

ETHIOPIA RESPONSE

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION
AND RESPONSE | EXTERNAL UPDATE



Save the Children



Overall Context

North Ethiopia Complex Crisis

- Starting from May 2023, the distribution of food supplies across the entire country has been suspended by USAID and the World Food Programme.
- This suspension will have a significant impact on numerous people across Ethiopia who rely on food aid for support.
- In response to the concerning issue of aid misuse in Ethiopia, both the Ethiopian and United States governments have announced their commitment to address the situation.
- According to the agencies, once the investigation is concluded and those responsible are held accountable, along with the implementation of rigorous control measures, food aid distribution is expected to resume. However, no specific timeline has been provided, rendering the suspension of food aid indefinite.

Afar

- People affected by recent conflict, flooding as well as drought in need of support in Afar region.
- Multisectoral response is critical for IDPs and returnees in the region.
- Safe and sustainable return to place of origin for those displaced because of the conflict remains a priority.
- The region has been grappling with two major disease outbreaks in the past months; dengue fever and malaria.
- Dengue fever cases in Afar increased by 8.5% to 3,800 cases in the week ending June 6th. Malaria cases also increased by 8%, with 91% of confirmed cases being severe and life-threatening.

Amhara

- Multisectoral response is critical for IDPs and returnees in the region.
- Sky rocketing levels of malnutrition and reported shortage of nutritional supplements for the treatment of children under the age of five and pregnant and lactating women (PLW), means nutrition support is critical.
- Significant shortages in the availability of agricultural inputs needed to maintain the current crop season before the Kiremt rains persist.
- People continue to flee Sudan to Ethiopia through Metema entry point in the Amhara region

- At least 55,619 people have entered Ethiopia from Sudan as of 25 June 2023.
- Due to limited partner participation and significant financing shortfalls, emergency support is falling short of the scope of the expanding needs.

Tigray

- Large number of IDPs and returnees as well as host communities impacted by conflict in need of continuous support.
- Without prompt food aid targeted at the most vulnerable individuals, there is a great concern that the region's food and nutrition security situation might get worse.
- The Kiremt rainy season, which runs from June to September and is the time between planting and harvest has arrived.
- The regional Interim Administration gave priority for IDPs relocation before the window for the planting season closes.
- The return of IDPs still depends on multisectoral assistance, including food assistance and agricultural inputs.
- The Government of Ethiopia and other humanitarian partners continue to support with food aid and dispatch of Therapeutic Supplementary Feeding Program (TSFP) for moderately malnourished children and mothers.

Climate and Hunger Crisis Situation

Impact of the recent drought

- Drought has severely affected the southern and southeastern regions of Ethiopia, leading to a continuous increase in food prices and unfavorable conditions for pastoralists.
- Recovery of livelihoods and lifesaving interventions are essential, especially considering the substantial loss of livestock, which will require significant time and resources.
- The prevalence of malnutrition continues to rise, and outbreaks of cholera and measles persist in areas affected by drought. Since January 1, 2023, there have been over 192,741 cases of severe acute malnutrition (SAM), predominantly in drought-affected areas.
- Since January 1, 2023, there have been more than 21,230 suspected cases of measles and

219 deaths reported.

- Cholera outbreaks have occurred in the Sidama, SNNP, Oromia, and Somali regions. Around 86 districts have been affected by the cholera outbreak, resulting in 11,960 cases and 169 deaths since August 27, 2022.

Food Security Update/Outlook, June to September 2023

- Belg crops will be harvested between June and August 2023. Production may be impacted by conflict, shortage of agricultural inputs, and displaced populations.
- Belg production makes up a relatively modest portion of Ethiopia's yearly output. The second season of Mehir is from June to August for planting and from October to January for harvest.
- The main growing season in Ethiopia is called Kiremt. The performance of rainfall between June and September is a major factor in crop productivity.
- Production will be impacted this year by predicted drier conditions in various regions of the nation as well as Shortages of seed and fertilizer.
- In general, Ethiopia is still in serious need of assistance. Given the significant loss of assets and coping mechanisms brought on by the recent drought, substantial advances in food security are not anticipated soon. Significant action is needed to recover livelihoods.

