



UNFPA ETHIOPIA HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

SITUATION REPORT - MAY 2024

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Ethiopia continues to grapple with multiple humanitarian crises stemming from climate change, disease outbreaks, and conflict and violence across several regions, further exacerbated by elevated commodity and food prices leading to food insecurity and high rates of malnutrition. 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)**. Meanwhile, the **relocation of over 800,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs)** is taking place across several regions in Ethiopia, including Tigray, Somali, and Oromia, with the support of humanitarian partners and the government [1].

Climate change-induced weather shocks, such as droughts and floods, continue to affect the most vulnerable populations across Ethiopia. According to the Ethiopian Disaster Risk Management Commission (EDRMC), extensive rainfall in April and early May resulted in **floods** in numerous districts nationwide, notably affecting Afar, Amhara, Central Ethiopia, Oromia, Sidama, Somali, South Ethiopia, and Tigray regions. Preliminary reports indicate that over 590,000 individuals have been impacted, with approximately 95,000 displaced [2]. Meanwhile, floods are occurring alongside ongoing **disease outbreaks such as cholera and malaria** [3]. Among the 93 woredas reporting active cholera outbreaks across the country, the majority are concentrated in the regions of Oromia (30), Somali (24), and Afar (12). Similarly, El-Niño drought has significantly worsened the nutrition situation in Ethiopia, particularly in Afar, Amhara, Somali, and parts of the South Ethiopia Region (SER). 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.

Ongoing hostilities and security challenges across Ethiopia are intensifying humanitarian needs and hindering response efforts. In **Amhara**, home to approximately 670,000 IDPs and where 4.9 million people require humanitarian assistance, conflicts continue displacing hundreds of thousands, compounded by severe humanitarian access constraints [5]. Conflict between the **Afar and Somali-Issa communities** over territory and resources has escalated in the past months, displacing more than 200,000 people.

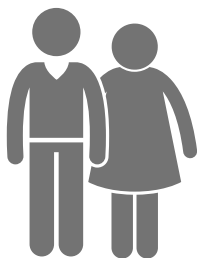
Simultaneously, Ethiopia is grappling with the **influx of forcibly displaced populations from Sudan**, with approximately 130,800 individuals having crossed into Ethiopia through border towns like Metema (Amhara) and Kurmuk (Benishangul Gumuz) since April 2023. Refugees in Kumer and Awlala camps, expressing dissatisfaction with services and safety concerns, have faced attacks and robberies by unknown armed groups. Humanitarian partners are providing critical support, including food, water, shelter, protection, and health services to the affected populations despite limited resources and access constraints in some areas.

[1, 4, 5] OCHA Ethiopia Situation Report (June 2024)

[2,3] OCHA Ethiopia Update on Floods (May 2024)

PROGRAMME UPDATES

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



150,221

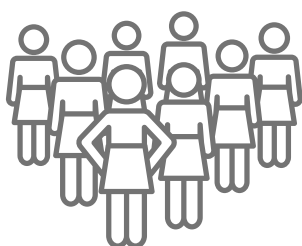
Individuals reached with sexual and reproductive health services and information across affected regions of Ethiopia

(May 2024)

• Key Achievements

- **114,135 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.
- **4,728 deliveries assisted by a UNFPA-supported skilled birth attendants** or midwives in health facilities across affected regions.
- **23,598 pregnant and lactating mothers screened for acute malnutrition** with 13,079 pregnant women provided with nutritional supplements across affected regions.
- **342 clean delivery kits distributed to pregnant women in crisis-affected areas** of Afar (65) and Tigray (277) regions to prevent infection during childbirth, one of the leading causes of maternal mortality.
- **30 health professionals trained** on the Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP) for SRH in emergencies in partnership with Organization for Welfare and Development in Action (OWDA) in Somali Region.
- **20,221 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)



397,611

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

(May 2024)

• Key Achievements

- **265,310 women and girls reached with GBV services** and awareness-raising activities at WGFS, OSCs, and Safe Houses by social workers and outreach teams.
- **33,226 women and girls in reached with structured Psychosocial Support (PSS)**, including case management, counselling, group and individual psychosocial support sessions by social workers in affected regions.
- **2,652 women and girls received dignity kits and sanitary pads** for menstrual health management, with 174 individuals receiving emergency funds and voucher assistance to access services and other health-related needs.
- **36,408 women, girls, men, and boys attended Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA)** sessions in Amhara and Tigray regions.

