



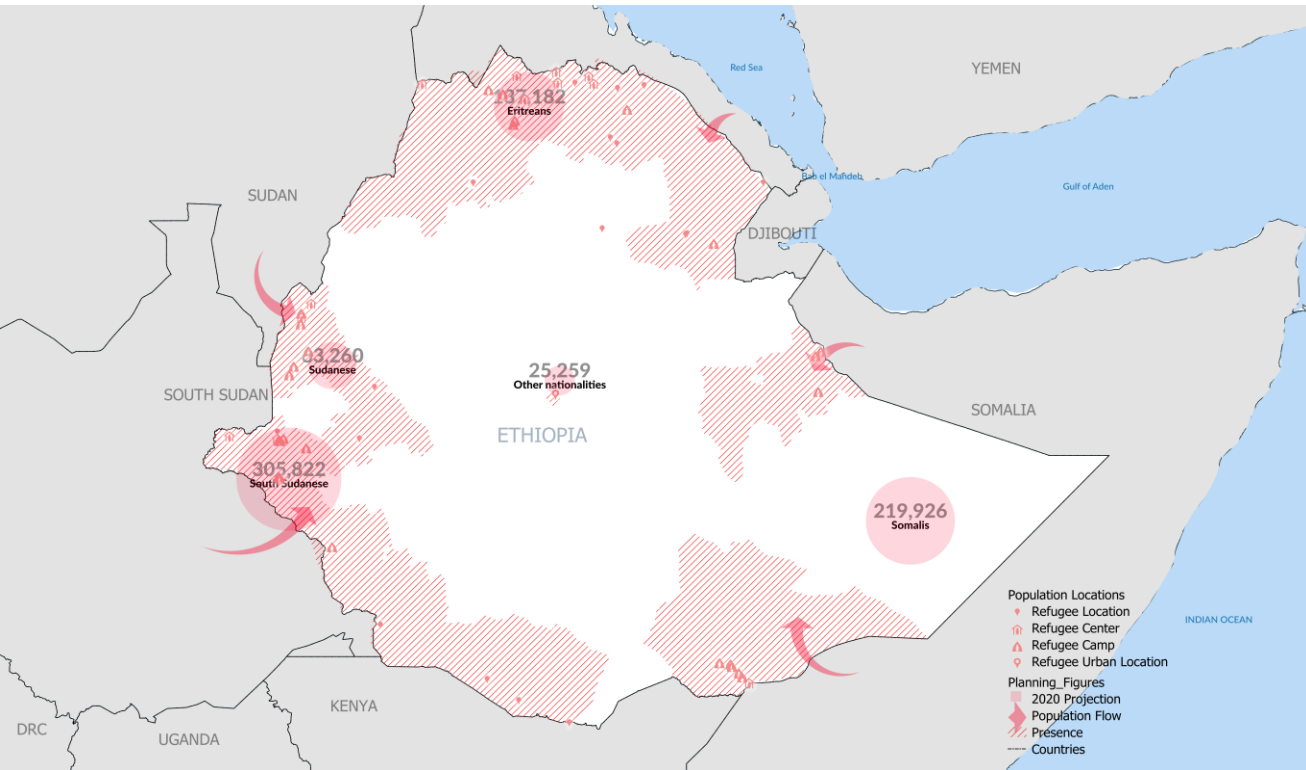
ETHIOPIA REFUGEE RESPONSE PLAN 2020-2021



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Ethiopia continued to receive new arrivals during 2019, with **96,749** persons seeking safety and protection within the country's borders.

Ethiopia currently hosts **735,204** refugees from 26 nationalities who were forced to flee their countries due to insecurity, political instability, climatic conditions, conflict, and conflict-induced famine.

The overwhelming majority of refugees are accommodated in **26** camps country-wide, located in Tigray Regional State and the four Emerging Regions of Ethiopia; the least developed regions of the country.



