

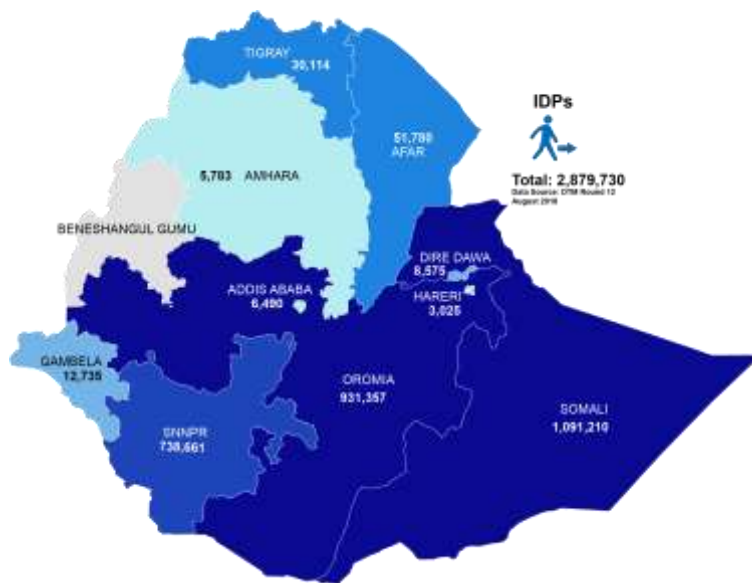
Ethiopia

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Over **2.8 million people** in Ethiopia were internally displaced due to internal conflicts and climate induced factors.

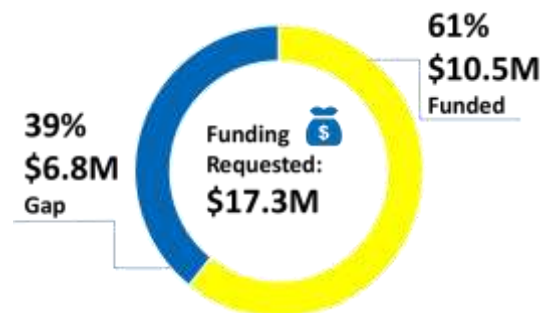
The Protection Cluster, Child Protection and Gender-Based Violence Sub-Clusters operate at **federal** level as well as in **SNNP, Oromia, Somali, and Gambella regions**.

The Protection Cluster prioritized **drought- and conflict-induced IDPs** in **64 woredas** for the protection response to make efficient use of resources through a holistic approach.



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PROTECTION CLUSTER HIGHLIGHTS

Cluster name	Established	Frequency of meetings	Crises addressing
Protection Cluster	2008	Fortnightly in Addis Ababa	Conflict and climate-induced IDPs
Gambella Region Protection Cluster	Dec 2016	Monthly in Gambella	Conflict and climate-induced IDPs
Somali Region Protection Cluster	Sept 2017	Fortnightly in Jijiga	IDPs due to drought, conflict, flooding
Gedeo Zone Protection Cluster	Aug 2018	Weekly in Dila	Conflict-induced IDPs and returned IDPs
West Guji Zone Protection Cluster	Aug 2018	Weekly in Bule Hora	Conflict-induced IDPs and returned IDPs

- Due to several internal conflicts, the number of IDPs has increased on an unprecedented scale. The conflict along the regional Somali-Oromia borders, which had intensified in September 2017, led to the displacement of around 1 million individuals from both regions. The April/June 2018 Gedeo-West Guji conflict displaced 958,200 persons in both SNNP and Oromia regions. The August 2018 inter-communal conflict in the Somali region caused additional 141,400 persons leave their homes;

- Due to high numbers of IDPs from Gedeo and West Guji zones, in July 2018 the Protection Cluster re-prioritized its activities to better target assistance to the most vulnerable conflict-induced IDPs;
- In June-July 2018 the Protection Cluster participated for the second time in the three-week Belg/Gu assessment throughout Ethiopia;
- The Protection Cluster (including approximately 20 members) cooperates with other clusters at federal and regional levels to ensure that protection principles are mainstreamed to the service delivery.

PROTECTION CLUSTERS IN GEDEO AND WEST GUJI ZONES

- In July 2018 the federal Protection Cluster organised a rapid protection assessment mission, the findings of which informed further protection planning and response;
- In the aftermath of the displacement, the humanitarian actors intensified their presence in Gedeo and West Guji zones. To further enhance protection response, in August/September 2018 the Protection Cluster conducted community mapping and mapping of the services available for IDPs;
- As of August 2018, the initial violence subsided and the government started actively promoting IDP returns. The exact numbers of IDPs returned to their areas of origin has not yet been unequivocally established. The Protection Cluster has been advocating that any returns should be of a voluntary nature and conducted in safety and dignity, fully involving IDPs in decision-making;
- The CP-GBV Sub Cluster supported BoWCA to register over 4,000 unaccompanied and separated children and conduct family tracing, including reunification with the children's families;
- 3,351 children participated in different psycho-social support activities in West Guji;
- 9 post-rape treatment kits were provided to health centres and hospitals in woredas hosting large numbers of IDPs in both West Guji and Gedeo zones;
- 5,200 dignity kits were handed out to IDPs. Further 6,240 dignity kits are planned to be distributed
- In October 2018 the Protection Cluster launched a protection monitoring project in West Guji. It will aim to guide evidence-based action to ensure respect and protection of rights of IDPs and returned IDPs.

SOMALI REGION PROTECTION CLUSTER

- Somali Region Protection Cluster has more than 24 active governmental, UN, and NGO partners. The Protection Cluster supports members to undertake protection prevention and response activities, and provides capacity enhancement, including (i) protection monitoring in IDP sites through mobile protection teams, (ii) establishment of community-based protection committees in IDP sites, and (iii) training for IDPs and regional government members on protection, gender, coordination and Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement;
- On 4 August 2018 political events in Somali Region resulted in riots and a large scale internal displacement in Jijiga and other towns. The cluster undertook several protection assessments. Since then Jijiga is returning to normal; however, the ramifications of those events still exist (e.g. separated families). The Protection Cluster continues to respond to protection issues from IDPs displaced by drought, flood and conflict in Fafan, Jarar, Dollo, Liben and Afder zones in particular.
- CP-GBV Sub Cluster supported BoWCA and child protection partner organisations to register unaccompanied and separated children and provide them with case management services;
- CP-GBV Sub Cluster supported the establishment of women friendly spaces and organization of GBV awareness raising activities in Farfan Zone;
- 4,500 dignity kits to women and girls of reproductive age were distributed to IDPs across the region.

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