

Ethiopia

November 2022

Ethiopia is the third largest refugee hosting country in Africa, generously sheltering some **880,000** refugees, mainly from South Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea and Sudan. The majority are women and children who need special care and attention.

UNHCR is a key partner in the government-led Inter-Agency response to the plight of IDPs, leading the **Protection** and co-leading the **Camp Coordination & Camp Management** (CCCM) Clusters. UNHCR is also active in the Shelter/NFI as well as the Logistics and Health Clusters. returnees.

UNHCR is supporting people affected by the worst drought in **40 years**. We are also helping the government & communities to build resilience against natural hazards, such as recurrent droughts and flooding.

KEY INDICATORS

624,193 IDPs assisted in 84 UNHCR-managed sites in Northern Ethiopia

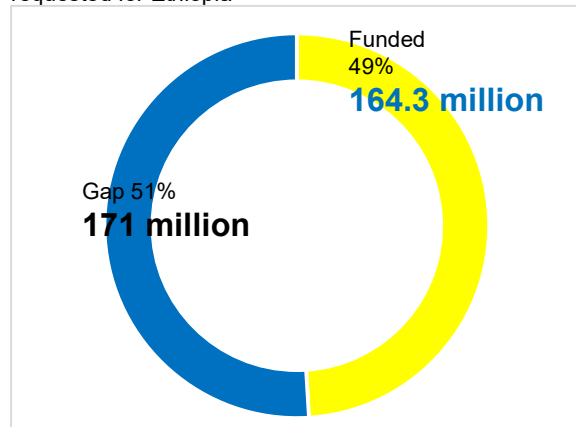
251 refugees supported to be reunified with their families in Canada (238) and European countries (13)

Over 800,000 IDPs were provided with emergency shelter, shelter repair kits & core relief items to date in 2022

FUNDING (AS OF 30 NOVEMBER)

USD 335.3 million

requested for Ethiopia



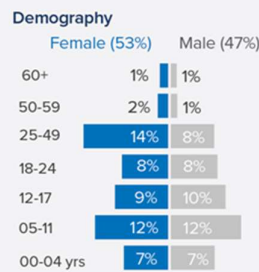
Registered Population **880,021**

Households **208,548**

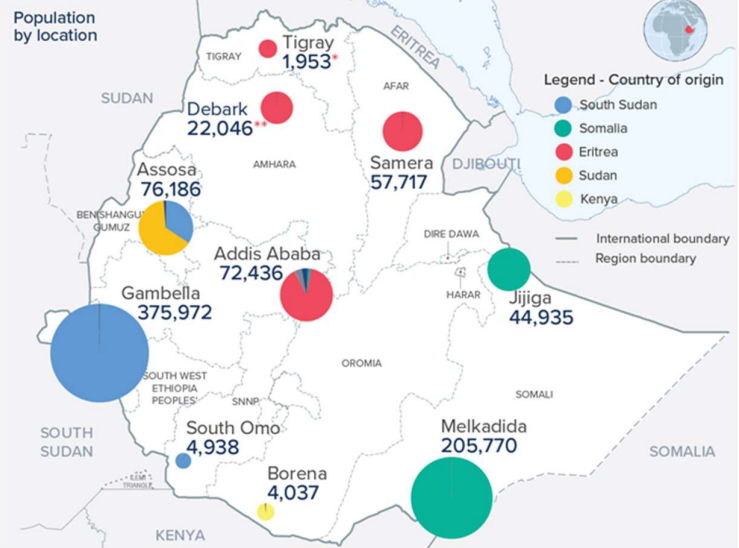
Country of origin	Individual	%
South Sudan	408,541	46%
Somalia	251,593	29%
Eritrea	162,274	19%
Sudan	48,551	5%
Kenya	4,034	<1%
Yemen	2,469	<1%
DR Congo	1,056	<1%
Syrian Arab Republic	668	<1%
Other	835	<1%
Total	880,021	

