

## Resumption of food distributions for refugees in Ethiopia

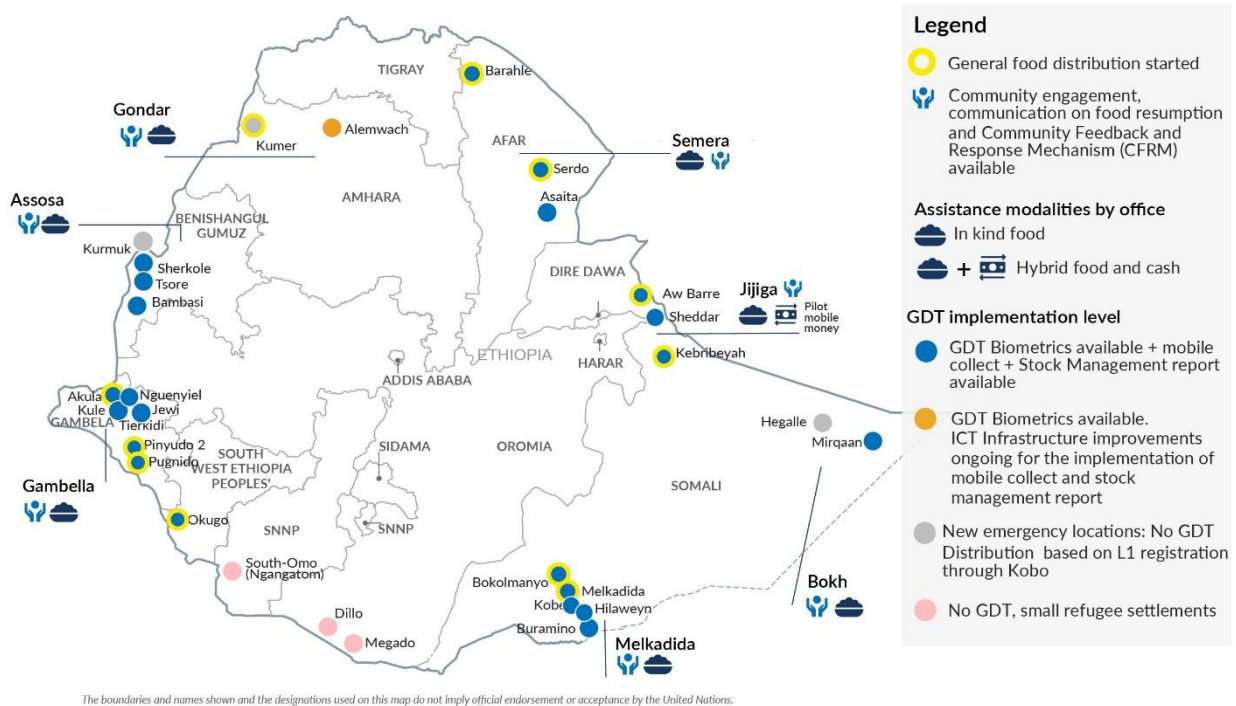
### General context

Since USAID announced the resumption of food assistance to refugee populations on 6 October, UNHCR, WFP, Ethiopia's Refugees and Returnees Service (RRS) and its partners have worked intensively to prepare for food distributions in all refugee locations in Ethiopia.

There are 29 refugee camps, sites and settlements across Ethiopia hosting 946,682 refugees, with some 878,320 being dependent on food assistance. As of 17 October, distributions have already begun in 11 locations and are estimated to have reached some 100,000 refugees.

<b>Total refugee population<sup>1</sup></b> 946,682 individuals 224,291 households	<b>Refugees targeted for the food distributions</b> 878,320 individuals 203,339 households	<b>Total refugee locations targeted<sup>2</sup></b> <b>29</b>
		<b>Refugee locations where GDT<sup>3</sup> + Mobile collect + stock available</b> <b>22</b>

### Implementation overview, protection related activities and assistance modalities



<sup>1</sup> As of 30 September 2023.

