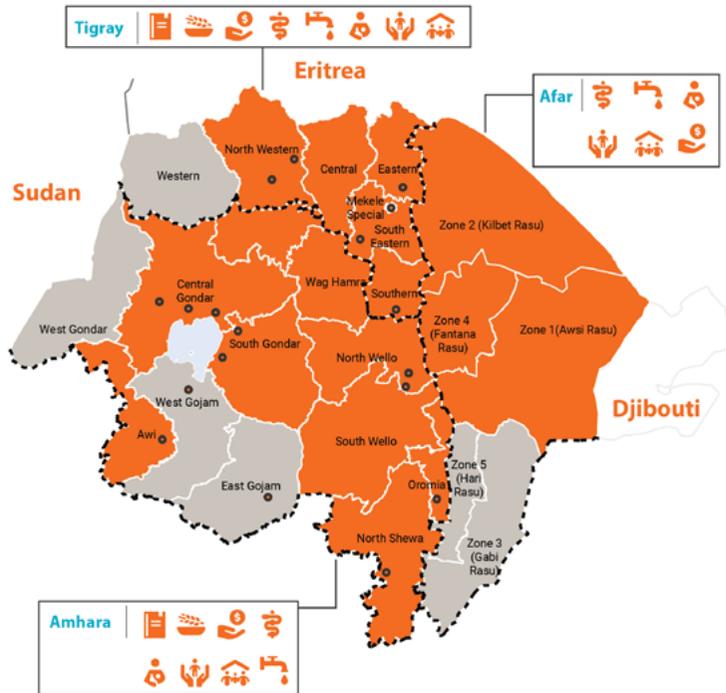




# NORTHERN ETHIOPIA CRISIS RESPONSE

Situation Report #31 | December 2022

## Map of humanitarian operations\*



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- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)
  - Education
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\*As of December 31, 2022

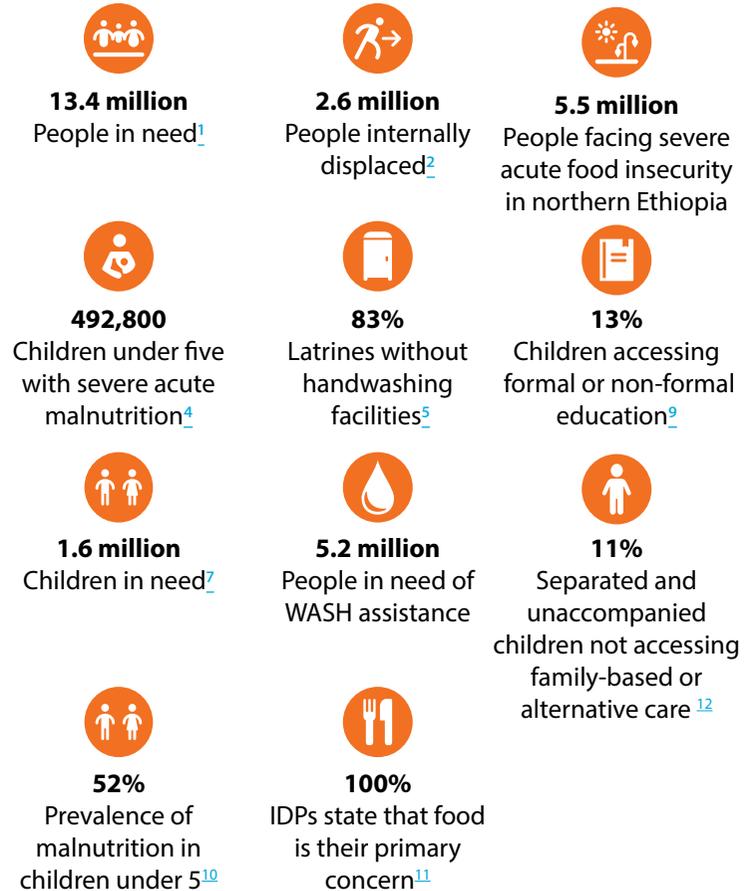
## Situation overview

Humanitarian access into the **Tigray Region** has continued to gradually improve since the peace agreement. Food and non-food aid supplies are being transported via four corridors through Afar and Amhara regions into Tigray. Between 15 November and 8 December, the Government of Ethiopia and humanitarian partners have mobilized more than 1,600 trucks to deliver more than 63,800 metric tons of food and more than 4000 metric tons of health, shelter, education, protection as well as water, sanitation and hygiene supplies. Airlifts of nutrition and health supplies have also been delivered, while regular humanitarian passenger flights have been flying in much needed human capacity to scale up the response. The first humanitarian convoy movement from Mekelle to Shire also took place on 9 December and have continued since.

