hospital, which had been equipped by UNFPA to handle such emergencies. This experience not only saved her life but also transformed her into an advocate for safe motherhood and against child marriage in her community. Handiya now educates others on the importance of proper healthcare during pregnancy, striving to inspire and protect future generations. Read more about Handiya's inspiring journey and her efforts to bring positive change to her community.

## RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

2024

**Funding Required: 45,000.000 USD**

**Funding Received: 12,530,155 USD**

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