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Preserving and enhancing the **protection** environment and living conditions of refugees including their access to basic services, and promotion of peaceful coexistence with local communities;
- Strengthening refugee protection through the expansion of improved community-based and multi-sectorial **child protection and SGBV programmes**;
- Strengthening access to inter alia **education, WASH, health and nutrition, livelihoods, energy, and to sanitary items**;

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Supporting the implementation of the Government's CRRF Pledges and Global Refugee Forum (GRF) commitments to expand access to **rights, services, and self-reliance opportunities** in the longer-term, in line with the Global Compact on Refugees;
- Contributing to the development of **strong linkages** with national/regional development related interventions; and
- Expanding **access to solutions** including voluntary repatriation when feasible, legal migration pathways, resettlement opportunities, as well as local integration;



CROSS CUTTING PRIORITIES

- **Documentation:** *Level 3 Registration & BIMS, One Stop Shops, SIM cards and access to bank accounts;*
- **Out of Camp:** Updated Refugee Proclamation and GRF pledges to strengthen the national asylum system and social protection;
- **Local integration:** Focus on Beneshangul Gumuz (Sherkole), Somali (Kebribeyah) and Gambella (Pugnido);
- **Cash Based Interventions:** Cash assistance is planned for Addis Ababa, Afar, Benishangul-Gumuz Somali and Tigray regions. Multipurpose cash grants will support the reintegration of Ethiopian refugees;
- **Security:** Protective structures and radio communications.





A COORDINATED APPROACH

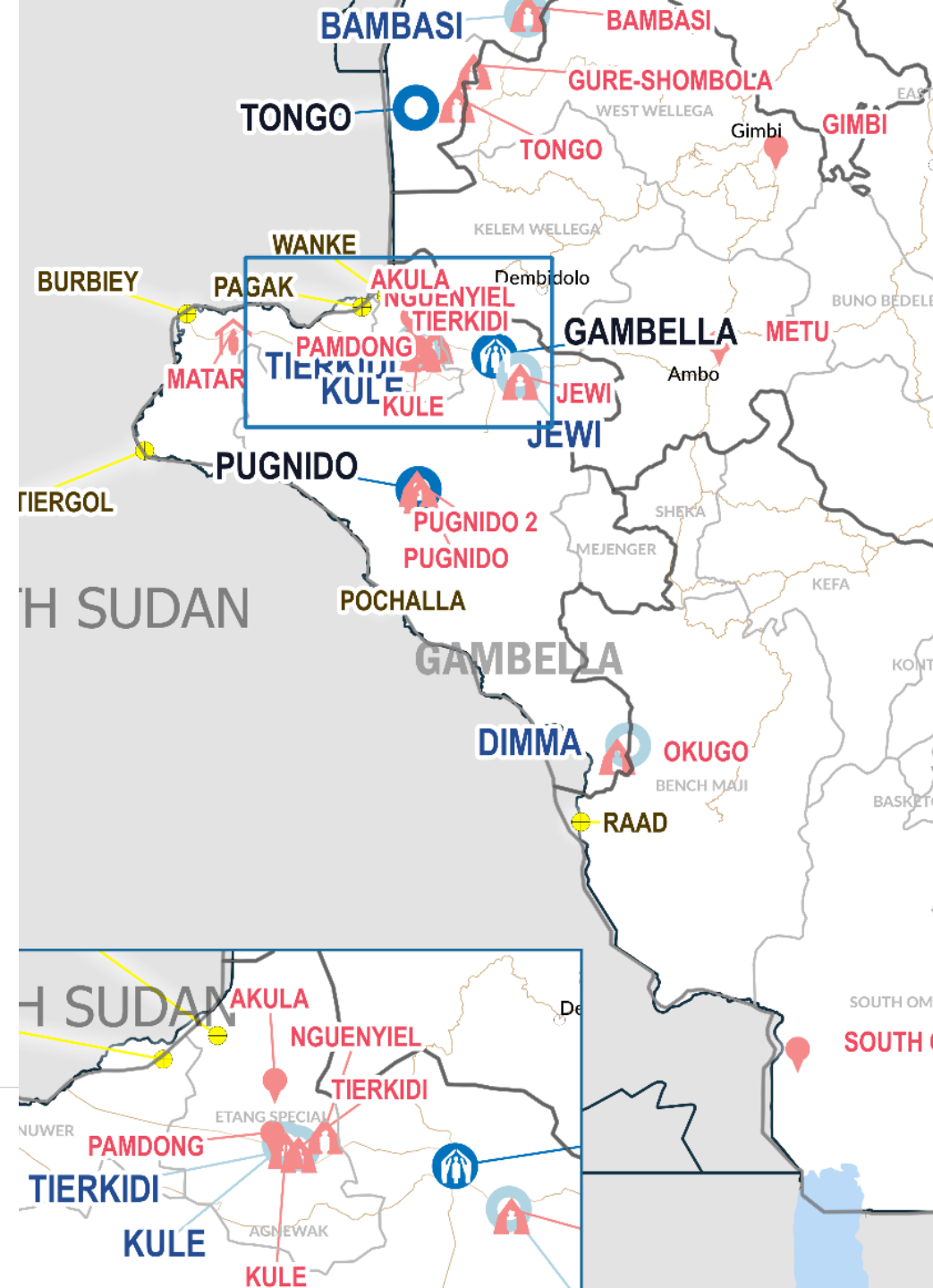
- The refugee response in Ethiopia brings together **57** operational partners. Engagement with the private sector will be prioritized.
- The Plan aims to ensure the increased **coherence and alignment** of all planned interventions supporting refugees against a common set of sectorial objectives and performance targets, to improve coordination and timely and effective protection and solutions.

BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS (USD)

| SECTOR | ERITREA | SOMALIA | SOUTH SUDAN | SUDAN | URBAN | TOTAL |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Protection | 14,388,632 | 17,958,876 | 41,537,609 | 3,641,367 | 15,901,801 | 93,428,285 |
| Education | 7,593,142 | 3,372,764 | 32,354,026 | 4,067,776 | 3,980,260 | 51,367,968 |
| Energy & Environment | 2,382,082 | 4,904,670 | 11,501,377 | 2,222,117 | 1,537,350 | 22,547,596 |
| Food & Nutrition | 11,958,427 | 32,320,746 | 114,608,289 | 9,875,216 | 711,367 | 169,474,045 |
| Health | 5,581,700 | 17,119,889 | 34,200,409 | 6,921,832 | 4,458,052 | 68,511,882 |
| WASH | 13,014,301 | 21,584,094 | 38,594,047 | 6,184,705 | 4,044,089 | 83,421,236 |
| Livelihoods | 11,153,636 | 22,344,358 | 28,317,180 | 3,734,814 | 3,839,270 | 69,389,258 |
| Shelter & NFIs | 14,560,247 | 22,385,276 | 43,671,062 | 5,642,322 | 13,640,717 | 99,899,624 |
| TOTAL | 80,862,167 | 141,990,673 | 344,783,999 | 42,290,149 | 48,112,906 | 658,039,894 |

REFUGEES FROM SOUTH SUDAN

- Despite ongoing cross-border movements, including traditional movements in tribal areas that traverse the borders, the refugee population is expected to **remain stable**.
- The management of reception centres, timely registration and the transportation of refugees to locations considered as a **favourable protection environment** where safety and dignity remain a priority.
- The security situation in South Sudan remains **volatile**. Consequently, identifying land and the expansion of camps is essential, as well as the promotion of community security, social cohesion and peaceful coexistence.