Forced Displacements

- The situation remains unstable in the western part of Oromia, as well as in certain woredas (districts) in East and West Shewa and North Shewa zones.
- There have been ongoing attacks by unidentified armed groups (UAG) targeting civilians, leading to continued tension. The region is home to a significant number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have been affected by prolonged conflicts and drought, and they still require assistance.
- In various areas of the Amhara region, conflicts with armed groups and tension have persisted. Over the past two years, hundreds of thousands of people have fled the Oromia region for the Amhara region increasing the number of people in need in the latter. The continued influx of people from war-torn Sudan has also added to the situation.

KEY FIGURES



20M+

People targeted for humanitarian assistance under HRP 2023



10.8M

Children need humanitarian assistance



4.6M

Internally displaced



24.1M

Projected to be affected by Hunger Crisis in 2022-23



2.7M

Children acutely malnourished in drought affected areas



4.5M

Livestock have died due to the devastating drought

COMPLEX CRISIS RESPONSE IN NORTH ETHIOPIA

In Afar, Amhara and Tigray Regions

In May 2023 Through our Northern complex crisis response, we reached a total of **38,066** people out of which **22,174** are children.

AFAR

- We continued to provide treatment and consultation, training health workers, providing antenatal care, health education, Vitamin A and deworming services.
- We linked malnourished children and Pregnant and Lactating Women to OTP/SC/TSFP.
- We completed construction of semi-permanent latrines at four woredas' health centers/posts.
- We provide full NFI kits to 938 conflicted households in Talalak and Dewe woredas of Zone 5.
- We provided hygiene and sanitation training for people in target areas.
- We continued providing a school feeding program to 14,983 children in 61 primary schools in 3 woredas.
- We provided psychosocial service to 1,035 children in child friendly spaces at all target woredas of BHA.
- We provided training on the skills of facilitation and management of CFSs to Social workers and Primary school teachers from three woredas.

AMHARA

- We continued to provide treatment and consultation, training to health workers, providing antenatal care, health education, Vitamin A, and deworming services.
- We linked malnourished children and Pregnant and Lactating Women to OTP/SC/TSFP.
- Through SWAN, water trucking service is provided to 5,499 (2,675F) internally displaced people resided at Jare #2 (Turkish camp). Shower truck is delivering 40,000 liters of water twice per day.
- We also completed construction of seven latrine for four woredas' health centers, hand dug well at 4 sites, eight block latrine rehabilitation work and WASH campaign.
- We distributed 18,951 dignity kits for adolescent girls in 14 target schools. In addition, we distributed blankets and daytime cloth for 5,000 vulnerable people.
- We provided second round 7,000 birr/HH multipurpose cash to 950 (382 F) internally displaced households at Jara; we also provided cash support for 600 households at Ziqualla and Sekota Woredas.
- After providing financial, literacy and entrepreneurship training for 180(135F) beneficiaries, we transferred 20,000.00 ETB startup capital per individual.
- We closed 12 SGBV and UASC cases, 672 children participated at three Child friendly spaces.
- We provided child protection training and held parenting without violence sessions to 413 people as well as provided MHPSS for 1405 individuals.
- We completed one school block rehabilitation work and distributed high energy biscuits to 10,553 individuals (5,525 F) students in 24 target schools.
- We provided CP, CSG, PSEA, gender inequality, GBV training to 110 (29F) child protection committees and partners in two woredas. Post rape kits are distributed to Woldiya general hospital one stop center.

TIGRAY

- We provided treatment and consultation, ANC services, iron folic supplementation, deworming tablets, and various vaccination service in different target areas. In eastern and central zones, we also provided OPD consultations to 9,749 individuals (2,128 under five children).
- We provided drugs and medical supply, malaria case management support, health facility rehabilitation and conducted joint supportive supervision in targeted health facilities.
- We provided nutrition screening OTP and SC service, IMAM and IYCF coaching to health workers, MIYCN counselling to PLWs, MUAC, MIYCN, and Mother to mother support group training.
- We re-established four OTP sites in Adet (two HPs) and L/ maychew woredas (two HPs).
- We supported 44 health facilities to manage acute malnutrition through the provision of logistical and technical support.
- By providing water tracking to IDP and host communities, maintaining full sets of water pumps, and restoring water supply hand pumps in various target regions of the region, we ensured the provision of safe and sufficient water.
- We also installed and maintained the full water supply, sanitary and hand washing facilities at various health centers.
- We conducted hygiene promotion and environmental cleaning campaign sessions at IDP sites.
- We provided cash payments totaling 6,000ETB in two rounds for six months of rent IDP households.
- We distributed WaSH and partial NFI to displace and returnee PLWs in Nebelet town.
- 4,785 (2,267F) attended our CFS in Adwa. children also received PSS services.
- Children in three IDP sites of Mekelle, Adigrat and Axum newly attended our child friendly spaces.
- Case workers and CFS facilitators identify children with CP concerns, follow cases, provide family tracing and reunification, provide PSS services and create awareness to children and caregivers on the rights of children PWV and GBV issues.
- Children having health problem were referred to health centers and received medical treatment.
- We distributed 4.7 carto of energy biscuits to 705 children in Axum preparatory school – IDP site.
- We started transmitting back to school campaign on DW International TV and Radio program and using megaphones in Adwa, Axum and Shire.
- We distributed scholastic materials to 41 primary schools in Central Zone of Tigray.
- We continued supporting with ALP and school feeding programs to 2089 (944 girls) and 401 (192 girls) children in the Shire and Mekelle IDPs respectively.
- We provided training on humanitarian gender and GBV minimum actions, gender equality concerns, gender responsive and transformative approaches, gender integration and implementation approaches and tools.

