ETHIOPIA

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1. Enable refugees to live dignified lives in secure settlements with opportunities for self-reliance.
2. Enhance refugee access to adequate housing and improved living conditions.
3. Engage refugee and host communities in provision and design of shelter solutions.
4. Work with development partners and private sector to ensure better housing and living conditions.

PROGRESS

1 Shelter Strategy
The Refugee Shelter Strategy 2021-2024 is in place to guide UNHCR's shelter response.

2 Adequate dwelling
325,679 individuals are living in adequate dwelling with continuous work to improve and construct shelters.

3 Refugee relocation
Over 15,000 new arrivals and relocated refugees were provided with 3,107 emergency shelters in camps and settlements.

4 Cash Assistance
306 families supported through cash assistance, enabling them to construct and improve their own shelters.

5 Support to IDPs
96,134 IDPs were provided with emergency shelter assistance.

UNHCR in collaboration with Refugee Returnee Service (RRS) and partners provides emergency shelters, site development, and transitional shelter solutions to both refugees and asylum seekers in Ethiopia.

PROGRESS / MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- A Shelter Strategy 2021-2024 has been developed to enhance community engagement, design shelter solutions, and move towards integrated sites within hosting communities.
- Currently, 325,679 individuals are living in adequate dwelling with 1,180 new transitional shelters constructed, and 1,307 shelters improved.
- Over 15,000 new arrivals were provided with 3,107 emergency shelters in 13 camps, including in Assosa, Gambella, Shire, and Melkadida.
- Support provided to over 306 families through cash assistance, enabling them to construct and improve their own shelters.
- Development of new refugee sites, including Alemwach in Amhara Region, in collaboration with regional and local authorities, to accommodate refugees affected by conflict.
- Consultations with woman, girls, and other at-risk groups to protect against Gender-based violence (GBV) risks in the building, design, and maintenance of shelters.
- Support to internally displaced people (IDPs) through provision of emergency shelter assistance to 96,134 individuals and distribution of core relief items (CRIs) to more than 575,251 individuals, across 9 regions.

CHALLENGES

1. Only 45 % of the population have access to adequate dwelling. More than 400,000 refugees stay in old shelters and temporary emergency shelters.
2. The established refugee camps and sites are in need of basic improvements, including improvement of access roads and public facilities.
3. Urgent shelter response is needed for refugees and IDPs affected by conflict as well as those awaiting shelter solutions in receptions centers, including in the Somali Region.

WAY FORWARD

- Strengthen collaboration with RRS, national authorities, UN-Habitat, and other partners to provide better housing and settlement solutions, in line with national plans.
- Development of a detailed settlement database for all refugee sites through site mapping exercise.
- Scale up the use of cash-based intervention (CBI) for shelter provision and strengthen a community-based approach to shelter solutions.
- Mainstream GBV prevention, risk mitigation, and response through shelter interventions.

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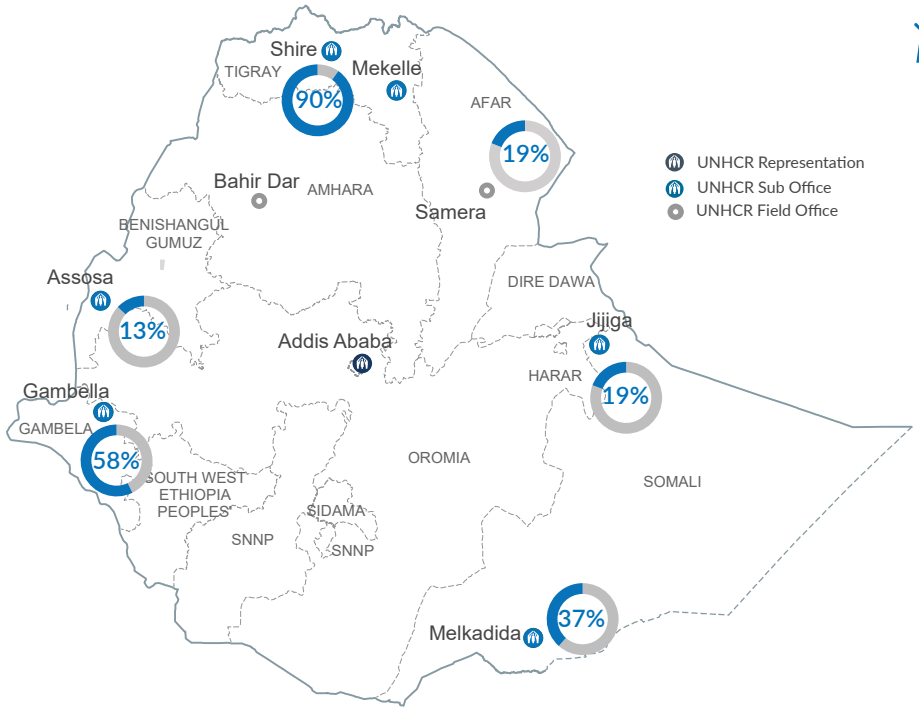
% of HHs living in adequate dwelling by location