877,804 Refugees, 2,217 Asylum seekers

4 Average family size



Children (0 -17 yrs) 512,008 (58%)	Women & Children 725,611 (82%)	Persons with Disabilities 2,261
Adolescents and Youth (12-24 yrs) 296,262 (34%)	Women (18-55 yrs) 197,495 (23%)	Unaccompanied and Separated Children 40,674



Operational Context

Conflict, drought, inflation and high food prices have had a cumulative devastating humanitarian impact across the country, driving millions into displacement. According to the International Organization for Migration's (IOM) latest Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) report published in July 2022, there were 2.72 million IDPs and an estimated 2 million returning IDPs in the country, all of them requiring urgent humanitarian support and solutions. The two-year conflict in Northern Ethiopia has been the major cause of displacement and has put 13 million people in Tigray, Afar and Amhara regions in need of urgent humanitarian assistance. Thousands of Eritrean refugees were caught up in the conflict in the Tigray Region. Over 40,000 of them have self-relocated to Addis Ababa, while UNHCR and the government's Refugees and Returnees Service (RSS) have been relocating those who wished to do so to the Alemwach site in the neighbouring Amhara Region. UNHCR is encouraged by recent developments aimed at the peaceful resolution of the conflict in Northern Ethiopia. Our teams are present in 10 different sites in three regions and can move quickly as soon as humanitarian access is fully restored.

Notwithstanding its internal challenges, Ethiopia is home to nearly 900,000 refugees and is providing protection and services. The country is also creating conditions for self-reliance and inclusion in national development plans and services, such as health and education. UNHCR is working with government partners, development actors, international financial institutions, donor countries, the private sector and others to engage in long-term socio-economic investments in refugee-hosting areas, benefitting both refugees and the communities hosting them.

Main achievements



As part of the effort to enhance GBV prevention and response in camps in Jigjiga, UNHCR and partners conducted awareness-raising sessions, held dialogue sessions, group discussions, tea-talk sessions, follow-up home visits for GBV survivors and community sensitization meetings, reaching 4,740 refugee women, men, girls and boys across the three camps Aw-barre, Kebribeyah and Shedder. In total, 26 GBV awareness-raising sessions focusing on Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), domestic violence, early/forced marriages were conducted at water points, women- and girl-friendly spaces, as well as at schools in the three camps. In November, nine new GBV cases were reported across the three refugee camps. The survivors received psychosocial support through GBV implementing partner, International Medical Corps (IMC), and were referred to the RRS for further legal support. In Kebribeyah, material items in the form of hand torches, clothes, sanitary materials, body soap, and slippers were provided to six survivors.

Additionally, UNHCR and RRS provided registration and documentation services to 837 refugees, conducting 183 new birth registrations and 211 biometric enrolments. . In addition, 247 refugees received Proof of Registration (PoRs), 121 received VERA¹ services through vital events registration partner, RRS,

¹ Ethiopian Vital Events Registration Agency

which issued civil and legal documentation (birth, marriage, divorce and death certificates). While the RRS halted the issuance of refugee identity cards, UNHCR continues to register persons of concern in Melkadida. A total of 100 new-born babies were registered and 115 PoRs issued across five refugee camps (Bokolmany, Melkadida, Hilaweyn, Kobe and Buramino) in November.

**EDUCATION**

To date, 179,335 refugee students have been enrolled in pre-primary (49,629), primary (112,315) and secondary (18,329) levels of education, including 3,403 students enrolled in host community schools across the country. The data collection on the enrolment is on-going and expected to improve through 2 million USD funding support from Education Cannot Wait (ECW).

Furthermore, 2,793 refugees are currently enrolled and attending classes in 40 public universities across Ethiopia, benefitting from scholarships offered by the Government of Ethiopia (1,762) and the German Government-backed DAFI scholarship programme (1,031). In line with Ethiopia's 2019 GRF pledges, under the Qualification Employment Perspectives for refugees and host communities in Ethiopia (QEP) programme supported by the German Government, 4,307 (47.1%F) host community and 1,737 (47.6% F) refugees have received Technical Vocational Education Training (TVET) training; 1,065 refugees were benefitting from wage and self-employment. The project has been implemented in different refugee-hosting including Addis Ababa, Gambella, Benishangul-Gumuz, and Somali.

