

Ethiopia

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Every day, **13.2 million litres of water** are supplied across the refugee-hosting regions in Ethiopia, representing an average per capita distribution of **19 litres of water per person per day** (lppd).

12 of the **26** refugee camps have achieved the minimum standard of **20** litres of water person per day (lppd); **11** camps receive between **15** and **20** lppd while **3** camps receive less than **15** lppd

On average, **30%** of all refugee house-holds own a latrine while the rest use shared family latrines **18** of the **26** camps have met the minimum standard of '**maximum of 20 persons per latrine**' while **8** camps are still below the minimum standards.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Since August 2018, Nguenyiel refugee camp has been connected to a permanent water supply system eliminating the need for water trucking in Gmabella's newest camp. Two additional boreholes were drilled in Itang to boost the water supply. 987 household latrines were constructed in camps in the Gambella region and this has slightly improved the sanitation situation and brought the coverage for families with household latrines to 34%.
- Water supply was provided predominantly by water trucking in Aw-barre and Sheder camps, near Jijiga, due to recurrent problems with surface pumps. Refugees in Aw-barre camp still receive only 15 litres/person/day.
- The crude ratio of number of persons per latrine remains high in Melkakida at over 40 persons/latrine. Some camps were affected by a recent flooding in the area which hampered the ongoing construction of additional latrines.
- In Benishangul-Gumuz Region, one borehole has been drilled at Homosha woreda and fitted with a solar pumping system. Drilling of one borehole is ongoing at Bambasi camp while 2.7km of pipes have been laid to Tongo refugee reservoir site. 60 house-hold latrines were constructed in Sherkole and Tsore camps.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

UNHCR's is committed to ensuring refugees' access to water and sanitation facilities in sufficient quality and quantity; ensuring that refugees have improved personal and environmental hygiene, nurturing effective coordination partnerships, and building the capacity of partner staff. Among the range of prioritized interventions, UNHCR in collaboration with partners will seek to:

- Explore alternative-cost effective and sustainable management models for water schemes supporting both refugees and host communities. The piloting of the 'Utility Model' is already underway in Itang host population and three refugee camps (Kule, Tierkidi and Nguenyiel).
- Lobby and advocate for more funds to replace fuel-powered pumping systems with solar-powered ones, while exploring options to connect refugee camps to the national electricity grid, where feasible;
- Promote community-centred WASH interventions through scaling up the piloted community-

- Optimize the use of established water schemes that focus on efficient and comprehensive designs, integrating host community growth over time;
- Replicate successes on sustainable sanitation waste management to value solutions with the potential to function for over 15 years, eliminating the need for frequent latrine replacement, with an accrual benefit on energy/livelihood support to families;
- Distribute household water storage facilities where jerry cans are old and dilapidated;
- implementation of Cash Based Interventions as an approach will prove beneficial;
- Establish and deepen engagement with the Regional Water Bureaus on water provision and management as well as Regional Health Bureaus for sanitation and hygiene promotion under the health extension programme.

CHALLENGES



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