

# Ethiopia

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## KEY INDICATORS (AS OF 31 JULY)

**928,663**

Refugees and asylum seekers registered in Ethiopia

**59%**

Percentage of refugees below the age of 18

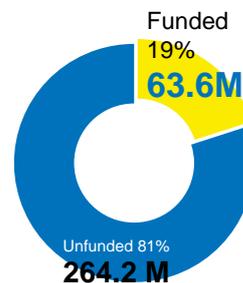
**34,509**

New arrivals registered in Ethiopia in 2018

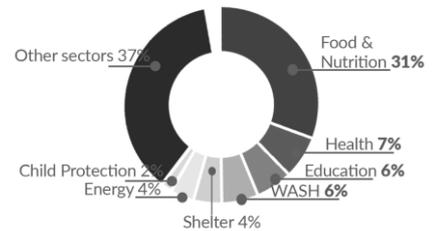
## FUNDING (AS OF 31 JULY 2018)

**USD 327.8 M**

requested for the Ethiopia operation



### Budget allocation by sector



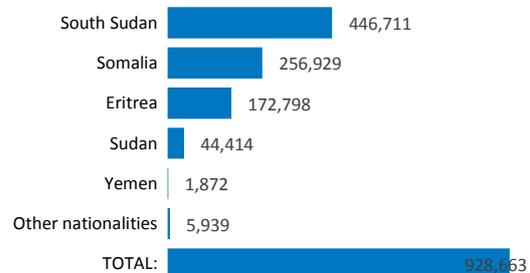
\*Other sectors: Logistics & Telecoms; Durable Solutions; Community Empowerment & Self-Reliance; Core Relief Items; Registration & Documentation; Protection; SGBV.



A father and son from south-west Ethiopia arrived at a site for internally displaced persons in Gedeb. Over one million Ethiopians have been displaced due to renewed violence in the Oromia and SNNP regions. ©UNHCR/Anna Hellge

## POPULATION OF CONCERN

### Refugee Nationalities



## New funds to help respond to displacement crisis

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To respond to the crisis, the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) has allocated USD 15 million, of which UNHCR has received USD 7.5 million for procurement and distribution of non-food items (NFIs) in the affected regions.

The Ethiopian government has called for concerted efforts to respond to the increasing number of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and a delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister Demeke Mekonnen visited displaced populations in the region on the 6<sup>th</sup> of July.

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*Faces of people forced to flee due to renewed violence in the Oromia and SNNP regions. ©UNHCR/Anna Hellge*

## UNHCR conducts awareness-raising following new peace agreement



*Eritrean refugee looking out the window at a Jesuit Refugee Service Child Protection Centre in Addis Ababa. ©UNHCR/Diana Diaz*

The leaders of Eritrea and Ethiopia signed a peace agreement on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July. This happened at the conclusion of an unprecedented summit between the two countries focused on normalizing relations after two decades of conflict.

Following the peace agreement, refugees from Eritrea have expressed some concerns to UNHCR. In response to these concerns, joint missions from ARRA and UNHCR were fielded to camps in the Tigray region to hold awareness-raising sessions for refugee representatives.

Currently, Ethiopia hosts 172,798 refugees from Eritrea. Many of the Eritrean refugees are situated in camps in the Afar and Tigray region, close to the border with Eritrea, or in urban centers, including Addis Ababa.

## UNHCR Special Envoy for the Somali refugee situation applauds Ethiopia's generosity to refugees



*Ambassador Affey inaugurates a College of Teacher Education in Dollo Ado during his visit to the region  
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During a visit to Melkadida and Jijiga camps, UNHCR Special Envoy for the Somali refugee situation, Ambassador Mohamed Affey, expressed his deepest appreciation to the Government of Ethiopia for their continued generosity in providing access to its territory to refugees fleeing in neighboring regions.

Ethiopia is currently hosting over 928,000 refugees, with over 256,000 coming from Somalia.

Ambassador Affey also welcomed the efforts of the Government of Ethiopia towards finding lasting solutions, including the application of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF).

Ambassador Mohamed Affey visited Ethiopia on a week-long trip in mid-July, during which he met with Government officials, UN partners and NGOs as well as representatives from the private sector, refugee leaders and host community representatives.

## EU contributes EUR 4.2 million towards the CRRF



Mission by UNHCR and EU to Jijiga. ©UNHCR/Judit Prigge

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of July, the Delegation of the European Union to Ethiopia and UNHCR signed a contribution of EUR 4.2 million towards the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF). The funds will target capacity building and technical assistance to the CRRF structures and Ethiopian government institutions.

Financed under the EU's Emergency Trust Fund's Action for stimulating economic opportunities and job creation for refugees and host communities in Ethiopia, the overall objective of the programme is to ease pressure on Ethiopia as a major host country for refugees and to increase refugee self-reliance by fostering sustainable, integrated and durable solutions for both refugees and host communities in Ethiopia in response to their developmental needs and aspirations.

Clementine Nkweta-Salami, the UNHCR Representative in Ethiopia, who signed the agreement with Johan Borgstam, the EU Head of Delegation in Ethiopia, said:

*"The EU contribution could not have come at a better time than this when Ethiopia is implementing its game-changing policy commitments to improve the lives of refugees and their hosts."*

She thanked the EU for its contribution to supporting the government's vision and called upon other international and bilateral donors to build upon the momentum created and to support Ethiopia's efforts.

