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THEMATIC FACTSHEET - AMHARA REGION - ETHIOPIA

PUBLIC HEALTH AND NUTRITION FACTSHEET

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Highlights

Health and nutrition remain among the leading sectors advancing refugee inclusion in Alemwach and Aftit settlements. In line with the Makatet strategy, efforts continue to integrate refugees into the national health system through close coordination, advocacy, and collaboration with local health authorities. UNHCR and partners support Aftit Health Center, Dabat Health Center, Dabat Primary Hospital, Debark and Metema General Hospitals, University of Gondar Specialized Hospital to strengthen service delivery for both refugees and host communities. Despite this progress, service provision remains constrained by insecurity, limited ambulance access, fuel shortages, funding gaps, shortages of medicines and equipment, and limited capacity within public health facilities.

Response

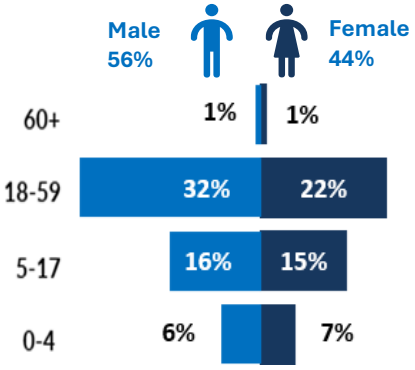
Refugees and host communities have access to comprehensive primary healthcare, including sexual and reproductive health (SRH), immunization, clinical management of rape for survivors of gender-based violence (GBV), mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) and communicable and non-communicable disease management. Secondary and tertiary care are accessed through the national referral system, while essential public health services such as vaccination, HIV, TB, and leprosy care are integrated within the national health system. Emergency preparedness and response activities are coordinated with government authorities to ensure refugee inclusion. In addition, community-based nutrition surveillance and management systems of nutrition specific and sensitive interventions are operational in both settlements.

Achievements	Aftit	Alemwach
PHC consultations	**14,800**	**6,041**
Consultations for nationals	**4,044 (27%)**	**1,660 (27%)**
Crude mortal rate (CMR)	**0.04/1000/month**	**0.04/1000/month**
Under-five mortality rate (U5 MR)	**0.04/1000/month**	**0.00/1000/month**
Mental health consultations	**361**	**421**
Referral care	**502**	**315**
Skilled birth attendance	**96%**	**91%**
Measles vaccinations coverage	**98.5%**	**99.1%**
Global Acute Malnutrition (GAM) rate, 6-59 months	**9.3%**	**7.7%**
Outpatient Therapeutic Care cure rate	**100%**	**100%**
Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme cure rate	**100%**	**96.9%**
	Metema	**Dabat**
Health facilities supported	**1**	**2**
OPD consultations / epidemic-prone disease screening (Total / Refugees)	**3214/234**	**1780/647**
MHPSS consultations (Total/ Refugees)	**535/101**	**306/90**
Safe deliveries attended by skilled professionals (Total/ Refugees)	**358/32**	**268/20**
Infant and young child feeding education (Total / Refugees)	**1865/141**	**1559/92**
Avoidable referrals reduced		**389 at Dabat Primary hospital**

Key Figures

19,642 (across Alemwach and Aftit)

Demographics



66% Women & Children

44% Children (0-17 years)

54% Adults (18-59 years)

2% Elderly (60+ years)

Country of origin

- Eritrea: **54%**
- Sudan: **41%**
- South Sudan: **4%**
- Other:**1%**

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