



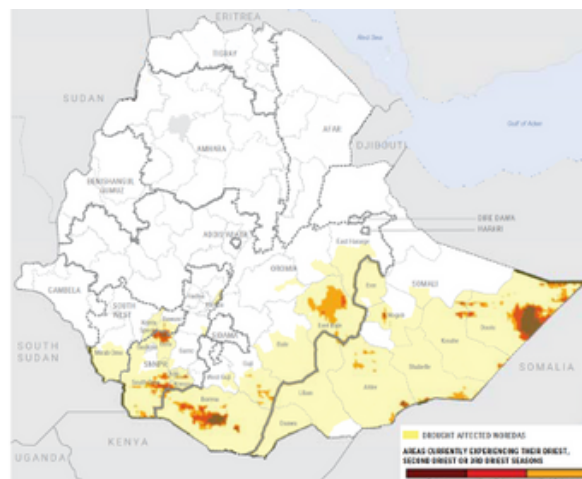
# UNFPA ETHIOPIA HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

## SITUATION REPORT - MARCH 2022

### SITUATION OVERVIEW

Inter-communal conflicts, climate shocks, and disease outbreaks coupled with the socioeconomic impact of COVID-19 continue to negatively affect a significant portion of Ethiopia's population. An estimated **25.9 million people in Ethiopia are in need of humanitarian aid** and 4.2 million were internally displaced by the end of 2021 [1].

**A prolonged drought** following three consecutive failed rainy seasons since late 2020 is **currently affecting 6.8 million people living in Oromia, SNNP, Southwest Ethiopia Peoples, and Somali [2] regions**. The drought is compromising fragile livelihoods heavily reliant on livestock - with nearly 1.5 million livestock reported dead across the regions[3] - and causing worsening food insecurity and malnutrition eroding coping strategies for the most vulnerable. While humanitarian partners continue to scale up operations, nearly 175,000 people are estimated to be displaced across 26 most affected zones [4]. Over 100,000 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) are in urgent need of nutritional support, according to UNICEF.



Map of current drought-affected regions in Ethiopia. Source: @OCHA Ethiopia.

**In northern Ethiopia**, the Federal Government declared a “humanitarian truce” on March 24, 2022, to facilitate humanitarian assistance into Tigray. Although the situation in Tigray and Amhara regions remained relatively calm during the past month, armed clashes continued in Afar with new displacements and restricted humanitarian access in some areas of Zone 2 in the Afar Region. As reported by the Afar Disaster Prevention and Food Security Programme Coordination Office (DPFSPCO), only 38% of the IDP sites are accessible for humanitarian response. In Tigray, the flow of humanitarian supplies remains severely restricted and insufficient despite the positive administrative steps by the Federal Government announced in January 2022. According to OCHA, only four percent of the total medications required to meet health needs have entered the region with no operational cash cleared since 10 March. In Amhara, regional authorities and humanitarian partners started the relocation of 9,000 IDPs from the North Wollo Zone while partners continue to scale up essential services to both returnees and newly displaced persons. Across the three regions, **more than 2.1 million [5] people are estimated to be displaced as a result of conflict and 9.4 million people need humanitarian assistance.**

[1] OCHA Global Humanitarian Overview - Ethiopia 2022: <https://gho.unocha.org/ethiopia>

[2] OCHA Ethiopia Drought Update #2 (March 2022): [https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/ethiopia\\_drought\\_update\\_march\\_2022.pdf](https://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/ethiopia_drought_update_march_2022.pdf)

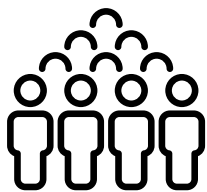
[3] Ibid.

[4] Ibid.

[5] IOM-DTM Ethiopia, Emergency Site Assessment Round 8, (October 21, 2021).

## PROGRAMME UPDATES

### SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



# 44,140

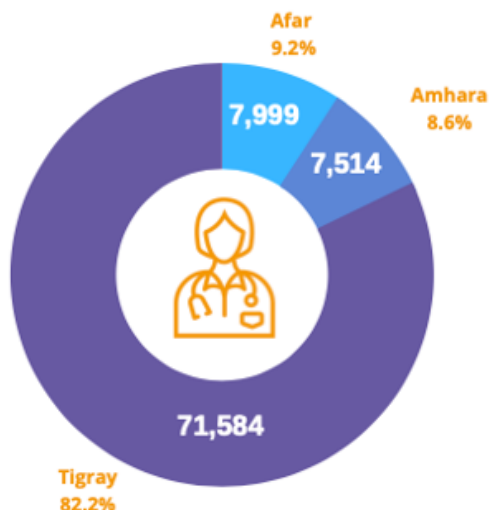
individuals reached with SRH awareness raising activities across northern Ethiopia  
(March 2022)



