



WFP Ethiopia

Situation Report #3

28 May 2020

In Numbers

831 confirmed COVID-19 cases as of May 28

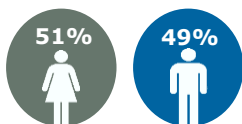
219,000 people affected by flooding

The year-on-year inflation in food prices stands at 26 percent.

Highlights

- WFP is currently assisting more than 3 million people: food and cash transfers for drought/flood-affected people, internally displaced persons and refugees; and treatment of malnourished children and women.
- WFP Ethiopia is supporting the Government, WHO and other humanitarian partners by providing logistical and technical capacity in support of COVID-19 humanitarian response.

3.2 million people assisted in April 2020



COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan

Overall: **USD 6.71 billion**
16.8 percent funded so far

WFP 6-month Net Funding Requirements (May 2020 – Oct 2020)

WFP ISCP including COVID-19 response **USD 156 million**

Logistics Cluster **USD 59.7 million**

Situation Update

WFP has adapted its delivery mechanisms to the COVID-19 context in order to maintain lifesaving food assistance to the most food insecure and nutritionally vulnerable groups. WFP is also responding to other emergencies, such as flooding and Desert Locusts.

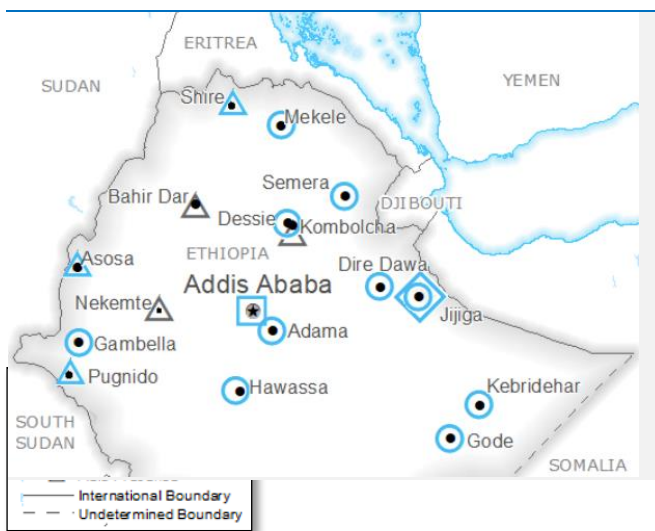
Heavy *gu* season rains in Somali Region caused serious flooding in some *woredas* (districts) and slowed WFP food movements. Some 219,000 people are flood affected, including the displacement of 107,000 people in Afar, Dire Dawa, Harari, Somali and Southern Nations, Nationalities Peoples' Region (SNPPR). Over 90 percent of people affected are in Somali Region. Somali Region authorities requested WFP to provide food assistance to 34,000 flood-affected households.

The year-on-year headline inflation hit 23 percent in April 2020, the highest since 2012. Food prices increased by 26 percent (over 30 percent for cereals) while non-food prices increased by 19 percent.

WFP Response

WFP Ethiopia's current approach can be summarised as:

- **WFP has adapted its operations to ensure continuity of life-saving food assistance** for (i) acutely food insecure drought affected, and flood affected people, and internally displaced persons; (ii) Treatment of acute malnutrition activities targeting malnourished pregnant and lactating women, and children aged 6-59 months; and (iii) refugee assistance in camps.
- **New assistance:** (i) supply chain support for the Humanitarian Air Hub and Logistics Cluster (see below); (ii) support to scale-up the urban



productive safety net project (PSNP), with to reach 17,500 people with cash assistance from July; and (iii) designing food assistance for returnees/deportees in quarantine at border areas.

- **Scaling down:** school feeding, resilience and livelihood interventions are being adapted or reduced.

As a preventative measure, WFP has reviewed food distributions and other operations so as to reduce the risk of infection to beneficiaries, partners, and WFP staff. WFP and partners are implementing physical distancing, and hand washing. Additional distribution sites are being established to reduce large gatherings at the distribution sites and combining two distribution cycles into one where possible.

WFP is supporting the Somali Regional Government in the COVID-19 response by collaborating to disseminate joint COVID-19 hygiene messages, at sites, warehouses and health centres, as well as implementing hand washing and physical distancing, hygiene kits and virus surveillance by screening temperatures at the sites.



Food and Nutrition Assistance

WFP continues to provide assistance to 2 million people as relief food/cash under the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), 700,000 refugees, 300,000 malnourished pregnant and nursing women, and children aged 6-59 months. WFP is also providing Fresh Food Vouchers to 100,000 people in Amhara Region, which has the highest rates of stunting in Ethiopia. Over half a million children were reached each month with school meals before the schools closed, and around half a million pastoralists have been reached via climate-based insurance schemes this year.



Supply Chain

WFP Ethiopia is supporting the Government, the World Health Organization (WHO) and other humanitarian partners by providing logistical and technical capacity in support of COVID-19 humanitarian response. The Government of Ethiopia and WFP opened the Addis Ababa Humanitarian Air Hub inside Bole International Airport. COVID-19 supplies, equipment and humanitarian workers are being transported from the hub to other African countries. The hub is part of the United Nations Supply Chain Task Force which aims to scale-up the procurement and distribution of

protective equipment and medical supplies for the COVID-19 response. To date, cargo from the Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, Jack Ma and Ali Baba Foundations' Initiative to Reverse COVID-19 from Africa, and from the World Health Organization (WHO) has been delivered to 52 African countries.

Clusters and Common Services



Food Cluster

An upcoming analysis for the revision of the 2020 HRP will estimate how many people will require humanitarian assistance due to the impacts of COVID-19 and Desert Locusts. Additional food assistance requirements would be addressed by Food Cluster actors, namely the Government, WFP and the Joint Emergency Operation Program (non-governmental organizations).

WFP corporate guidance on food, cash and nutrition distributions in the context of the COVID-19 response have been circulated to cooperating partners. The Food Cluster led the adaptation of the food distribution guidelines and sensitization messaging documents to develop Ethiopia-specific guidance for translation into local languages (e.g. Amharic) so they can be better understood and adapted by government officials involved in food distributions.



Logistics Cluster

The Logistics Cluster was activated in April due to heightened demand for logistics services in Ethiopia by co-led WFP and the National Disaster Risk Management commission. An estimated USD 59.7 million is required for the Cluster.

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