HUNGER & CLIMATE CRISIS RESPONSE

In the Oromia and Somali Regions

In May 2023, through our climate crisis response, we reached a total of **38,441** people out of which **14,309** are children.



OROMIA

BALE

- We provided health education, logistics and supplies support to eight CTCs.
- We provided support to 10 stabilization centers and 46 health posts.
- We distributed TSFP to 1,315 children and 822 Pregnant and Lactating Women at two woredas.
- We continued providing school feeding program to students.
- In the East Borena zone of the Medda Wolabu woreda, 911 internally displaced households and host communities got financial transfers totaling 6,900 ETB/HH.
- Psychosocial first aid, awareness and community sensitization activities on child protection, child rights, parenting skills education and socio-emotional sessions are smoothly going.

SOMALI

- We provided health education to 1529 people, treatment, and consultation to 510 people,

provided vaccination service and antenatal care to mothers.

- We provided IYCF and other nutrition counseling to 377 Pregnant and Lactating Women,
- We linked malnourished children and Pregnant and Lactating Women to OTP/SC/TSFP.
- We completed construction and rehabilitation of two blocks of latrines in four Schools of Goljano, Harshin and Daror woreda.
- We distributed more than 5,000 dignity kits to vulnerable girls in schools.
- We continued to provide school feeding program to 12,408 children in 73 schools of Dawa zone.
- We transferred 3.4 million ETB to the already existing SHGs (Cooperatives). We are also constructing cattle truffles.
- Under HF, 2nd and 3rd round of multi-purpose cash is distributed to 225 IDP households of Moyale and Kadaduma each household received ETB 15,400.
- We distributed more than 12,000 scholastic materials.

FORCED DISPLACEMENT RESPONSE

In the Gambella, Oromia and Somali Regions

During this month, through our forced displacement response, we reached a total of **20,447** people out of which **18,979** are children.

GAMBELLA

- 8,486 refugees participated in community sensitization session at two refugee camps.
- We distributed Jerri cans and Plastic Cups to six ECCE centers at Terkiedi Refugee camp. 44 (18 girls) were provided with NFIs at Pinyudo -1 camp.
- We follow up on 234 UASC cases at three refugee camps.
- 1,331 youths participated in a youth center and 3,946 children participated at 4 child friendly spaces.
- 271 UASC children were assisted by our caseworkers to receive general food assistance.
- We Conducted parenting without violence sessions to 45 parents.
- 10,200 children attended the ECCE centers, 190 children participated in ELM rooms.

OROMIA

Nekemete

- We provided various nutrition counselling to 663 mothers, provided on-job technical support to 10 health workers from Sasiga Woreda and identified 939 children and PLW MAM cases and 61 children with SAM cases.
- 424 individuals (300 students) participated in a school hygiene and sanitation campaign at one primary school of Sasiga Woreda.
- We provided Water schemes maintenance spare parts to Gida Ayana and Kiramu Woredas 'Water and Energy office.
- At Nejo woreda in the west wollega zone, we provided 200 IDP households with the first round of cash rent assistance (\$1000/month/HH).
- We distributed agriculture input seeds and farm tools to

104 households at Sasiga woredas.

- We provided child protection training for 109 stakeholders, dignity kit for 554 IDP school girls, and scholastic materials to 161 students.
- 54 (26 F) key stakeholders from Najo, Kiltu kara & mana sibu woreda of West Wollega zone received training on Gender in Humanitarian Action and Gender Sensitive/ Transformative Humanitarian Program Implementation and CP concept orientation at Gimbi town.

