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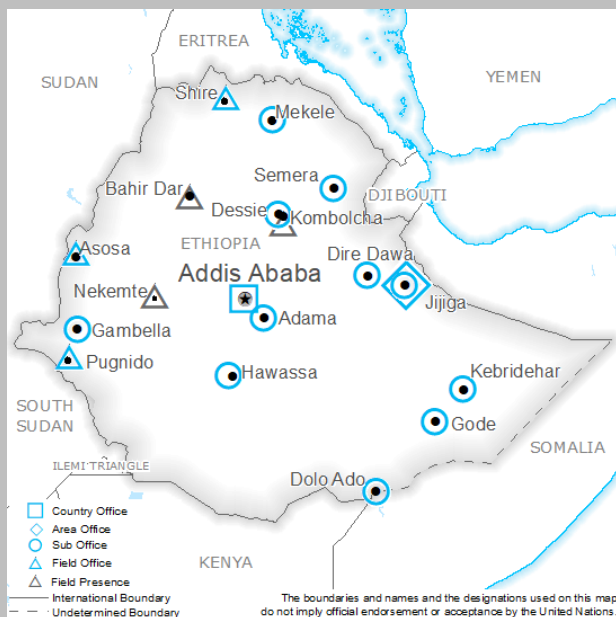
## WFP Ethiopia Country Brief, September



### Operational Context

Ethiopia has achieved notable progress over the past decade, from economic growth averaging ten percent per annum (from 2007-2017), to a reduction in extreme poverty and hunger rates by half (61 to 31 percent). The Government's Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP II) envisions Ethiopia as a middle-income country by 2025.

The GTP II prioritizes support to the agricultural sector to enhance food and nutrition security and build resilience. WFP's portfolio is designed to support and complement national efforts, with key support areas focused on disaster risk management, basic social services and resilience building. The Government-led Ethiopia Humanitarian Response Plan 2019 identified 8.3 million people in Ethiopia requiring humanitarian assistance in 2019.



Population: **105 million**

2018 Human Development Index: **173 out of 189**

Income Level: **Low**

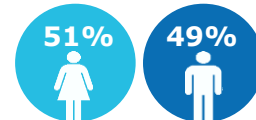
Chronic malnutrition: **38 percent of children between 6-59 months**

## In Numbers

**40,000 MT** of food distributed

**US\$ 164 Million** (November 2019-April 2020) net funding requirements

**3.2 million** people assisted



### Operational Updates

- In September, WFP assisted 3.2 million beneficiaries (73 percent of the planning target); 88 percent of whom received food transfers whilst 12 percent received cash or climate risk reduction insurance pay-outs.
- Under Activity One, relief: 1.7 million people were assisted through unconditional food transfers under "round three" (August to September). US\$ 36 million is required to meet the full requirements from November 2019 to April 2020.
- Activity One has four sub-components WFP assisted: (i) 1.4 million people under the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) in Somali Region; (ii) 122,000 internally displaced persons in East and West Hararghe in Oromia Region; (iii) 116,000 people with cash transfers under the HRP-Productive Safety Net Programme (PSNP) integrated cash pilot; and (iv) WFP plans to provide food assistance to PSNP "transitory" between November to December to shock-affected households who require additional support after the end of the PSNP "core" period (from January to July).
- WFP provided specialized nutritious food to approximately 600,000 malnourished pregnant and nursing mothers and children aged 6-59 months (86 percent of the prioritized planning figure) for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition. US\$ 64 million is required to meet the full requirements from November 2019 to April 2020.
- Food and cash transfers were provided to 665,000 refugees in camps (under Activity Three). This included fortified foods to treat and prevent moderate acute malnutrition amongst mothers and children under five. US\$ 37 million is required to meet the full requirements from November 2019 to April 2020.
- WFP signed an agreement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark for a resilience project to support refugees and host populations. This complements the existing Swedish-funded livelihood project being implemented in Somali Region and the introduction of such activities in Gambella Region. The projects aim to target 99,000 households (68,000 refugees and 31,000 host communities).

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## WFP Country Strategy

### Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2020)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
<b>871 m</b>	<b>79 m</b>	<b>164 m</b>

#### Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

**Strategic Outcome 1:** Refugees and crisis-affected populations in targeted areas are able to meet their basic food and nutrition needs throughout the year.