# 11,628

women reached with midwifery services across northern Ethiopia  
(March 2022)

Midwifery Service Provision for Northern Ethiopia Response  
(since March 2021)



#### • Northern Ethiopia Response

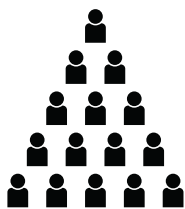
- **99 health care providers trained** on Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP), Clinical Management of Rape (CMR), and other obstetric procedures by Marie Stopes International (MSI) in Amhara and Maternity Foundation in the Afar region.
- **11,628 conflict-affected individuals reached with midwifery services** by deployed midwives and clinical mentors in partnership with Ethiopian Midwives Association (EMWA), Marie Stopes International (MSI), Maternity Foundation, Maedot, World Vision, and IOM in Afar, Amhara and Tigray regions.
- **44,140 individuals reached with SRH awareness creation sessions** on STI/HIV prevention and risk mitigation, family planning, birth preparedness, and personal hygiene management by health extension workers deployed across health facilities in Afar (2,750), Amhara (8,163) and Tigray (33,227) in partnership with EMWA, MSI, Maternity Foundation, Amhara Women Association (AWA) and the Organization for Social Services, Health, and Development (OSSHD).
- **Supported** qualitative research and data collection through Focus Groups Discussion (FGD) at Sabacare 4 IDP site (Tigray) for the **Reconstruction and Recovery Plan for conflict-affected regions** in Ethiopia by the Federal Government.

#### • National Humanitarian Response

- **A one-year project funded by the Government of Japan** on addressing SRH and GBV in selected districts in **Amhara and Benishangul Gumuz Regions** was launched on 28 March.
- Conducted a **five-day mission** to assess with regional authorities and humanitarian partners the SRH/GBV needs for immediate response to drought-affected communities in the Somali region.
- **Organized 4 community-level sessions for pregnant women** on the benefits of antenatal care and institutional delivery in partnership with the Regional Health Bureau across 4 woredas in Somali region.

## PROGRAMME UPDATES

### GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)



# 13,975

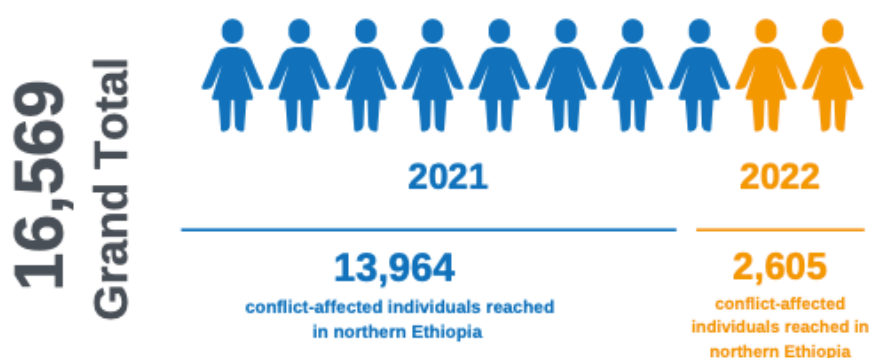
individuals reached with GBV prevention and risk mitigation awareness-raising activities  
(March 2022)



# 2,287

individuals reached with psychological support and counseling  
(March 2022)

### Psychological Support provided for Northern Ethiopia Response (since March 2021)



#### • Northern Ethiopia Response

- **49 health extension workers and healthcare providers trained** on the prevention and response to gender-based violence, including clinical management of rape, in partnership with Marie Stopes International and Maternity Foundation in Afar and Amhara regions.
- **13, 975 conflict-affected persons reached with GBV prevention and risk mitigation** awareness-raising sessions and sensitization activities in partnership with OSSHD, Amhara Women Association, Maternity Foundation, MSI, Food for the Hungry International (FHI), and EMwA.
- **Supported 2,287 displaced individuals through mass psychoeducation** (1,969), individual and group counseling (220), and Psychological First Aid (98) in partnership with OSSHD at 2 IDP sites in Tigray region.

#### • National Humanitarian Response

- **32 frontline healthcare providers at 14 UNFPA-supported health facilities across the Somali region were trained** in post-abortion care in partnership with the Regional Health Bureau to reduce maternal mortality.
- **250 women of reproductive age reached through community outreach sessions in GBV prevention and response** in partnership with the Regional Bureau of Women, Children and Youth Affairs in Somali Region.