SOMALI

- We provided medical consultation and treatment to adults and children under five.
- We supported a campaign of spraying chlorine disinfectant and conducted community mobilization at all 5 refugee camps in dollo-ado and Bokolmayo Woreda.
- We conducted a hygiene and promotion campaign.
- We provided GBV and case management training to project staff, services providers, and government stakeholders.
- Children participated in parenting without violence sessions.
- The construction of the child-friendly space of Tuli-guled is finalized and equipped with both indoor and outdoor.
- Our mobile health and nutrition team provided vaccination, health and nutrition education for mothers at MHNT sites. Pregnant mothers attended antenatal care services.
- We linked malnourished children and Pregnant and Lactating Women to OTP/SC/TSFP.

Overall, since 1st of January, we reached over 912,599 people. Out of these, 490,869 are children.





Ethiopia
Education
Cluster

EIE SITUATION AND RESPONSE UPDATE

Ministry of Education, UN agencies, Save the Children, and other local and international NGOs.

Ethiopia Education Cluster aims to enhance partnerships, coordination, and accountability in Education in Emergencies by prioritizing and defining roles.

Education in Crisis situation

- Northern Ethiopia is still recovering.
- 65% of schools have resumed operations.
- Partial and severe damage to 5989 and 3061 schools, respectively, in different regions across the country.
- Due to conflict, drought, flooding, landslides, windstorms, and other risks, 2.9M children are out of school.
- 99.5 percent of children missing school are a result of conflict and the climatic disaster (drought).

EiE Education cluster Response

- Provide emergency school feeding programme (hot meal/per MOE standard).
- Distribution of teaching and learning materials to the most affected children (scholastic materials).
- Support for early childhood education, including Accelerated School Readiness (ASR).
- Provision of accelerated education opportunities to boys, girls and children with disabilities who were out of school.

- Enhance the capacity of teachers through training in child centered methodologies / adapted pedagogy/.
- Community awareness/ sensitization through Back-to-School Campaigns.
- Construction of Latrines in schools/IDP TLS that are gender sensitive and inclusive of children with disabilities as per MoE and Education Cluster standards.
- Enhance the capacity of teachers on PSS, MHPSS, social emotional learning, safe Identification, and referrals.
- Enhance the knowledge of Stakeholders on EiE preparedness, risk reduction, data management, response mechanism, methodology disability inclusion and other related EiE pedagogical sciences.
- Establishment/strengthening of Parent-Teacher Associations (PTAs)/community-based education committees.
- Provision of Education Supplies (Furniture, Reference Books, Laboratory Equipment and more)
- Provision of hygienic facilities like soaps, sanitizers, and other equipment to school facilities.
- Provision of Life Skill Development Training to adolescent Girls and Boys.
- Provision of Menstrual Hygiene and Health (MHH) kits and MHH Sessions
- Provision of Temporary Learning Spaces (TLS) for school age boys, girls, and children with disabilities.

ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATIONS



[Ethiopia Complex crisis communication pack](#) | [Ethiopia Complex crisis Advocacy Asks](#)

FUNDING UPDATE



\$63M

2023 funding target



\$55.37M

Total Funding Secured

LOADING



\$10.19M

Pipeline (USD)



\$7.63M

GAP





LEARNING WITH JOY



A sixth grader from Sidama region Ethiopia Yanet* wakes up with a sense of excitement, knowing that today she will not only receive an education but also a nourishing meal at school. As she gets ready, she takes extra care to pack her school bag, making sure to include her menstrual hygiene kit provided by Save the Children.

Arriving at school, Yanet is greeted by the familiar faces of her friends, all equally eager for the day ahead. In the classroom, Yanet listens attentively to her teacher, soaking up all the knowledge. She knows that education is her ticket to a brighter future, one where she can break free from the cycle of poverty that has plagued her community for generations. And with each passing day, she grows more confident in her abilities and dreams.

Throughout the day, Yanet thrives in her learning environment, fueled by the support and opportunities provided by Save the Children's GPE funded school feeding program. She knows that she is not alone on this journey, that there are people who believe in her potential and are committed to helping her succeed.



Save the Children

For more information please contact

Mamo.Dessie@savethechildren.org

For advocacy, communications and media
inquires, please contact

Hiwot.Emishaw@savethechildren.org