



UNFPA ETHIOPIA HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

SITUATION REPORT - JULY 2023

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Conflict, displacement, climate-related shocks, and persistent disease outbreaks continue to be the major drivers of need in Ethiopia. According to the [Humanitarian Response Plan 2023](#), over **20 million people are estimated to be in need of humanitarian assistance, including 4.5 internally displaced persons (IDPs)**. Additional displacements continue to be reported in July 2023 as a result of floods, drought and insecurity in some pocket areas simultaneously to thousands of facilitated and spontaneous returns to their places of origin. Disease outbreaks - like cholera, malaria and dengue fever -, pest infestations and insecurity amid widespread food insecurity continue to overstretch an already strained humanitarian response capacity countrywide.

In **northern Ethiopia**, and despite the spontaneous and assisted IDP returns in some targeted areas of **Tigray and Amhara**, over 1.5 million people remain displaced [1] and in need of food, shelter, as well as health, education, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services amid limited humanitarian response capacity. Although cholera cases are decreasing in Oromia, SNNP, Sidama and Somali regions, over 2,300 cases [2] were reported in Amhara Region during the last month creating a risk to the Sudanese influx of refugees/asylum seekers at Metema reception areas due to its proximity to the epicenter of the outbreak in the region. In **Afar**, desert locusts and several disease outbreaks raise serious concerns over risks of further deteriorating humanitarian conditions, amid a pause in food distributions and high malnutrition rates.

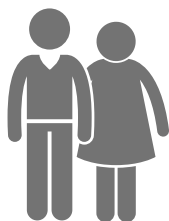
National assessments are ongoing to measure the impact of Belg/Gu rains (March to May) in **flood-affected regions** on agricultural yields, food and nutrition conditions and other humanitarian needs. On a similar note, a joint Government and Humanitarian Partners Flood Contingency Plan for Kiremt rainy season (July - September) forecasts **1.5 million people at risk of river and flash floods - with 480,000 likely to be displaced** [3] - in Afar, Amhara, Gambela, Oromia, Sidama, SNNP, Somali and Tigray regions.

Insecurity and ethnically motivated violence continue to impact pocket areas in Oromia, Benishangul Gumuz, and Gambela regions with limited humanitarian access and assistance in those hard-to-reach areas. According to OCHA, 12,000 have been displaced due to recent clashes in **Gambella**. In **Somali**, recurrent clashes in Siti Zone around Somali and Afar bordering areas have kept 102,000 internally displaced persons living in IDP camps and host communities with a limited humanitarian response.

Meanwhile, since the onset of the **crisis in Sudan**, the **influx of people to Ethiopia** mainly through Metema and Kurmuk in the Amhara and Benishangul regions, respectively, **has exceeded 74,000 people**. Protection risks are reported to be high for women and girls due to the lack of proper sheltering options and food. Although humanitarian partners are providing life-saving support - including shelter, NFIs, water, and protection services -, humanitarian operations are challenged by limited funding and resources to respond to the mounting needs.

PROGRAMME UPDATES

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



4,791

Individuals reached with HIV/STIs care in crisis-affected regions
(July 2023)



4,143

Pregnant and Lactating women screened for malnutrition and provided with nutritional supplements
(July 2023)



709

SRH Kits distributed to Afar, Amhara and Tigray regions aiming to serve 1,890,000 individuals with SRH services and 15 health facilities
(July 2023)

• Key Achievements

- **24,977 conflict-affected individuals** – in Afar, Amhara, B/Gumuz, SNNP, Somali and Tigray regions – **reached with sexual and reproductive health services**, including maternal and newborn services, by 212 deployed midwives, 96 health extension workers (HEWs) and 13 Maternal Health and Nutrition Teams (MHNTs) through multiple strategic partnerships.
- **65 health professionals trained on Clinical Management of Rape (CMR)** in partnership with Maedot Aid in Tigray region.
- **1,209 deliveries assisted** by a UNFPA-supported skilled birth attendant or midwife in health facilities across affected regions.
- **59,920 affected individuals reached with integrated GBV/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 IDP sites and health facilities in Afar, Amhara, B/Gumuz, SNNP, Somali and Tigray regions.

