

Following the spreading of the conflict in Northern Ethiopia into Afar region in October 2021 and its effect on Barahle refugee camp in February 2022, staff of UNHCR partners and Government's Refugees and Returnees Service (RRS) had to leave the site. The Ethiopian Government quickly identified a site in Serdo, 40 km from Samara (Dubti woreda), to accommodate the refugees fleeing Barahle and the surrounding areas.

Before the escalation of the hostilities, 20,639 refugees were hosted in Barahle refugee camp and 13,600 refugees were living with the host communities in Dalool and Erebti woredas. Since the conflict affected Barahle camp, 15,000 refugees have been reached by RRS in Afdera, Dabure, Bada, Samara and Altefa towns.



UNHCR is working with **8 partners** in Serdo: Refugees and Returnees Service (RRS, Government counterpart) | EECMY-DASSC | ANE | AHA | GOAL | IMC | IHS | DICAC

UNHCR is working closely with the Afar Regional authorities to strengthen the following services:

Water: Water trucking system is used to meet the needs of the host community and refugees at Serdo. UNHCR supports the Afar Regional Water Bureau in its long-term strategic development plan to construct a water system to serve the local communities and refugees in Serdo, and beyond. A 30km pipeline will be created to pave the way for future expansion. With additional boreholes, the pipeline will be used in future to serve the local communities also beyond Serdo.

Shelter: Due to the emergency, refugees have been housed in UNHCR family tents upon arrival. To ensure more sustainable solution, UNHCR started to build 1,000 weather friendly shelters.

Health & Education: UNHCR is analyzing with the Regional and Education Health Bureau the most critical needs of the affected population to strengthen the existing services.



3,026 refugees living in the camp (including **1,749** women and **855** children/youth verified and issued with the document and proof of registration.



692/1,000 family tents completed. 2 Community sheds built and 12 under construction.



6.5 L/ per person/ per day delivered through emergency water trucking. 40 latrines and 10 hand-washing stations completed and in use.



Distribution of 2 hot meals/ person/day in March. General food distribution in April with cash assistance.



3,026 refugee households received NFI kits upon arrival (Plastic tarpaulin, sleeping mat, blanket, Jerricans, kitchen sets, mosquito nets, mattress buckets, soap and solar lamps.



1,941 refugees transported from Afdera and Samara to Serdo. Planification of 15,000 refugees living in Bada, Dabure and Altefa ongoing.

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