<sup>2</sup> 21 camps; 1 site (Alemwach) and 7 settlements (Kumer, Akula, Dillo, Megado, South-Omo, Mirqaan and Hegale)

<sup>3</sup> Global Distribution Tool (GDT) is a corporate UNHCR tool that helps operations use biometrics to verify the identity of beneficiaries during the distribution of food and other types of assistance. Currently, the GDT is available in 22 refugee locations in Ethiopia.

## Key improvements in protection and data management

- **Heightened communication with communities:** Key messages disseminated to refugees and display of visual material / aid at food distribution to inform about resumption and next steps at Food Distribution Points (FDPs).
- **Strengthened feedback and response mechanism:** Specific mechanisms deployed by the Protection Help desk at FDPs. So far, 212 complaints were recorded and were mainly related to refugees not receiving commodities or cash and lack of items to carry the food commodities.
- **Enhanced referrals and adjudication:** Litigation desks established at FDPs for facilitated referrals of urgent protection cases and prompt resolution of biometric adjudication cases or changes in the food collectors, esp. for people with specific needs.
- **Reinforced data management:** Biometric data and Global Data Tool is being used in all refugee locations. Only individuals with biometrics can access food assistance. Data sharing agreement with WFP enables assistance.



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## Food distributions: state of play by refugee location

Locations		Start date for the dispatch of food	Start date of the GFD	Expected end date of GFD	Refugee population	Comments
<b>Somali region</b>						
<b>Melkadida</b>	Bolkomayo	9 Oct	13 Oct	23 Oct	33,304	Food still being transported from WFP's warehouse in Jijiga . Limited number of cooperating partner staff will impact duration of GFD
	Melkadida	12 Oct	18 Oct	27 Oct	43,371	
	Kobe	17 Oct	tbc	tbc	39,195	
	Buramino	tbc	tbc	tbc	51,261	
	Hilaweyn	tbc	tbc	tbc	48,556	
<b>Jijiga</b>	Kabribeyah	6 Oct	7 Oct	11 Oct	18,043	
	Aw-barre	15/16 Oct	17 Oct	20 Oct	13,387	
	Shedder	21/22 Oct	23 Oct	27 Oct	14,700	
	Mirqaan	17 Oct	tbc	tbc	42,325	
	Hegalle	17 Oct	tbc	tbc	28,930 <sup>4</sup>	
<b>Gambella region</b>						
<b>Gambella</b>	Pinyudo II	10 Oct	11 Oct	18 Oct	11,563	
	Pinyudo I	10 Oct	12 Oct	26 Oct	52,008	
	Akula	12 Oct	12 Oct	13 Oct	1,946	
	Okugo	13 Oct	17 Oct	24 Oct	14,163	
	Nguenyiel	16 Oct	18 Oct	8 Nov	113,680	
	Jewi	16 Oct	20 Oct	3 Nov	68,914	
	Kule	23 Oct	25 Oct	8 Nov	53,753	
	Tierkidi	23 Oct	27 Oct	10 Nov	73,525	

<sup>4</sup> L1 registered population + contingencies (WFP planning figures)

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<b>Assosa</b>	Kurmuk	20 Oct (tbc)	tbc	tbc	16,461	First dispatch of food on Friday 13 October with priority for Kurmuk.
	Tsore	tbc	tbc	tbc	43,380	
	Sherkole	tbc	tbc	tbc	20,555	
	Bambasi	tbc	tbc	tbc	15,296	
Amhara						
<b>Amhara</b>	Alemwach	16 Oct	18 Oct	23 Oct	22,046	
	Kumer	15 Oct	16 Oct	20 Oct	9,712	
Afar						
<b>Afar</b>	Serdo	9 Oct	10 Oct	13 Oct	8,745	Resumption with limited turn out. Numbers of refugees expected to grow moving forward.
	Berhale	13/14 Oct	15 Oct	26 Oct	26,396	
	Assayita	18/19 Oct	20 Oct	02 Nov	23,198	