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2017 Emergency Situation Report #06

September- October 2017

In Numbers

Over 10 million people in need of food assistance in the second half of 2017.

3.7 million people in the Somali Region received relief assistance from WFP.

1.2 million children, and pregnant and nursing mothers to receive specialized nutritious food to prevent and treat moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) till December 2017.

300,000 IDPs in the Somali Region

Highlights

- WFP is targeting 5.5 million people in Ethiopia with food, cash and nutrition assistance from November through December 2017 and 5.8 million people from January through April 2018.
- Thanks to generous contributions from donors, WFP has been able to reduce ration cuts to 20 percent (from 37 percent in July 2017) in October 2017.
- WFP is initiating a three-month pilot project to assist 500,000 people with cash based support in 10 *woredas* (districts) in the Somali Region.

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People assisted
September 2017



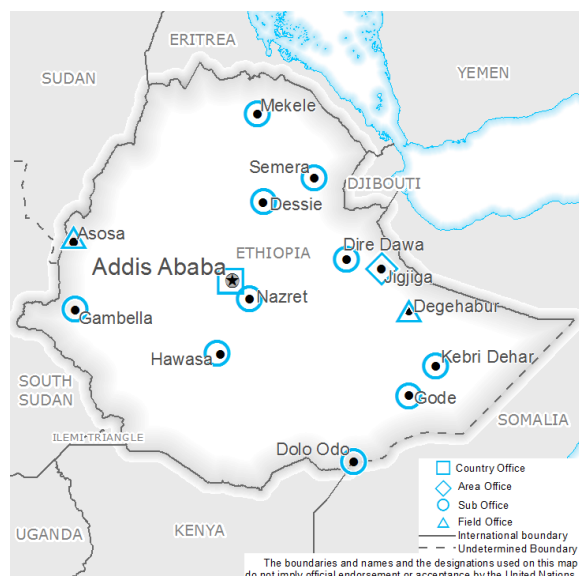
6-Month Net Funding Requirements (Nov 2017- Apr 2018)

Relief (HRD)	USD 5 million
PSNP*	USD 38 million
Nutrition	USD 9 million
Refugees	USD 33 million

*Protective Safety Net Programme

Situation Update

- Currently there are over 10 million people in need of food assistance in Ethiopia. According to the Mid-Year Humanitarian Requirements Document (HRD), 8.5 million people will need food assistance in the second half of 2017. In addition, there are 4 million people with transitory needs (receiving assistance through the Government's Protective Safety Net Programme).
- The [early-September IRI/CPC ENSO forecast](#) suggests an increased likelihood of La Niña between October 2017 and February 2018. La Niña events are typically associated with below-average rainfall between October and December. Since 2015, Ethiopia has had consecutive poor rainy seasons, lower than expected rainfall in this *Deyr* (winter) season could lead to further deterioration of food security.
- The Somali Region is the epicentre of the 2017 drought. WFP plans to provide 3.7 million people with relief and PSNP assistance until the end of the year.
- Inter communal conflicts at the Oromia-Somali region border in mid-September have displaced over 300,000 people from both regions. The Government of Ethiopia and the humanitarian community are working to verify the needs. WFP is ready to respond, and is waiting for the number of IDPs to be confirmed.



Relief Assistance

- Due to security concerns at the Oromia-Somali regional border in mid-September, food dispatches and distributions were delayed by two to three weeks.
- In October, WFP plans on assisting 3.7 million people in the Somali Region. This includes assistance to an estimated 300,000 drought and conflict related IDPs.
- WFP is providing relief and PSNP assistance in the Somali Region through a combination of modalities based on needs; in-kind food assistance; food "top ups" (vegetable oil and pulses) to people receiving cash assistance from the Government; and a cash based pilot project.

Nutrition

- WFP is targeting 1.2 million children under five and pregnant or nursing women country wide with nutrition support to prevent and treat malnutrition in districts where risks are highest till December 2017.
- After consultations with the Ethiopian Somali Regional State Disaster Prevention Preparedness Bureau and the Regional Health Bureau, WFP will implement a four-month Blanket Supplementary Feeding Programme (BSFP) in 45 districts with the highest malnutrition rates in the Somali Region from November.
- In September, WFP assisted over 580,000 children under five and pregnant and nursing women affected by moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) through the Targeted Supplementary Feeding Programme (TSF).

Refugees

- The number of refugees seeking asylum in Ethiopia increased three fold in the past month; from 9,000 in August to 27,000 in September. An estimated 92 percent of the new refugees are from South Sudan.
- Thanks to generous contributions from donors, WFP is able to reduce ration cuts to 20 percent from October 2017 (due to resource constraints

WFP had to make 37 ration cuts in some refugee camps from July –September 2017).

- WFP has expanded its operations to include refugees in SNNPR for the first time. Food for 3,000 new arrivals in South Omo Zone has been allocated for the October distributions.
- In September, WFP assisted over 600,000 refugees with 7,800 mt of assorted commodities and US\$ 483,000 through cash based transfers.



Supply Chain

Logistics

- WFP Ethiopia and Kenya are collaborating to develop a Logistics Management Information System (LMIS) to assist both governments track their humanitarian commodities more efficiently and effectively and as such are part of WFP's capacity development initiative.

UN Humanitarian Air Service

- In October, UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) transported 555 people and 2.1 mt of cargo, supported 37 organizations and carried out 16 medical evacuations. In addition, WFP airdropped 3,600 mt of food commodities from Jimma and Gambella in Ethiopia to South Sudan.

Resourcing Update

Top Five Donors in 2017

- United States (US\$ 144 million), the United Kingdom (US\$ 46.6 million), ECHO (US\$ 22.9 million), Germany (US\$ 19.8 million), and CERF (US\$ 15 million).

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WFP Emergency Operation (November 2017 – April 2018)

			Beneficiary Caseload	
			(Nov – Dec 2017)	(Jan- Mar 2018)
Relief (HRD)	103 million	5 million	2 million	2 million
PSNP	44 million	38 million	1.7 million	2.2 million
Nutrition	50 million	9 million	1.2 million	1 million
Refugees	64 million	33 million	600,000	650,000
TOTAL	261 million	85 million	5.5 million	5.8 million