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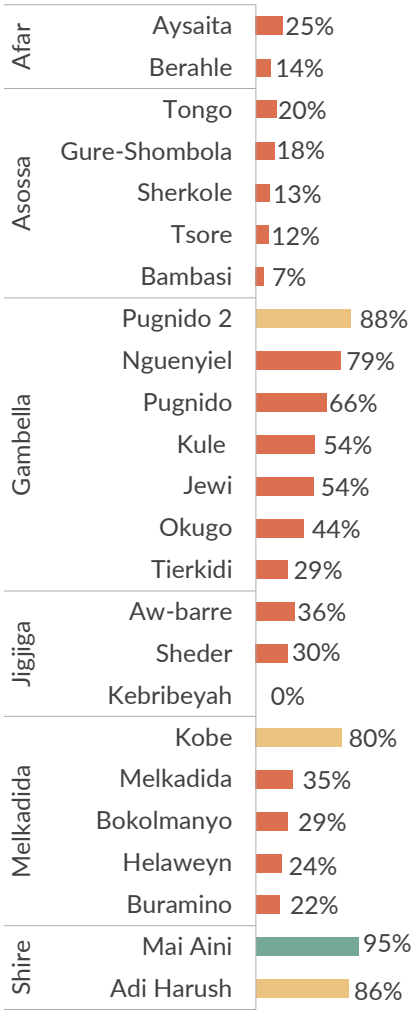
746,023 Total refugees in camps and sites
(88% of the total refugee population registered in Ethiopia)

140,023 Households (HHs)

25 Refugee camps and sites

% of HHs living in adequate dwelling by camp and site



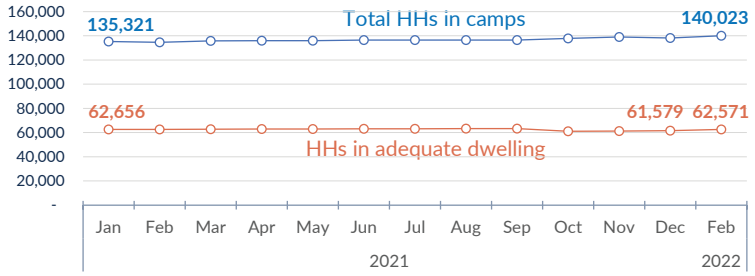
Impact indicator

45% of households living in adequate dwelling
62,571 HHs
333,369 Individuals

55% of households living in inadequate dwelling
77,452 HHs
412,654 Individuals

Standard 100%
Acceptable (≥95%) | Unacceptable (94% - 80%) | Critical (≤79%)

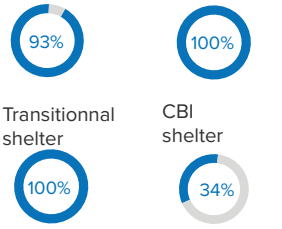
Trends | Total HHs in camps and HHs in adequate dwelling



Summary of shelter interventions by location (Based on 2021 target)

Locations	Emergency shelter			Transitionnal shelter			Shelter maintenance			CBI Shelter		
	Planned	Achieved	% Achieved	Planned	Achieved	% Achieved	Planned	Achieved	% Achieved	Planned	Achieved	% Achieved
Afar	-	-	-	324	324	100%	60	60	100%	-	-	-
Asossa	162	162	100%	250	250	100%	-	-	-	230	220	96%
Gambella	1,058	1,042	98%	882	882	100%	1,235	1,235	100%	-	-	-
Jigjiga	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	714	97	14%
Melkadida	1,843	1,769	96%	75	75	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shire	1,400	1,160	83%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	**4,463**	**4,133**	**93%**	**1,531**	**1,531**	**100%**	**1,295**	**1,295**	**100%**	**944**	**317**	**34%**

Progress by intenvention



PARTNERSHIP
7 Organisations

GOVERNMENT: Refugees and Returnees Service (RRS)
PARTNERS: Africa Humanitarian Action | Action for the Needy in Ethiopia | Danish Refugee Council | DEC | Norwegian Refugee Council | SEE

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