



NORTHERN ETHIOPIA CRISIS

SITUATION REPORT - FEBRUARY 2022

SITUATION OVERVIEW

The overall situation in northern Ethiopia remains still highly tense and unpredictable with pockets of fighting reported in Tigray's bordering areas with the Afar and Amhara regions. Insecurity and ongoing clashes in the bordering areas continue to hamper the humanitarian response amid increased displacement and needs. In Tigray, although there are some positive administrative steps to mobilize cash and cargo using the UN Humanitarian Air Service - including medicines since January - humanitarian supplies are still insufficient to address the needs of 5.2 million people in the region. The lack of fuel continues to impede distributions and humanitarian health interventions with a significant decrease in the number of Mobile Health Units fully operational. In Amhara, some areas bordering Tigray remain inaccessible and the situation is highly volatile slowing down humanitarian partners' capacity to reach the estimated 3.7 million. In Afar, the situation is deteriorating as ongoing clashes continue to push families to flee their homes while access to assistance remains limited to some urban or semi-urban areas. **Across the three regions, more than 2.1 million [1] people are estimated to be displaced as a result of conflict and 9.4 million people need humanitarian assistance.**

Destruction of health facilities and a critical shortage of supplies and healthcare providers continue to impact the availability and accessibility of quality SRH and GBV services to vulnerable populations. According to recent updates of the Health Resources and Services Availability Monitoring System (HeRAMS) by WHO, **clinical management of rape services are only available in 111 (36%) out of the 337 health facilities assessed across the three regions**, with a lack of training (29%), lack of medical supplies (26%) and lack of medical equipment (22%) respectively serving as the main barriers for service provision. In addition, the lack of medical supplies is the major factor impeding the provision of emergency contraception and post-exposure prophylaxis in 40 to 43% of the reported health facilities.

[1] IOM-DTM Ethiopia, Emergency Site Assessment Round 8, (October 21, 2021).

SUMMARY FIGURES



9.4 MILLION

People to be in need across Northern Ethiopia (OCHA)



213,030

currently pregnant women



10,651

Pregnant women who will experience Obstetric Complications



39,589

Women, girls, boys and men reached with services (as per reporting period)

PROGRAMME UPDATES

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



20,566

individuals reached with
SRH awareness raising
activities

(February 2022)



8,859

women reached with midwifery
services across northern
Ethiopia

(February 2022)

• Tigray Region

- **7,710 women and girls reached with midwifery services and supplies** by deployed midwives in partnership with the Ethiopian Midwives Association (EMWA) and IOM at IDP sites in Tigray.
- **20,216 individuals reached with SRH awareness creation sessions** on STI/HIV prevention and risk mitigation (4,854 persons), family planning (5,267), nutritional education (8,569), and personal hygiene management (1,231) by health extension workers deployed across health facilities in partnership with Ethiopian Midwives Association (EMWA) in Tigray region.

• Afar Region

- **Trained 63 healthcare providers and traditional birth attendants** in postpartum family planning and maternal and neonatal services in 12 health facilities and 18 kebeles (Chifra woreda) in partnership with Maternity Foundation.
- **1,149 conflict-affected individuals reached with midwifery services** by deployed medical teams across 5 health facilities in partnership with Maternity Foundation.
- **350 persons reached with SRH awareness-raising sessions** through home-to-home visits and mobile service provision in Mille, Kelewan, Chifra and Logia woredas in Afar region.



Midwifery Service Provision for Northern Ethiopia Response

(*Cumulative numbers of people served
since March 2021)

Afar **4,720**

Amhara **5,817**

Tigray **64,932**

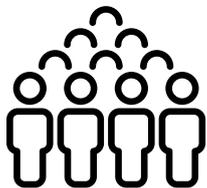
Grand Total **75,469**



UNFPA and EMWA's midwife providing ante-natal care to conflict-affected women in Afar, Ethiopia. Photo by EMWA.