**HEALTH**

UNHCR, RRS and partners continue to provide basic health services for refugees, including in urban locations. The overall health status of refugees has remained stable with no disease outbreaks recorded during the reporting period. The situation around the cholera outbreak in Kersadula, in southwestern Somali Region, is improving with no case recorded in November, while active cases were identified in Guradamole. Since cholera broke out in Guradamole in August 2022, 137 cases were identified, with 10 deaths. The coordination team cited shortage of water treatment chemicals, F-75 milk and blankets for CTC/CTU as immediate gaps.

UNHCR donated, through RRS, 362 cartons of essential medicines and 241 cartons of medical supplies to Dabat Health Center and Dabat Primary Hospital, Amhara Region. The health facilities provide medical services to 16,000 refugees in the Alemwach site, where more than 7,000 refugees were relocated from Mai Aini and Adi Harush camps in Tigray in November. UNHCR also dispatched essential medicines (350 cartons) and medical supplies (231 cartons) to health institutions in Shire and Mekelle in Tigray Region following the signing of the Agreement on Cessation of Hostilities. In Shire operating area, the support aims to benefit 1.5 million forcibly displaced persons.

**FOOD SECURITY AND NUTRITION**

UNHCR and RRS continue to coordinate with partners to improve the nutrition status of refugees through preventive and curative programs. Main activities in November included active and passive screening for acute malnutrition to enable timely enrolment to the nutrition treatment programmes, against the background of 50% food reduction. Estimated 43,555 children (6-23 months) and 29,512 pregnant and lactating women were enrolled in Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program (BSFP) program at the end of October. As of November, 3,771 children (6-59 months) have been admitted into the nutrition programs. In the camps in Jijiga area, Somali Region, nutrition services continued with 1,118 refugees supported in November.

From June to November 2022 the food basket for refugees has been at 50% (approximately 985 kilocalories per person per day), which is inadequate to warrant household food security. As of December, WFP will increase the food basket from 50% to 84 %. Another concern is the duration of food assistance,

which is now established at 10-14 days on average, compelling refugees to adopt harmful coping mechanisms in addition to delays in the food dispatch system. WFP, UNHCR and RRS continue to seek solutions to improve the food assistance systems.



WATER AND SANITATION

UNHCR continues to work with partners to provide access to clean water, sanitation and to improve hygiene practices. To that end, water supply systems are being maintained. Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) facilities are built and upgraded. In November, an average of 14.5 liters/per person/day of potable water was provided to refugees across all camps. To increase water quantity and system efficiency, UNHCR and partner IMC installed one solar system at the Shedder camp booster station in November.

Following the relocation of 7,000 refugees from two camps in Tigray to Alemwach refugee site in the Amhara region, UNHCR with its WASH partner, Innovative Humanitarian Solutions (IHS) installed 20 blocks of emergency latrines and 15 blocks of emergency showers in Alemwach. Water supply in Alemwach is partially secured through trucking (average of 72m³ per day) and through pumping direct to the roto tanks. Pipe installation is underway to phase out water trucking.



SHELTER AND CRISIS

On average, 41.3% of the refugee households in Ethiopia live in adequate shelters, while the majority (58.7%) are accommodated either in emergency, old or crowded communal shelters, calling for additional funding to narrow the gap. So far in 2022, UNHCR and partners have constructed 7,784 emergency shelters in refugee camps in the Somali, Gambella, Afar, Amhara and Benishangul Gumuz regions to accommodate new arrivals, as well as those who were relocated to other camps, particularly in the Afar, Amhara and Benishangul-Gumuz regions. Additionally, 1,904 transitional shelters were constructed or maintained, including 317 shelters in Serdo and 100 shelters in Alemwach sites for vulnerable refugees. In November, UNHCR and partners, in close coordination with government agencies, have supported 84,400 IDPs, host communities and returnees affected by conflict, drought, or floods with non-food items, shelter repair kits, emergency shelters in Afar, Amhara, Benishangul-Gumuz, Tigray, Oromia, SNNP, Gambella and Somali regions. Since the beginning of the year, UNHCR and partners have assisted over 800,000 IDPs with core relief items, shelter repair kits and emergency shelters.



