ETHIOPIA

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1. Ensure sustainable and efficient healthcare provision for refugees by promoting their inclusion into regional and national health plans, funding mechanisms, and health services.
2. Foster collaboration on health sector response with development partners, in line with the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR), Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF) and the Multi-Year Strategy (MYS).

PROGRESS

1 – Mortality Rate

* Crude mortality rate: 0.03/1,000/month
* Under 5 mortality rate: 0.07/1,000/month.

2 – Health Care

Over 715,000 outpatient consultations were carried out in refugee camps.

3 – COVID-19

28,539 have been fully vaccinated, representing 8% of the adult refugee population.

4 – Emergency Response

* Deployment of health experts
* Emergency airlifting of medicines and medical supplies

UNHCR, in collaboration with the Government of Ethiopia (GoE) and partners, facilitates access to primary and emergency secondary and tertiary healthcare services for refugees and asylum-seekers. Refugees are also included in the national COVID-19 prevention and response plan.

PROGRESS / MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- Despite the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the health status of refugees has remained stable, with no significant disease outbreaks. The crude and under 5 mortality rates have been maintained at **0.03/1,000/month** and **0.07/1,000/month** against the standards of 0.75/1000 and 1.5/1000 respectively, under the thresholds of concern.

- Over 715,000 outpatient consultations were carried out in refugee camps and over 7,000 patients were referred from the camps for advanced treatment, in 2021. 92.1% of children under five were vaccinated against measles and 94% of the 18,148 recorded deliveries were facilitated in health centers with the assistance of skilled birth attendants. Antiretroviral treatment (ART) services were made accessible in all refugee camps, with 2,097 patients currently receiving ART.

- UNHCR is closely working with the Government's Refugees and Returnees Service (RRS), partners, the Regional Health Bureaus (RHBs) and other UN agencies to prevent and reduce the spread of COVID-19 among the refugee and host communities. So far 31,923 refugees have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, representing 8% of the adult refugee population.

- UNHCR is responding to all health emergencies, including in Afar, Benishangul-Gumuz, Somali, and Tigray Regions, through deployment of health experts and emergency airlifting of medical supplies.

CHALLENGES

1. Refugee inclusion in national systems remains partial and work in progress.
2. Limited access to health services in conflict - affected areas.
3. Delayed implementation of the new UNHCR Integrated Refugee Health Information System (iRHIS) negatively impacting easy access to data, timely analysis, and evidence-based decision making.

WAY FORWARD

- Work with the Ministry of Health (MOH, Regional Health Bureaus (RHBs), partners and donors to advance the gradual inclusion of refugees in national health planning, budget, and services.

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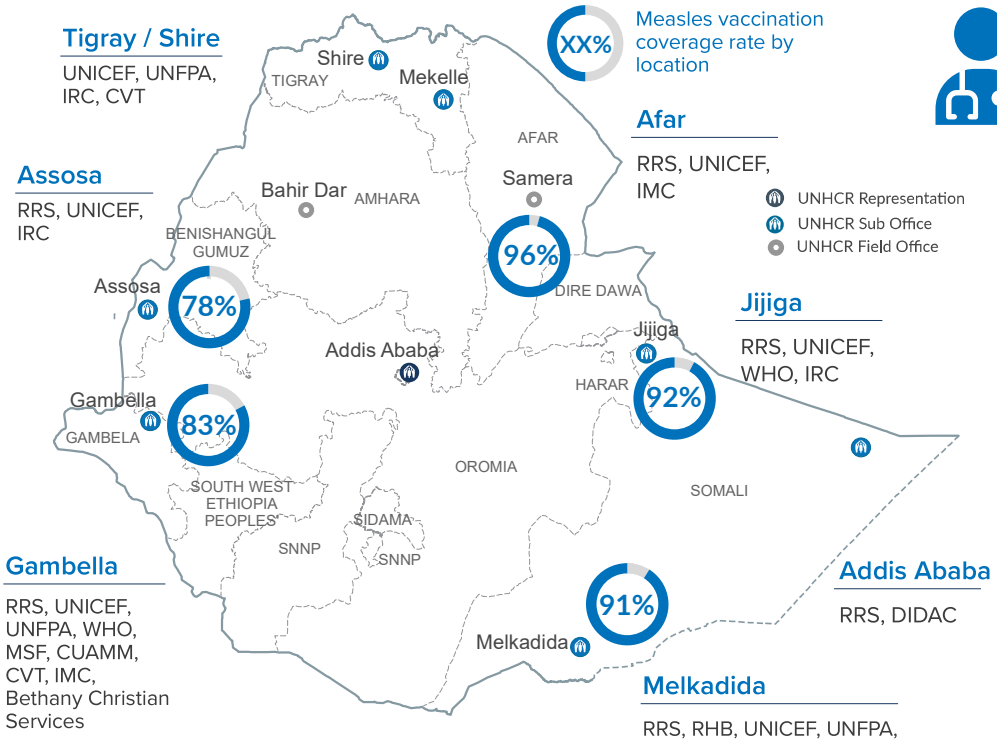