FROM THE FIELD

"The support in terms of training and start-up capital gave me bright hope and made me believe that anything is possible. Disability doesn't limit me and is not an obstacle to achieving my dream", says Tiglu trained in business skills and entrepreneurship by UNFPA in Yirgachefe, SNNP Region.



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PROGRAMME UPDATES

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)



2,639

Individuals reached with comprehensive GBV services at UNFPA-supported One-Stop Centers
(June 2023)



375

Persons with Disabilities reached with services at Women & Girls' Friendly Spaces
(July 2023)

• Key Achievements

- **25,957 women and girls reached with gender-based violence multi-sectoral services** and referrals through 40 UNFPA-supported Women and Girls' Friendly Spaces (WGFS), 30 One-Stop Centers and 10 Safe Houses.
- **23,155 women and girls** –Amhara, SNNP, Somali and Tigray Regions – **reached with Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)** and outreach activities outside of WGFS by 96 social workers and outreach teams.
- **1,179 dignity kits and sanitary pads distributed** to support the menstrual and personal hygiene need of vulnerable women and girls in partnership with International Medical Corps, Maedot, Food for the Hungry and World Vision in Tigray Region.
- Provided **multipurpose cash support to GBV survivors** in partnership with World Vision Ethiopia and Food for the Hungry International in Amhara and Tigray regions.



Hayat from Afar got the strength needed to re-start her business after conflict at the UNFPA-supported Women and Girls' Friendly Space (WGFS).

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COORDINATION & PARTNERSHIPS

UNFPA has:

- Continued to participate in various humanitarian coordination platforms, including the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) and Health and Protection Clusters. It also continues to lead the GBV sub-cluster and SRH Working Groups at the national and sub-national levels.
- Mobilized a total of USD 28.7 million within the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus programming from World Bank, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, BPRM, Irish Aid, Italy, Norway, Japan and USAID for the first quarter of 2023. Resource mobilization efforts from Canada, Spain and other donors are ongoing. The resources will be largely used to scale up humanitarian interventions.
- **As the lead agency of the GBV AOR**, organized jointly with the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs (MoWSA), the **first national consultation on the GBV SOPs for Ethiopia** with representatives of different Federal Ministries, UN agencies, International NGOs, civil society organizations, women's group and professional associations in Adama, Ethiopia.