Meanwhile, electric lines and telecommunications have started being restored in several places, including Mekelle, Axum and Shire towns. This is having a positive impact on humanitarian operations and communities. While these are significantly positive developments, the progress needs to be further scaled up to reach the large number of populations who were rendered extremely vulnerable after two years of conflict. Assistance and rehabilitation work in conflict-affected areas in **Afar and Amhara** are also being scaled up, but more is needed especially in areas where displaced populations are returning following improved security. Services in return areas are reported to be very limited. Also, in Afar, in addition to addressing the impact of conflict, the Regional Health Bureau and partners are mobilizing to respond to rising malaria cases in the region. More than 66,000 malaria cases were reported this year, more than 2600 cases in recent weeks alone, which is 30 percent higher compared to the same time last year. In addition to Malaria, an increasing number of measles cases are being reported. Five woredas are currently experiencing an active measles outbreak, including Adar, Dalifage, Gelalo, Hadele'ala and Mille. Measles cases coupled with the high malnutrition rate in the region is posing increased life-threatening risks.

Source: [Ethiopia | Situation Reports](https://www.unocha.org/ethiopia/situation-reports) (unocha.org)

## Humanitarian needs\*



\*Sources: ACAPS-UNICEF-IOM-UNHCR-OCHA-World Vision

## Response reach to date\*



\*To the extent possible, all figures in the SitRep avoid double counting



**RESPONSE GOAL**

Provide life-saving emergency assistance and alleviate suffering for most vulnerable conflict-affected populations.

**Strategic objective 1**

Increased access to life saving and sustaining services that promote dignity, well-being and self-reliance for men, women & children.



**Strategic objective 2**

Improved protective environment, community awareness, and access to preventative and restorative protection services for vulnerable children and adults



**Strategic objective 3**

IDP and host communities empowered to exist cohesively and promote peace in their communities



**Strategic objective 4**

Improved organisational capacity to respond to evolving humanitarian needs of affected communities



**Response Achievements (cumulative)**



**1,083,521**

IDPs and host communities receiving safe water supply



**103,623**

People reached with hygiene promotion messaging



**239,539**

People receiving WASH NFI assistance



**203**

Clean, safe and accessible water points constructed/rehabilitated



**3,520,180**

People reached with emergency food assistance (in kind)



**476,896**

Outpatient consultations conducted through static and mobile service



**70,431**

People reached through multipurpose cash and voucher assistance



**219,926**

Children reached with Supplementary food or blanket feeding



**15,404**

IDP households receiving emergency shelter kits



**160,653**

Children and PLWs reached through SAM & /or MAM management & referrals



**42,075**

Women and girls reached with dignity kits



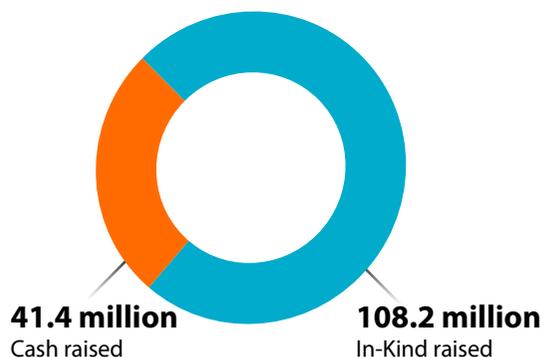
**30,102**

Individuals accessing child protection, MHPSS and gender-based violence (GBV) response services

**Funding Summary (US\$)**



**Total programmes budget**



World Vision is responding to the impact of the crisis in Ethiopia and aims to reach **3 million** people

## Current Sector Highlights

### Food Security and Livelihoods

- Following the November 2022 peace agreement, World Vision, in collaboration with the World Food Programme and JOEP/USAID, distributed critical food supplies to 740,597 people in the Tigray region.
- World Vision Ethiopia Samre Area Program (AP) provided 70 quintals of wheat flour to 560 (276 girls) registered children in the Samre district of Tigray region in order to save lives and ensure the well-being of registered children.
- A total of 1868 conflict affected households have received multi-purpose cash worth a total 4000 ETB (US \$ 77) per household to meet their life-saving needs. A total of 7,472,000.00 ETB (US \$ 144,000.00) was distributed to participants in North Gonder and south Wello zones of Amhara region.
- 2513 households received maize seed support from the GAC-Nexus fund in the Chefra district of the Afar region.