The first airlift of 5 metric tons of Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Kits at its arrival at the airport of Mekelle (Tigray) to support the provision of midwifery services for more than 16,000 conflict-affected women and girls in the region.  
Photo by UNFPA Ethiopia.

## PROGRAMME UPDATES

### COORDINATION & PARTNERSHIPS

UNFPA has:

- Continued with the onboarding of 15 Implementing Partners (IPs) to scale up operations across 6 regions in Ethiopia (Amhara, Afar, Somali, Benishangul Gumuz, Tigray, and SNNP Regions). Seven work plans have been signed to provide lifesaving intervention in northern Ethiopia while an additional eight IPs are completing the process to start supporting operations in other underserved regions.
- **Disbursed nearly \$3 million USD to various IPs to provide critical humanitarian response interventions** across the country in the first quarter of 2022.
- **Signed an UN-to-UN agreement with UNICEF for a grant of \$2.8 million USD from Irish Aid** for humanitarian response in four regions, including the response to the drought situation in Somali region.
- **Launched the Japan-funded one-year project to address the GBV and SRH needs** of selected conflict and COVID 19 affected areas **of Amhara and Benishangul Gumuz regions with a budget of USD 950,000.**
- As the lead of the GBV AoR, continued to follow up on GBV partners' implementation capacity across the country with two dedicated GBV AoR Coordinators at the national and northern-Ethiopia levels.
- Leads the Health Cluster's SRH Working Group at the national level while ongoing efforts are being made to establish additional working groups at the regional level.

### LOGISTICS & OPERATIONS



## 5 METRIC TONS

or 136 IARH Kits airlifted into  
**Tigray**  
(March 2022)



## 6 TRUCKS

Of Dignity Kits, IARH Kits, PPEs and  
sanitary pads distributed to Afar and  
Amhara Regions  
(March 2022)

- Continuing to follow up on the second airlifting of nearly 9 metric tons of SRH Kits into Tigray to provide midwifery services to 30,000 people across health facilities in the region.
- Following up on upcoming distributions of SRH Kits and dignity kits for Amhara and Afar regions, including personal hygiene items and PPEs for COVID 19 prevention.
- Following up on the onboarding process of 8 Implementing Partners to expand SRH-GBV-MHPSS service provision for conflict-affected populations across the Afar, Amhara, and Tigray regions.
- Recruitment of additional national specialists to expand operations across the country.



Official handover to Afar's Regional Health Bureau of Sexual & Reproductive Health Kits worth \$59,000 USD to sustain critical GBV & SRH service provision to conflict-affected women and girls in the region. Photo by UNFPA Ethiopia.

## PROGRAMME UPDATES

### COMMUNICATIONS & ADVOCACY

- Supported the advocacy efforts - jointly with UNFPA ESARO - on the situation of women and girls in Konso's forgotten crisis and other underserved humanitarian crises in Ethiopia through a prime-time interview on the South Africa Broadcasting Corporation (SABC).
- Advocated for the rights and needs of women and girls impacted by conflict and climate-related shocks in Ethiopia with the House of Foreign Relations Committee (US Senate) supported by UNFPA Headquarters.
- Coordinated the launching event of the Japan-funded project for humanitarian response in Amhara and Benishangul Gumuz featured in several national media.



[\[Read the full press release\]](#)

### DONOR MINUTES

**“It is my great pleasure to be able to contribute to the Ethiopian people’s health and well-being, especially in strengthening the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and expanding gender-sensitive SRH and GBV services in Amhara and Benishangul-Gumuz, where there are urgent needs”**

*H.E. Ms. ITO Takako, Ambassador of Japan to Ethiopia during the launching ceremony on March 28, 2022.*

### STORIES FROM THE FIELD

**“When I joined the Safe Space program, I didn’t know what was happening to my body. It was the first time I heard about menstruation and how to manage it in a safe, healthy, and dignified way,”** says Gesemene Omod, a 6th grade student of Wibur primary school in Gambella town, Ethiopia.

[\[Read the full story here\]](#)



## RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

2022

UNFPA National Humanitarian Response Plan (2022)

- **Funding Required:** \$24,000,000 USD
- **Funding Received:** \$13,000,000 USD
- **Funding Gap:** \$11,000,000 USD

### Our Donors:

CERF  
Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund  
Danish MFA  
USAID  
Iceland  
Sweden  
Ireland  
Japan  
Canada

Funding Gap  
45,8%

Funding Received  
54,2%

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pregnancy is wanted, every childbirth is  
safe and every young person's potential  
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