PROGRAMME UPDATES

LOGISTICS & OPERATIONS



367.7
Metric tons of medical supplies and commodities dispatched in the last semester aiming to serve...



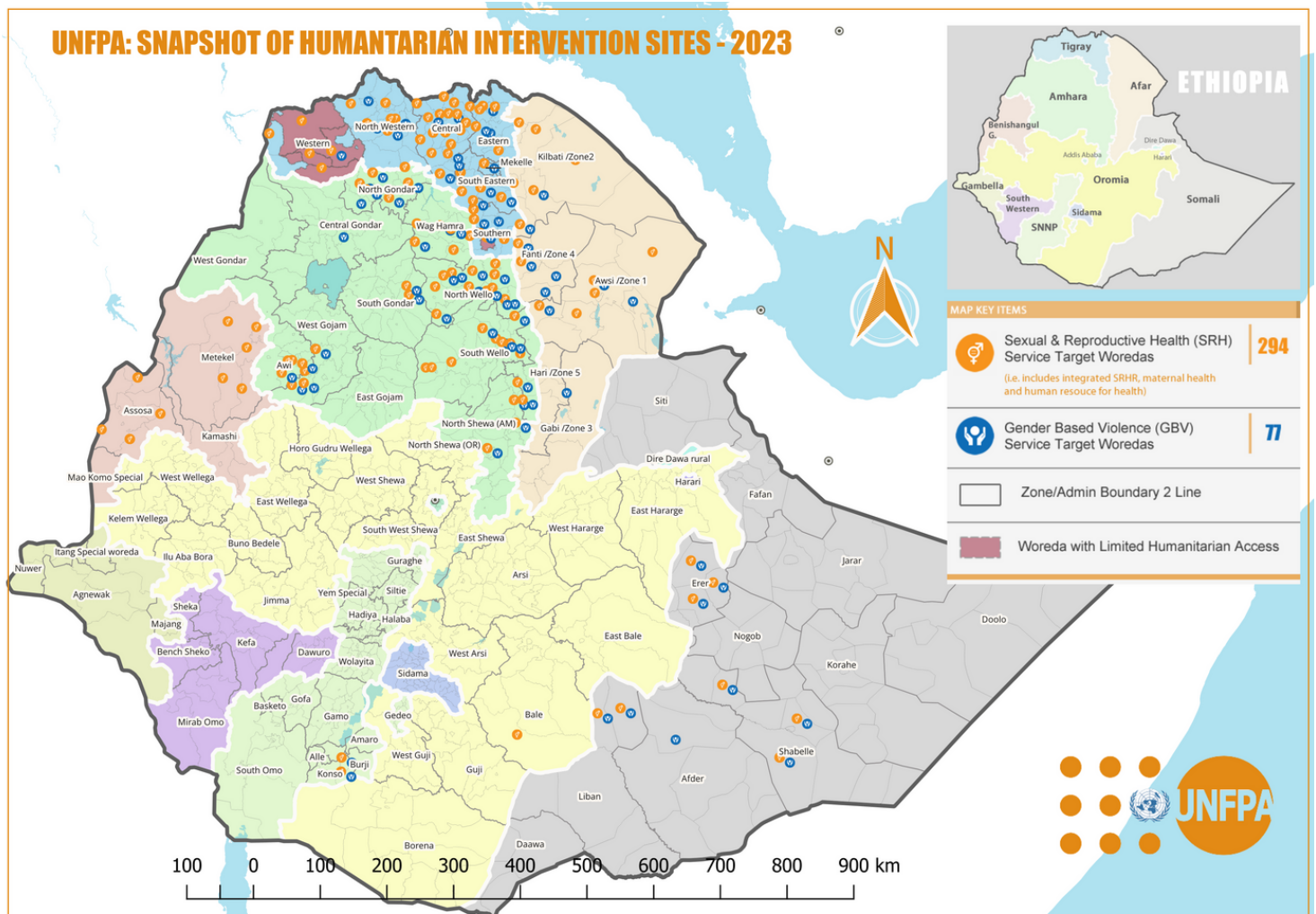
90
Health facilities in 9 regions



1 Million
affected individuals with SRH/GBV services

**Cumulative figures for the 1st Semester of 2023*

- Conducted a field mission to IPs in Tigray for Last Mile Assurance and on spot assessments of supplies/commodities storage, management and distribution procedures, in accordance with UNFPA Risk Mitigation Plan for Aid Diversion/Misuse.
- Followed up on new national and international recruitments as well as on the procurement of additional IARH Kits and assorted medical equipment and supplies to scale up UNFPA's humanitarian response in crisis-affected populations across the country.



*Source: UNFPA Ethiopia

PROGRAMME UPDATES

COMMUNICATIONS & ADVOCACY

- Showcased the efforts to provide youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health services and fulfill young people's potential in Yirgachefe woreda, SNNP Region.
- Highlighted the efforts to strengthen the capacity of frontline workers on stress management and trauma healing in Tigray Region.
- Developed and disseminated the UNFPA Ethiopia Humanitarian Response Snapshot to showcase the main achievements in the first semester of 2023 in 9 crisis-affected regions.
- Increased communication and reporting capacity in conflict-affected regions of the north of Ethiopia.

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1ST SEMESTER OF 2023



The UNFPA Humanitarian Response Snapshot summarizes concrete results and achievements to address the health and protection needs of women and girls across 9 crisis-affected regions of Ethiopia during the first semester of 2023.

[\[Read more\]](#)

FROM THE FIELD

“I come here to learn new skills like knitting and stress management, and I also learn about my rights.”

says Tsige Assefa (67), an IDP from Western Tigray, from her experience at the Women and Girls' Friendly Space in Sebacare 4 IDP site, Mekelle, Tigray Region.

[\[Read more\]](#)



RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

2023

UNFPA National Humanitarian Response Plan (2023)*

(*revised as of July 2023)

Funding Required: 48,200,085 USD

Funding Received: 30,003,643 USD

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