

ETHIOPIA Response to Internal Displacement

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SCALE UP FOR NORTHERN EMERGENCY

1.82M Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) benefitted from UNHCR protection and solution interventions in Northern Ethiopia

Beneficiaries reached (million) 2.0 1.6 1.2



UH 9 new offices opened : 5 in Tigray (Abi Adi, Adigrat, Axum, Maychew, and Sheraro) and 4 in Amhara (Bahir Dar, Debre Birhan, Dessie, and Gondar)

SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEM

UNHCR has reached 715K persons (IDPs and host community) with ES/NFI assistance, representing 33% of the total of 2.2M individuals reached by the joint ES/NFI cluster in Ethiopia.



PROTECTION MONITORING (EPMT)

Objective : Inform the protection and multi-sectoral response from a centrality of protection point of view through regular protection analysis



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Situation overview

The severe drought, increase in conflict, and high food prices have had a cumulative devastating humanitarian impact across the country and represented major drivers of displacement that have exacerbated an already complex and protracted humanitarian crisis. The latest DTM report indicates that through the 30th round

Site Assessment in June and July 2022, 2.72 million IDPs (522,138 households) were internally displaced across 2,120 sites in Ethiopia, and there were an estimated 2 million returning IDPs (456,120 households) across 1,662 villages in Ethiopia¹ due to the ongoing conflict and drought.

Humanitarian access continues to present significant challenges, mainly as a result of the ongoing conflict and insecurity especially in the Northern Ethiopia. The conflict has disproportionately affected vulnerable displaced and non-displaced persons and continues to cause increasingly severe humanitarian and protection needs. The current situation is exacerbated by insecurity, access constraints, and limited number of service providers. Likewise in the Somali, Oromia and Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples (SNNP) regions, the continued drought and protracted displacement worsen existing vulnerabilities and risks amongst the communities. Moreover, women, children, and persons with disabilities are the worst affected.



What is UNHCR doing?

1. Provide quality protection support and services to Internally displaced persons (IDPs).

2. Address basic needs of IDPs through provision of shelter, core relief items and camp management activities enhancing their protection.

3. Support IDPs in achieving a durable solution of their choice to their displacement.

UNHCR Ethiopia continues to collaborate in the Government-led Inter-Agency response to the plight of the forcibly displaced, leading and co-leading the Protection and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Clusters, contributing to the shelter clusters, strengthening sub-national coordination with better information sharing and communication, enhancing synergies between the clusters, and providing protection, emergency aid and other support to IDPs and IDP returnees.

During the 3rd quarter, UNHCR Ethiopia has supported more than 500,000 persons drought and conflict-affected individuals with protection, CCCM, shelter, and cash assistance in Afar, Amhara, Benishangul Gumuz, Tigray, Oromia, Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' (SNNP), Gambella and Somali regions.

¹ https://displacement.iom.int/reports/ethiopia-national-displacement-report-13-june-july-2022, Due to operational constraints, the figure for Tigray region is not included in the national total.



UNHCR Ethiopia has been scaling up its protection response programming in both drought and conflict affected areas, in close coordination with the government and other key partners. UNHCR is implementing activities to strengthen community-based protection (CBP) mechanism for the affected population through protection monitoring, identification, and provision of specialized assistance, strengthened community outreach, complaint and feedback mechanisms. More than 10,566 individuals have already benefited from these protection interventions in West Guji, Gedeo and Konso through referral mechanism based on the findings of the monitoring exercise.

Capacity building support was provided to more than 4,500 individuals from national partners, local authorities, IDPs and community support structures in Oromia, SNNP, and Somali Region. The capacity building support focused on protection mainstreaming, basic concepts of CCCM, integrated GBV prevention, risk mitigation, and response interventions, and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA), Humanitarian principles, information campaigns, legal assistance, psychosocial services (PSS), case management, and referrals to specialized agencies Civil/ Criminal Jurisdiction, Housing, Land and Property (HLP) rights, and Kampala Convention.

Some 250,000 persons in need have benefited from lifesaving shelter support and Core Relief Items (CRIs) assistance particularly in Afar, Amhara, Benishangul Gumuz, Tigray, Oromia, Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' (SNNP), Gambella and Somali regions.

As part of its durable solutions strategy, UNHCR Ethiopia through its implementing partner Trilateral Peace and Development office facilitated peace and community dialogues targeting community members and leaders, as well as government officials in Benishangul Gumuz and Oromia regions which contributed to the voluntary return of 1,176 HHs to Sene (Kamashi zone) and Tole kebeles (Gimbi/ West Wollega).

UNHCR Ethiopia through its field office in Dire Dawa has also completed beneficiary selection for emergency protection and multipurpose cash grants to some 2,300 IDP HHs and members of host communities in West and East Hararge to allow drought affected families to prioritize and address their needs with dignity. In addition, to ensure improved service provision to the affected population, office equipment and stationaries were donated to the Bureau for Women and Social Affairs, One Stop Centres, Disaster Risk Management Office, and Safe House Support in Dessie, Woldiya and South Wollo.

In the 3rd quarter UNHCR's first national level IDP event was convened with participation from UNHCR IDP operation field coordinators partners, and key stakeholders building on UNHCR's global strategic directions and achievements in Ethiopia to date. The event "Protect and Solve" was centered on UNHCR's role in centralizing protection and supporting access to durable solutions across the humanitarian-development-peace nexus (HDP) with necessary linkages to the SG Action Agenda on Internal Displacement. The event drew the participation of a wide range of internal and external stakeholders, including representatives from UNHCR's Regional Bureau for the East and Horn of Africa and Great Lakes Region, Government Refugees and Returnees Service (RRS), the Ethiopian Disaster Risk Management Commission (EDRMC), the Ministry of Peace (MOP), the Ministry of Justice, the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC), as well as some of UNHCR's main donors and partners.



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