PROGRAMME UPDATES

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)



9,562

individuals reached with GBV prevention and risk mitigation awareness-raising activities
(February 2022)



413

Dignity Kits & GBV prevention booklets distributed to women and girls in Afar
(February 2022)

• Tigray Region

- **2,181 individuals** - 1,848 females and 333 males - **reached with GBV prevention and risk mitigation awareness-raising sessions and sensitization activities** by health extension workers (HEWs) deployed in partnership with OSSHD, Tigray.

• Amhara Region

- **54 community facilitators and GBV focal points trained** on psychological first aid and GBV in emergencies in Dessie and South Wollo zone in coordination with BOWCA and Women's Sanctuary and Development (AWSAD).
- **Consistent GBV service provision and psychological counseling** - with 189 conflict-affected individuals reached during the reporting period - **continues** in the North and West Gondar zones in partnership with Amhara Women Association (AWA).
- **7,381 conflict-affected persons** - 4,176 females and 3,205 males - **reached with GBV prevention and risk mitigation efforts** by GBV caseworkers deployed in partnership with Amhara Women's Association (AWA) in Debark and Dabat woredas of North Gondar zone, Amhara.

COORDINATION & PARTNERSHIPS

UNFPA has:

- Continued engagement and follow-up with relevant stakeholders on the administrative requirements for the movement of international staff and humanitarian cargo into Tigray to sustain critical SRH and GBV services.
- As the lead of the GBV AoR, continued to follow up on GBV partners' implementation capacity and the status of the One-Stop Centers for service provision amid the current shortages of cash, fuel, and supplies.
- Assigned a focal point to follow up on GBV partners' assistance within the overall return of displaced populations exercise, including the provision of critical information and material support in Tigray region.



Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Town Hall in Bahir Dar (Amhara) with the presence of the UN Resident Coordinator, UN Women Representative, and UNFPA Officer in Charge.
Photo by UNFPA Ethiopia, Paula Seijo.

PROGRAMME UPDATES

LOGISTICS & OPERATIONS

- Finalization of the clearance process for the first airlift of nearly 15 metric tons of SRH Kits into Tigray to be distributed across health facilities in the region. Follow up on upcoming distributions of SRH Kits and dignity kits for the Amhara region and personal hygiene and material support for vulnerable women and girls in the Afar region.
- Follow up on the onboarding process of new Implementing Partners to expand SRH-GBV-MHPSS service provision for conflict-affected populations across the three regions.
- Deployed an International UNFPA Security Advisor and Finance Associate to support operations at UNFPA Ethiopia Country Office.

COMMUNICATIONS & ADVOCACY

- Advocated for the situation of women and girls' access to GBV and SRH services in Tigray during the **visit of UN Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Amina J. Mohammed, to UNFPA-supported One-Stop Center in Mekelle**, Ethiopia. UNFPA's support to GBV survivors in Tigray was featured on several media platforms, including [UN News](#).
- Continued engagement with other UN agencies on several activities as the joint [WHO and UNFPA launching of Training of Trainers \(TOT\) in Clinical Management of Rape](#) featured by [national media](#) or the joint UNFPA-UNICEF press release [International Day to End Female Genital Mutilation](#).
- Participated in a one-day PSEA field mission with UN RC's office and UN Women in Bahir Dar, Amhara. GBV Pocket Guides and other visibility materials were shared with cluster coordinators and GBV partners operating in the region



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"At a hospital in Tigray, I saw the psychological and physical effects of rape on women, listening to the heartbreaking stories of survivors.

Solidarity must be at the center of our efforts to ensure unimpeded humanitarian access to all the Ethiopians".



UN Deputy Secretary General, Ms. Amina J. Mohammed during her visit to UNFPA-supported OSC at Ayder Referral Hospital in Mekelle, Tigray.

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

2022

UNFPA National Humanitarian Response Plan (2022)

- **Funding Required: \$24,000,000 USD**
- **Funding Received: \$13,000,000 USD**
- **Funding Gap: \$11,000,000 USD**

Our Donors:

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Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund
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Funding Gap
45,8%

Funding Received
54,2%

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