##### Activities:

- Unconditional cash and food assistance, livelihood support and emergency school feeding to crisis-affected populations.
- Nutritional support and treatment of moderate acute malnutrition to crisis-affected children aged 6-59 months, pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLWG) and anti-retroviral treatment /tuberculosis – daily observed treatment clients.
- Unconditional cash and food assistance, school feeding and nutritional support to refugees, and livelihood support to refugees and host populations.

#### Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

**Strategic Outcome 2:** Vulnerable and food-insecure populations are able to meet their essential food needs and establish climate-resilient livelihoods.

##### Activities:

- Safe and reliable food to primary-school children, and support to the Ministries of Education and Agriculture in scaling up nutrition-sensitive school-feeding programmes.
- Conditional food assistance to chronically food-insecure households, disaster risk-management solutions, economic empowerment to women, and technical support to government for the implementation of PSNP.

#### Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

**Strategic Outcome 3:** Nutritionally vulnerable populations in targeted areas receive support aimed at preventing all forms of undernutrition.

##### Activities:

- Cash- or voucher-based transfers to PLWG and children aged 6-23 months, jointly with social behaviour and change communication, training for outreach workers, and government capacity-strengthening to contribute to national efforts to reduce stunting and prevent undernutrition.

#### Strategic Result 5: Developing countries have strengthened capacities to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

**Strategic Outcome 4:** Government institutions and the private sector benefit from capacity strengthening in the areas of early warning and emergency preparedness systems, the design and implementation of safety net programmes, and supply chain management.

##### Activities:

- Advisory and technical services to Government and private sector for strengthening delivery platforms and national systems, including early warning and emergency preparedness systems, safety nets programme management, and supply chain management.

#### Strategic Result 8: Sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology, strengthen global partnership support to country efforts to achieve the SDGs

**Strategic Outcome 5:** Government, humanitarian and development partners in Ethiopia have access to, and benefit from, effective and cost-efficient logistics services, including air transport, common coordination platforms and improved commodity supply chains.

##### Activities:

- Aviation-related services to government and humanitarian partners.
- Supply chain services to government and humanitarian partners.

- No food assistance was provided in September under School Feeding (Activity Four) due to lack of funds. US\$ 5 million is required to meet the full requirements from November 2019 to April 2020.
- Under Activity Five, WFP continued to provide conditional food assistance to chronically food-insecure households, climate risk-management solutions, economic empowerment to women, and technical support to government. An estimated 172,000 people benefited from weather-index insurance under Satellite Index for Pastoralists in Ethiopia (SIPE) and the Rural Resilience Initiative (R4). Under R4 program, WFP supported farmers with insurance as well as facilitation to access credit and a revolving fund. WFP requires US\$ 14 million to support both PSNP “core” transfers (which will start again in January 2020) and disaster risk management from November 2019 - April 2020.
- Under Activity Six, on the prevention of malnutrition through fresh food vouchers WFP reached 80,000 beneficiaries with fresh food vouchers, which can be redeemed to buy fruit, vegetables, and animal protein. The vouchers aim to diversify household diets, especially for pregnant and nursing mothers within the first 1,000 days from conception to the age of two. **WFP requires US\$ 1 million is required to meet the full requirements from November 2019 to April 2020.**

## Monitoring

- A fuel and cooking technology feasibility assessment was completed which will inform the resilience interventions for refugees and host communities (Activity Three).

## Challenges

- Funding shortfalls remain a challenge, most severely impacting Activity Two (nutrition) interventions which had to be prioritized to only the most vulnerable districts from April onwards, (covering only 65 percent of the fully assessed requirements).
- Similarly, no assistance was provided to primary school children through school meals (Activity Five) due to a lack of resources. **WFP requires US\$ 5 million to be able to resume assistance to schools**

### United Nations Humanitarian Air Service

- Through the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service, WFP served 442 passengers from 28 organizations.

### Cross-border assistance to South Sudan

- As part of South Sudan cross-border supply operation, 475 mt of food was airdropped into hard-to-reach areas such as Jonglei, Upper Nile, in South Sudan.

**Donors:** (in alphabetical order): Austria, BASE Stiftung, Canada, China, Denmark, European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations, France, Germany, Japan, Luxembourg, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, UN Central Emergency Response Fund, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs/Ethiopian Humanitarian Fund, United States of America.