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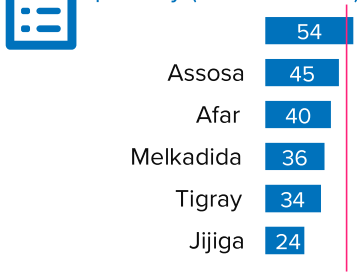
39
Average # of consultations per clinician per day in camp (Standard : 50)

715,561 Out Patient Department consultations (ODP)

641 health staff

33 health centers and health posts

Consultations per clinician per day (Standard : 50)



0.03
Under-5 mortality rate among refugees (Standard : <1.5 Per 1,000 population/month)

0.07
Crude mortality rate (Standard: <0.75 Per 1,000 population/month)

88%
Measles vaccination coverage rate (Standard : 95%)

31,923
COVID fully vaccinated persons among refugees (8% of the adult refugee population 18years+)

93.6%
Proportion of deliveries attended by skilled personnel (Standard : 95%)

434
COVID confirmed cases among refugees

Detailed indicators by Sub-Office

✓ Standard met / Satisfactory value
! Standard borderline / Needs improvement
✗ Standard not met / Unsatisfactory

Indicators	Total	Afar	Assosa	Gambella	Jijiga	Melkadida	Tigray
Proportion of deliveries attended by skilled personnel	✓ 93.6%	✗ 78%	✓ 98%	! 92%	✓ 100%	✓ 97%	✓ 99%
Numerator: # of deliveries total	18,148	946	1,771	10,084	1,440	3,608	299
Denominator: # of deliveries attended by skilled personnel	16,986	740	1,729	9,281	1,440	3,501	295
Measles vaccination coverage rate (%)	✗ 88%	✓ 96%	✗ 78%	✗ 83%	! 92%	! 91%	
# of consultations per clinician per day in camp	✓ 39	✓ 40	✓ 45	! 54	✓ 24	✓ 36	✓ 34
# of Out Patient Department consultation	715,561	22,149	73,281	423,894	41,905	117,466	36,866
#of health centers and Health posts in camps	33	2	5	16	3	5	2
#of health centers and Health posts out of camps (in woredas) and accessible by refugees	52	2	4	5	2	12	27
#of health staff	641	23	90	377	45	106	-
# of referrals	7,001	496	880	4,024	708	660	233
# of patients on ART	2,097	15	103	1,806	59	13	101
Total number of deaths	359	0	46	260	23	28	2
Total number of <5 year deaths	175	0	19	133	8	14	1
Under 5 mortality rate among refugees	✓ 0.43	✓ 0.0	! 1.3	✓ 0.20	✓ 0.20	✓ 0.46	✓ 0.04
# of COVID confirmed cases among refugees	569	6	247	250	33	4	29
# of COVID fully vaccinated persons among refugees	31,923	450	5,351	19,797	1,950	4,318	57

PARTNERSHIP
15 Organisations

GOVERNMENT
- Refugees and Returnees Service (RRS)
- Ministry of Health (MoH)
- Regional Health Bureau (RHB)

UNITED NATIONS
- UNICEF
- UNFPA
- WHO

PARTNERS
- Bethany Christian Services
- The Center for Victims of Torture (CVT)
- Doctors with Africa CUAMM
- Ethiopian Orthodox Church Development and Inter-church Aid Commission (DICAC)
- International Medical Corps (IMC)
- Partnership for Pastoralist Development Association (PAPDA)
- Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF)
- International Rescue Committee (IRC)

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