

Context

Under the auspices of the Durable Solutions Working Groups (DSWG) chaired by the regional/zonal authorities, **UNHCR has facilitated voluntary returns for 19,051 IDPs in safe and dignified conditions** to their places of origin in Afar (3,027), Amhara (6,395) and Tigray (9,629). Ahead of the return, the displaced population benefited from Core Relief Items (CRIs) and Cash-Based Interventions (CBI) for transportation and multi-purposes, such as food and medicines.

The return process includes **counselling and profiling of those willing to return, pre-return assessment in locations of return, support of persons with specific needs** such as pregnant and lactating mothers, the elderly, unaccompanied and separated children and people with disability. Post return monitoring is conducted through **Protection Monitoring and Solutions (PMS)** to identify protection issues in the areas of return for quick impact projects to make returns sustainable.

Key figures | Individuals

160,000
Target

124,330
Counselled/
Profiled
81% of the target

19,051
Assisted
Return

Afar
Target **3,027**
Profiled **3,027**
Assisted Return **3,027**

Amhara
Target* **6,395**
Profiled **6,395**
Assisted Return **6,395**

Tigray
Target **150,000**
Counselled** **121,303**
Assisted Return **9,629**
*Amhara target may evolve
**Counselled: Shire AoR (75,651),
Mekelle AoR (45,652)

Top 10 woredas of return

Region	Woreda	Total
Amhara	Raya Kobo	5,772
Tigray	Indasilassie town	3,731
Afar	Kunneba	2,567
Tigray	Asgede	1,159
Tigray	Selekleka	962
Tigray	Adi Hageray	885
Tigray	Seyemti Adyabo	627
Tigray	Adet	540
Afar	Abaala	460
Tigray	Tsimbla	407

Assistance provided

19,051
Persons assisted with cash
(100% of returnees)
Cash for shelter reconstruction and repair,
multi-purpose cash and cash for transport

6,200
Persons received Core Relief Items



Up: Voluntary return of IDPs living in Semera, Afar region. ©UNHCR
Down: IDP returnee beneficiary of cash for shelter reconstruction in Amhara region.