### Education

- The Education Cannot Wait (ECW) grant project built and handed over one semi-permanent learning space with two classrooms in Dirmara primary school in the East Dembia district of the Amhara region. As a result of this construction, 174 children (91 girls) now have access to this safe learning space.
- The ECW project has maintained the homegrown school feeding program in 11 schools. The school feeding program has benefited 9142 children (4492 girls).
- Under the BETE Project, 160 out-of-school children (82 girls) are now enrolled and attending school in all targeted learning centers in Dabata and Debark districts of Amhara region.
- In Tigray, a total of 2,426 new children aged 5 to 14 are gaining access to education in emergencies this month.
- 157 out of school children (65 girls) were registered for accelerated learning program (ALP) in six targeted schools of Afar region. In addition, 909 conflict affected students and teachers received learning materials, hygiene materials and recreational kits with the support of GAC nexus project.

### Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

- With the assistance of BHA/USAID, GAC Nexus, and JPF2 projects, ten water points and two water wells have been rehabilitated and are now providing clean water to an estimated 37,500 people in the districts of Chifra, Afdera, and Erebt in the Afar region.
- A total of 7000 people are receiving clean drinking water through water trucking in Chifra district with GAC Nexus fund. This month, 738m3 of water was delivered.
- With the BHA project, 4068 people in East Amhara's Merssa and Ambassel districts received WASH non-food item assistance. Furthermore, the project reached 1250 people with hygiene promotion messaging.

### Nutrition

- The World Vision MHNT reached and screened 7545 children under the age of five, as well as 2,867 pregnant and lactating women (PLW). As a result, 229 new children were identified as having Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM), an increase of 127 children from the previous month, and 2400 new children were identified as having Moderately Acute Malnutrition (MAM), an increase of 567 children from the previous month. Similarly, 2123 new PLW were identified as MAM, an increase of 1321 PLW from the previous month in the Tigray region.
- With the support of BHA/USAID and WHO projects, 892 children under the age of five were screened for nutritional status in the Afar region. 292 of the screened children had MAM, while 104 had SAM and were linked to OTP. Malnutrition was detected in 75 of the 460 PLW who were screened.
- World Vision MHNT reached and screened 27,063 under-five children and 9,953 PLW. As a result, 1580 and 2916 new children were classified as having SAM or MAM. Similarly, 2852 new MAM PLW have been identified. Despite this, 74.5% of admitted SAM children are discharged as cured, 1% are found to be defaulted, and 1% of admitted children are discharged as non-responders in East Amhara.

### Protection

- 193 new individual beneficiaries have gained access to child protection, MHPSS, and gender-based violence (GBV) response services. In addition, 303 new people trained in Tigray on prevention and response to protection issues.
- A total of 160 children (62 girls) took part in the child friendly spaces (CFS) set up at the Adiha and Seb'a kare IDP sites in Mekelle, Tigray. With the help of the USAID/BHA project, 126 (76) children were provided with sport wear, allowing them to increase their access to outdoor recreational activities.
- A capacity building training on GBV and sexual exploitation and abuse was provided for 70 teachers, cluster supervisors, and education experts (32 females) to improve the protection system for children in Gondar, Amhara region.
- The BETE grant project provided cash assistance to 486 children's parents or caregivers whose children had differing levels of protection. In the cash distribution, 386 recipients received 3500.00 ETB each, while 100 children received 10,000.00 ETB each. 386,000.00 ETB were distributed across all distribution sites.
- With the support of the Hilton Foundation, USAID/BHA, GAC, and UNFPA projects in the Afar region, 3287 women and girls received dignity kits.
- In the Afar region, 3287 people received individual counseling, group counseling, and psychoeducation on GBV issues such as female genital mutilation, early marriage, girl's education, and harmful practices.

### Health

- World Vision Ethiopia, with the support of the BHA project, provided outpatient consultations on various communicable and noncommunicable diseases, as well as public health emergency services to a total of 14,022 conflict-affected people in Tigray, Afar, and Amhara regions.

## Key Concerns

- World Vision is concerned about the resumed conflict's impact on children and communities living in Tigray, Amhara and Afar regions, especially those caught up in the conflict and those living in frontline areas. The resumption of hostilities also jeopardizes our humanitarian operations with people who are in acute need and desperate for humanitarian assistance.
- Humanitarian needs are acute and growing, including food security: World Vision is the largest direct distributor of food, witnessing these tragic needs firsthand. Growing humanitarian needs include protection of children and women, including GBV and displacement, access to water and health care.
- Full access of the humanitarian corridor and immediate restoration of telecommunications to reach needed populations, especially the supply of fuel, banking (cash), food, medicine, and nutritional supplies.
- Education is deprioritized within humanitarian contexts, receiving only 2% of all funding, with even less for early childhood education. Pre-primary education is recognized as critical for children to reach their full potential.



World vision staff distributing critical food supplies in Tigray.

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