

Ethiopia

March 2018

As of 31 March 2018 Ethiopia hosts **916,678** refugees, **50.5%** of them girls and women. The Majority came from Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea

80,748 female refugees are enrolled in formal education within and outside of the refugee camps in Ethiopia.

There are a total of **35** women and girls centres in five field operations across the country.

Location	UNHCR SGBV Implementing and Operational Partners
Shire	International Rescue Committee (IRC) Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA)
Assosa	International Rescue Committee (IRC) Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA)
Afar	Africa Humanitarian ACTION (AHA) Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA)
Jijiga	Rehabilitation and Development Organisation (RaDO) Mother and Child Development Organization (MCDO) International Rescue Committee (IRC)
Addis Ababa/Kenya Borena	Ethiopian Orthodox Church Development and Interchurch Aid Commission Refugee and Returnee Affairs Department (DICAC) Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) UNHCR
Melkadida	Rehabilitation and Development Organisation (RaDO) Women and Health Alliance International – Ethiopia (WAHA) International Medical Corps (IMC) International Rescue Committee (IRC) Partnership for Pastoralists Development Association (PAPDA)
Gambella	International Medical Corps (IMC) Danish Refugee Council (DRC) OXFAM UK Humanity Inclusion (HI)

Highlights

- As of 31 March 2018, Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) systems are in place in Addis Ababa, Melkadida, and Gambella. With the ongoing national PSEA roll-out, UNHCR Sub-Office Jijiga conducted training on PSEA with plans to roll out related activities and training for SGBV actors in the region. In Gambella UNHCR and IMC organized a joint training for 30 focal points from Kule, Tierkidi and Nguenyiyiel camps on PSEA and Community Based Complaint Mechanisms (CBCM).
- UNHCR completed its annual Country Operational Planning exercise for 2019 with government and partners. The recommended strategic priorities for SGBV are inclusive of the priorities in the Ethiopia National Refugee Strategy for Prevention and Response to SGBV 2017- 2019.
- UNHCR in partnership with its partners PAPDA and IMC distributed sanitary materials for 31,620 women and girls ages 14-49 in Melkadida. In Gambella, Oxfam with support from IMC and UNHCR, distributed Afripads and other sanitary materials to a total of 8,699 females aged 12-50. Additionally, UNFPA distributed 5,500 'golden dignity kits' to school

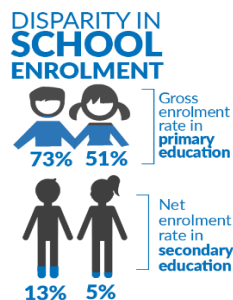
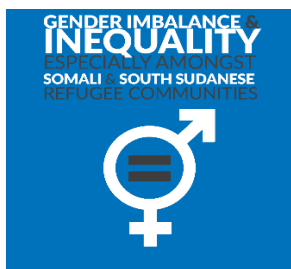
girls aged 12 years and above in Kule, Tierkidi, Jewi and Nguenyyiel camps in Gambella.

- In Shire, activities such as Q & As, games, competitions and cultural shows were organised for 'Girls Wellness FGM Campaign Week' in Shimelba camp to raise awareness of the dangers of FGM and promote healthy cultural practices.

Strategic Priorities

- Strengthen capacity of community based structures to prevent and respond to SGBV
- Improve engagement of men and boys
- Protect children against harmful traditional practices such as FGM and child marriage
- Address survival sex as a coping mechanism
- Ensure the use of the Gender Based Violence Information Management System by GBV partners
- Strengthen Access to Justice

Challenges



External/Donor Relations

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