- While Ethiopia witnessed a reduction in the overall registered South Sudanese refugee population (329,123) following L3 registration, resource allocations remained demand driven across all sectors, with **sectorial assistance** remaining below the minimum international humanitarian standards, and related refugee needs.
- The prevalence of unaccompanied (4,036), and separated children (20,634) children constitutes 10 percent of the registered caseload of children from 0-17 years, with **child protection and SGBV prevention and response** remaining priorities in the delivery of essential services.

REFUGEES FROM SOMALIA

- The Somali refugee caseload is **expected to increase modestly** as a result of natural population growth and, in the case of Melkadida, small waves of new arrivals that are driven across the border by the security situation and the prevalence of climate induced movements in Somalia.
- In Melkadida, new arrivals over the previous year have exhibited **high malnutrition rates** with the prevalence of Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) at 25 percent and 37 percent among newly arrived children and pregnant and lactating women, respectively.
- Proposed **solutions** will seek to promote self-reliance and integration opportunities for refugees in terms of access to basic services, education and livelihoods, while maintaining the protection space.





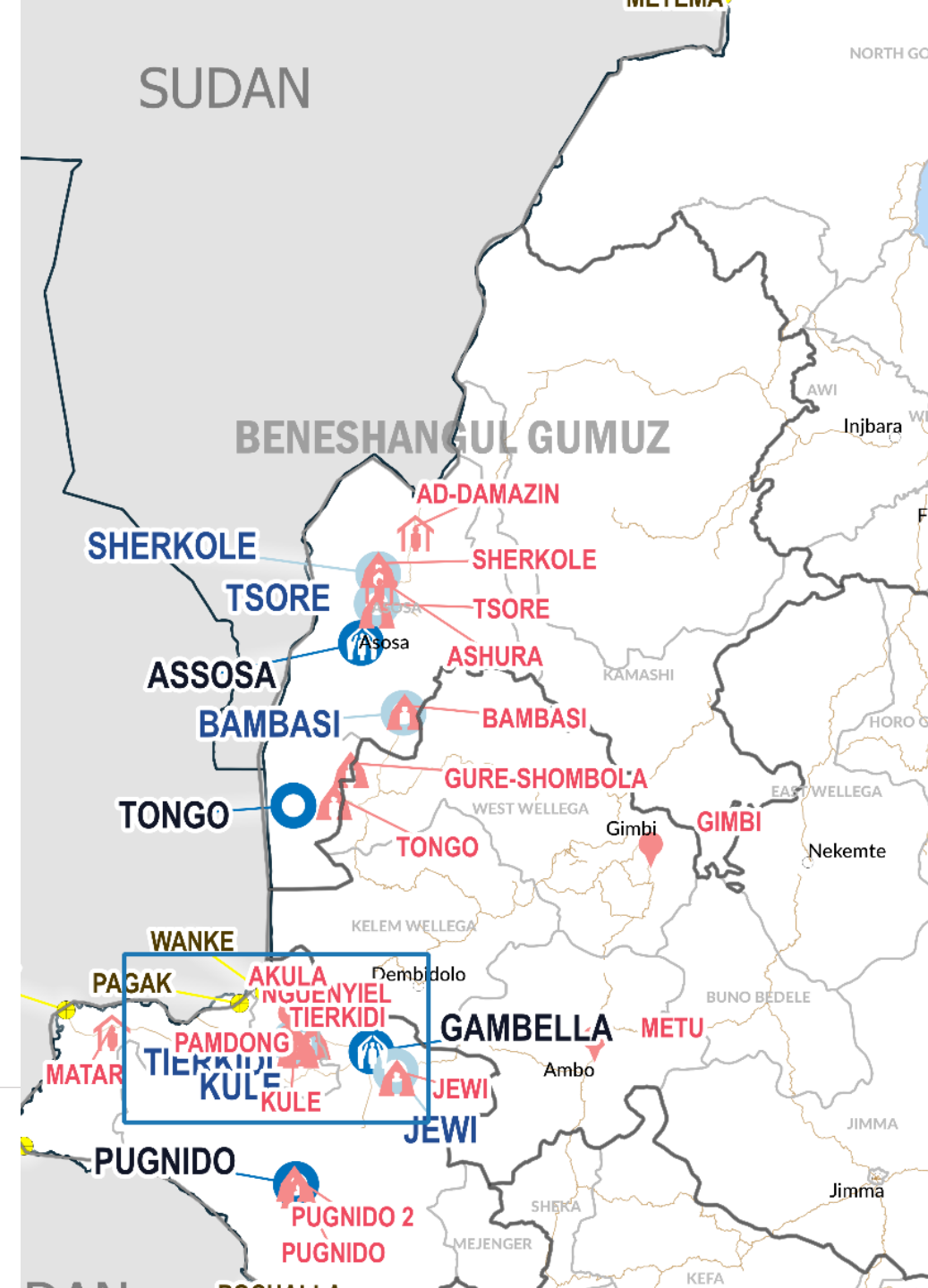
- In Melkadida, refugees and the host community benefit, on a 50/50 basis, from eight crop irrigation schemes, to be expanded from 1,000ha available irrigable land for cultivation in the Somali Region to **10,000ha country-wide**, in line with the GoE's CRRF Pledge.
- While existing essential camp-based services will be maintained, **cash-based interventions** will be prioritized for core relief items, together with phased focus on **durable shelter solutions**. The investments in **utility infrastructure**, particularly in the provision of water, will be integrated within the Regional Government's Local Development Plans.
- As part of a commitment to enhance coordination and partnerships, support to strengthen the **capacity of the Somali Regional Government** and local authorities will continue.