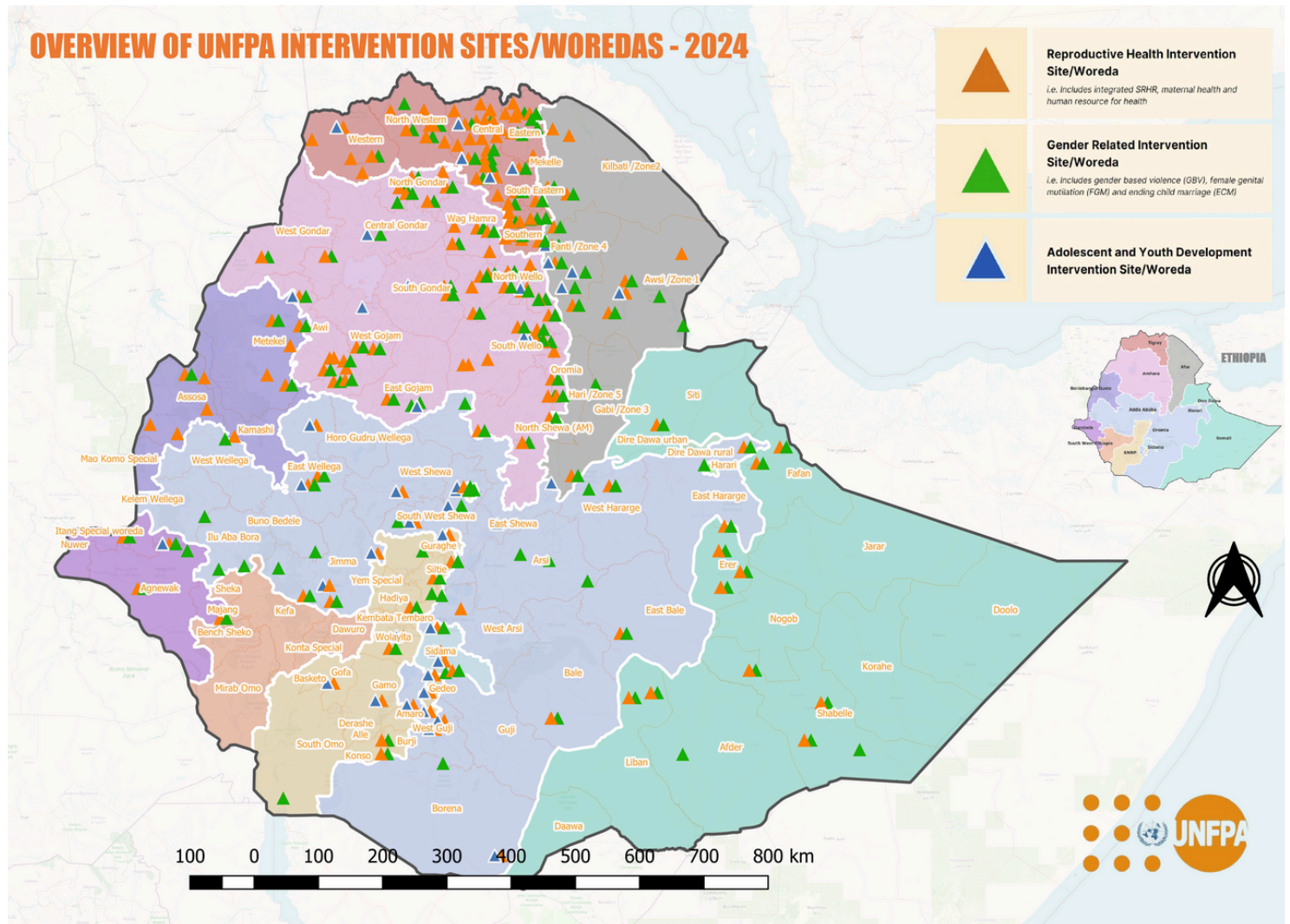
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COORDINATION & PARTNERSHIPS