ACCESS TO ENERGY

Providing access to cleaner energy for cooking, lighting and powering community facilities while maximizing environmental protection and natural resource management is UNHCR's main strategic direction in Ethiopia. UNHCR's energy and environment strategy is centered around the need to ensure the protection and wellbeing of refugees, particularly women and girls, by avoiding the need to travel long distances to collect firewood which often exposes them to protection risks. It aims to reduce refugees' reliance on firewood, thereby mitigating inter-communal tensions over meager natural resources. As part of the environmental protection and natural resource management programme in Gambella, UNHCR's partner National Resource Development and Environmental Protection (NRDEP) completed the weeding of 10 hectares of plantation sites in the refugee camps of Tierkidi, Nguenyiel, and Jewi to protect seedlings from weed and fire damage and enhance their performance. NRDEP also carried out routine forest protection activities deploying 50 national forest guards and 27 incentive forest guards in seven refugee camps to protect reforested sites.



COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND SELF RELIANCE

In Aw-barre camp, Somali Region, 62 students (incl. 14 from host community) successfully completed metal and wood works skills training through the Technical Vocational Education Training (TVET) program. All 62 students passed their CoC examination from the Somali Regional State. Start-up capital kits for the trainees offered by GIZ TVET – Qualifications and Employment Prospective (QEP) cooperative are ready for disbursement. The final orientation was provided to the two groups in the first half of November, while the final official handover will be implemented in the coming months. In Melkadida, UNHCR, the RRS and the Woreda Agriculture Bureau are implementing a pilot on wheat production in Buramino, Hilaweyn and Kobe irrigation schemes. To support the government’s ‘Crop and Care’ initiative, UNHCR-supported cooperatives offered 45 hectares of land for the pilot. To-date, 90 farmers (50 refugees, 40 hosts) are receiving training on wheat production.



DURABLE SOLUTIONS

Facilitating resettlement as a protection tool and durable solution remains UNHCR top priority. So far in 2022, UNHCR has submitted 2,142 refugees for resettlement, of whom 252 individuals have left for their destination countries. A total of 238 refugees were supported to be reunified with their family members in Canada and another 13 in European countries. Despite resumption of issuance of exit visas, the progress remains slow, with 1,500 such cases still pending. During the reporting period, 10 Convention Travel Documents (CTDs) were issued for Complementary pathways purposes, in related to education and medical needs.

Under the IOM Voluntary Humanitarian Returns (VHR) Program, 23 individuals (considered as spontaneous returnees) returned from Yemen and two individuals from Egypt (assisted by UNHCR) in November. They all received cash assistance as part of the reintegration package.

Working in partnership

Together with its main government counterpart, the Refugees and Returnees Service (RRS), UNHCR coordinates the response to the refugee situation in the country, extending protection, providing assistance and promoting sustainable solutions. UNHCR works closely with 80 partners in the refugee response and is part of the Humanitarian Country Team, where refugee programmes are discussed strategically to ensure their needs are adequately presented and addressed across the UN System. UNHCR builds on well-established coordination fora, including the inter-sector Refugee Coordination Group together with national and regional sectorial working groups. Committed to pursuing refugee inclusion in national services and economies, as per the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR), UNHCR is furthering partnerships with Ethiopian line Ministries, regional and local authorities, development partners and the private sector.

UNHCR is an active part of the government-led Inter-Agency response to Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), leading and co-leading the Protection and Camp Coordination and Camp Management (CCCM) Clusters, contributing to the shelter and non-food items clusters, and strengthening sub-national coordination with better information sharing and communication. It distributes emergency aid supplies and related support to IDPs and IDP returnees across the country.

Financial situation

As of 30 November, UNHCR’s Operation in Ethiopia has received USD 164.3 million, representing 49% of the requirements, while the 51% remains unfunded and needs are rapidly increasing. UNHCR is grateful for the critical support provided by donors that have contributed to its work, as well as to donors that have contributed to UNHCR programmes with unearmarked or broadly earmarked funds.

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