- In Afar, the host community is negatively impacted by a pre-existing lack of natural resources, hence strengthening the **resilience** of the hosting communities in Afar will be prioritized, while **local inclusion** in Tigray will be promoted.
- With an average of 10-12 refugees per shelter amongst recent arrivals, **shelter** construction will be prioritized.
- The connection of camps to the **national electricity grid** will continue to ensure adequate energy for refugees, minimize tensions between refugees and the host community, while protecting the environment.

REFUGEES FROM SUDAN

- Ethiopia received **6,456 new arrivals** in the Benishangul-Gumuz Region during 2019, composed of both Sudanese, and South Sudanese refugees.
- **WASH interventions** will be expanded to promote access to safe drinking water, sanitation services, and good hygiene practices. A principal unmet need remains the provision of **transitional shelters**.
- Feedback from return intention surveys denote that a large majority of the Sudanese refugee population expressed a **desire to return home** in the near future.





- Investments will continue to strengthen comprehensive preventive and curative primary **health care services**.
- Additional targets include increasing the primary **education** net enrolment rate from 81.94 percent last year to 83 percent by the close of 2020; through the construction of additional classrooms, investment in teacher training and the recruitment of additional staff.
- Access to **sustainable energy** and furthering **environmental protection** remains a priority, including the provision of energy saving stoves, the expansion of briquette production as an alternative source of household energy

URBAN REFUGEES / KENYA BORENAS

- Of the current urban refugee population (28,903), the majority are Eritrean refugees representing 85 percent of the population, followed by Yemenis at 6 percent, Somalis at 3 percent, Congolese at 2 percent, in addition to 4 percent drawn from a number of countries.
- The majority of urban refugees are **not able to meet their basic needs** with their current income (informal work or remittances), although they have access basic services.





- Emphasis on **local solutions**, including access to livelihoods through education and vocational skills training; including language courses, scholarships and online learning programmes. In addition, **alternative legal pathways**, including family reunification, humanitarian visas, private sponsorships; scholarships for skilled refugees; as well as labour mobility schemes will remain a focus.
- For the **4,037 Kenya Borena refugees** hosted in the Oromia Region, **voluntary repatriation** will be pursued as the best durable solution. Until then, refugees will continue to access the basic services accessible to the host community.



Q&A SESSION

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