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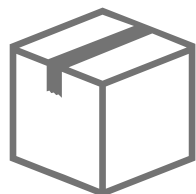
- Continued to participate in various humanitarian coordination platforms, including the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) and Health and Protection Clusters. It also continues to lead the GBV sub-cluster and SRH Working Groups at the national and sub-national levels.
- Mobilized a total of USD 13.3 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 the co-lead of the SRH TWG** and in collaboration with the Ministry of Health's Women and Social Affairs Executive Office, ongoing efforts are being made to finalize the GBV Prevention and Response Facilitator Guide and Participant Manual for health providers. Additionally, the health extension workers' package is being revised to include a GBV prevention and response component, supported by the technical working group.
- As co-lead of the Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) Taskforce**, and in collaboration with UNDP, AU, and the UNDP Regional Service Center for Africa, an experience-sharing workshop was organized for 30 officials from the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs to discuss the proposed Ethiopia National Action Plan on YPS. Additionally, the Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) stakeholders mapping is ongoing and is expected to conclude in July, including the YPS community-level assessment.

OVERVIEW OF UNFPA INTERVENTION SITES/WOREDAS - 2024



PROGRAMME UPDATES

LOGISTICS & OPERATIONS



105,543

Affected individuals aiming to be reached with GBV/SRH services by 387 IARH kits distributed to Somali, Amhara, and South Ethiopia regions.

(May 2024)



407

Medical supplies and equipment to equip 55 health facilities were dispatched to Amhara, Oromia, Sidama, B/Gumuz, Somali, and South Ethiopia regions.

(May 2024)

- **Received 17 metric tones of IARH kits**, including 10,000 Dignity Kits, and assorted medical equipment in the Mombasa (Kenya) port to sustain humanitarian operations in the country.
- **Two sets of tents were dispatched** to support operations at Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) sites Tigray, and Benishangul Gumuz regions.
- **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 commemoration of the International Day of the Midwife 2024, under the theme "Midwives: A Vital Climate Solution", in partnership with Ethiopian Midwives Association (EmWA) and other partners.
- Launched the UNFPA and Canada's multi-year project on Protecting the Dignity and Rights of Women and Girls in Ethiopia aiming to reach over a 1.5 million with integrated services on gender-based violence and sexual and reproductive health across 55 woredas and 8 regions in Ethiopia. This 7 year project spanning the years from 2024 to 2030 has a total budget of CAD \$65 million (ETB 2,706,898,454).
- Organized the 2023 Women, Peace, and Security Award Ceremony in partnership with Global Affairs Canada acknowledging Sister Kasha Hagos outstanding efforts in providing vital support to survivors of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) amidst the conflict in Tigray. The ceremony was held in Mekelle in the presence of H.E. Ahmed Hussen, Canada's Minister of International Development on May 14, 2024.

RESOURCE

UNFPA ETHIOPIA PREPAREDNESS & HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN 2024

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COMMUNICATION HIGHLIGHTS

X DECK



"This partnership with UNFPA underscores Canada's steadfast commitment to gender equality & the empowerment of women & girls in Ethiopia," H.E. Joshua Tabah, Ambassador of Canada to Ethiopia at the **launch of "Protecting the Dignity & Rights of Women & Girls in #Ethiopia"** project with a total budget of \$65 million USD.

"Honored to present **Canada's 2023 Women Peace and Security award** to Sister Kahsa Hagos. Sister Kahsa's incredibly courageous work to provide survivors of gender-based violence with medical support is a powerful testament to the resilience of women in the face of adversity" - H.E. Ahmed Hussen, Canada's Minister of International Development during her visit to Mekelle, Tigray.



Midwives are the unsung heroes!

Today, with [@emwaethiopia](#) and partners we are celebrating the incredible midwives gathered in [#AddisAbaba](#) from across [#Ethiopia](#) to celebrate the [#DayOfTheMidwife](#).

[@UNFPA](#) supports midwives to strengthen healthcare systems & ensure safe motherhood.

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

"It's a relief to my family and my three children who also suffered because of what happened to me. I am now hoping to get back to them as soon as possible,"

says Beritu of her recovery after her fistula surgery at the Hamlin Fistula Hospital in Bahir Dar, Amhara Region.

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RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

2024

Funding Required: 45,000.000 USD

Funding Received: 13,390,621 USD

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