## Refugee education data included in national statistics



*South Sudanese refugee children attending a newly opened school in Gure Shombola Camp  
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In July, data on refugee education was published as a sub-sector within the Ministry of Education's (MoE) Education Statistics Annual Abstract Report for 2016/17 academic year. The publication entails information on pre-primary, primary and secondary school enrolment as well as other key education indicators.

The publication of refugee education data by MoE will strengthen alignment of refugee education management with the national system. In addition, the publication sets the first official baseline for measuring refugee education trends and progress.

The publication of refugee data is largely due to the collaborative efforts of MoE, ARRA, UNICEF and UNHCR.

## News from around the region

### **ADDIS ABABA**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of July, a new registration system called proGres v4 was successfully rolled out for urban refugees and asylum seekers in Addis Ababa. ProGres v4 is an online refugee data management system making it possible for both UNHCR and ARRA as well as partners to access refugee data. ProGres v4 is to set be rolled out in in other refugee camp and is funded by the EU, the Netherlands and Denmark.



### **MELKADIDA**

The recently completed irrigation canal in Buramino will benefit both refugees and host communities. In total, 400 households will benefit from the irrigation canal, 200 refugee households and 200 host community households.

### **SHIRE**

367 youngsters including 141 females graduated from the Norwegian Refugee Council's Youth Education Programme on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July. All youngsters had completed a six-month vocational skills learning programme at the Youth Education Programme center in Hitsats camp.



### **AFAR**

After successful selection of a business idea and identification of a site, led by Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, a youth association in Aysaita camp gets ready for the construction of a Cafeteria service with sport/DSTV entertainment in Aysaita refugee camp.

## Voices from the displacement crisis

Over one million Ethiopians have been displaced caused by renewed violence in the Oromia and SNNP regions. Many are now in critical need of humanitarian assistance. UNHCR met some of the people in the Yirga Chefe woreda, Gedeo zone, in the SNNPR.



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*“They burnt down my house. I lost my clothes, my sheep and my ox. I used to have a small coffee farm. Now all of that is gone. When I fled, I could save nothing but my life.”*

Ayalech Dogoma, 60, one of the many people forced to flee to Yirga Chefe woreda.

*“At least I could save my child”*

A mother stands among fellow internally displaced Ethiopians at a manufacturing centre in the Yirga Chefe woreda, where an estimated 11,000 people are sleeping on the ground trying to keep warm from heavy rains.



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*“All we want is peace and to return back to our homes”*

These elderly live in a manufacturing site in Yirga Chefe woreda. At night, they sleep on the cold floors and cover themselves with the little clothes they have. Many show signs of pneumonia and constant coughing can be heard.



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## Working in partnership

- UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, provides protection, assistance and facilitates durable solutions for refugees in Ethiopia in collaboration with ARRA, the Ethiopian Government, UN Agencies and NGOs.

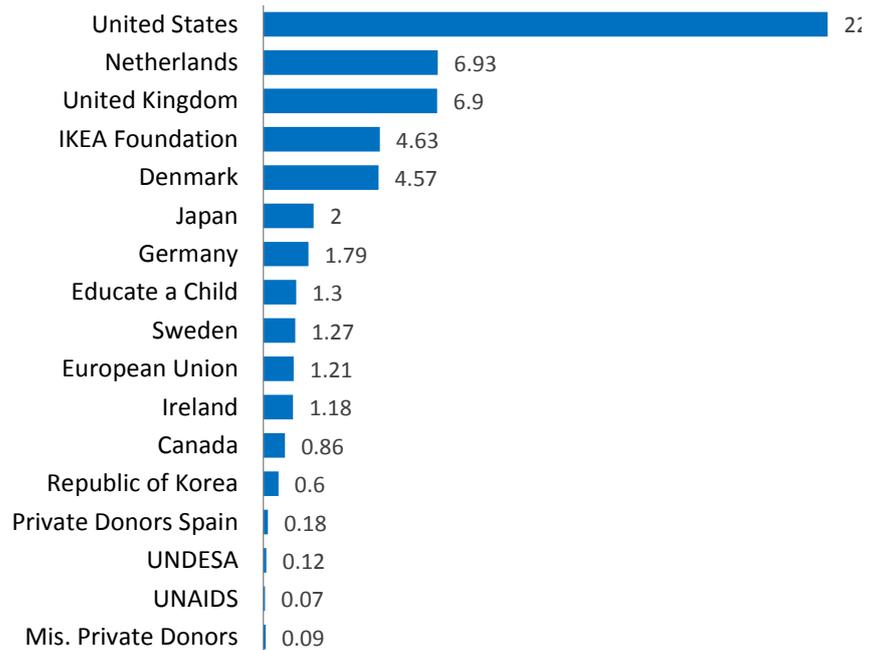
## Financial Information

Total recorded contributions for the Ethiopia operation in 2018 amount to some

**US\$ 63,6 million.**

UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors who have contributed to this operation, as well as those who have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked and broadly earmarked funds.

### Funding received (in million USD)



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