WFP Ethiopia, Country Brief
January 2020

In Numbers

35,000 mt of food distributed
USD 3 million of cash distributed

USD 280 million (February -July 2020) net funding requirements

2.4 million people assisted in January 2020

Operational Updates

- According to the 2019 Annual Country Report (ACR), WFP Ethiopia assisted 6.5 million representing 82 percent of the planned in 2019. The report indicates an overall improvement of food security in areas where WFP provided food assistance. WFP activity two focusing on Nutritional support, and treatment of moderate acute malnutrition to crisis-affected children aged 6-59 months, pregnant and nursing women reported positive Performance. The recovery rates of moderately malnourished children and pregnant and lactating women were above the WHO SPHERE standards, indicating overall effectiveness of WFP interventions.

- In January 2020, WFP assisted 2.4 million beneficiaries (60 percent of the planned target), 84 percent of whom received food while 12 percent received cash.

- Under Activity 1 focusing on relief, 1.3 million people (51 percent of the planned target) received unconditional food and cash transfers under round five distribution (mid-December to January). These included individuals targeted under the Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) in Somali and Oromia regions, including drought, flood and conflict-affected internally displaced persons (IDPs). Plans to incorporate 774,000 Productive Safety Net Programme (PSNP) transitory beneficiaries under the HRP response, were further delayed into February due to delays in finalizing the beneficiary list. PSNP transitory beneficiaries are a portion of the chronically food insecure beneficiaries who received seasonal conditional assistance during the hunger season earlier in 2019 (Activity 5) but were deemed vulnerable and in need of further support following the Belg assessment. **USD 24 million is required to meet February to July requirements.**

- WFP provided specialized nutritious food to 388,000 malnourished pregnant and nursing women and children aged 6-59 months under Activity 2 -treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM). This represents 76 percent of the prioritized planning figure. WFP amended supply chain activities to address emerging access and transport issues. An Activity 2 requires **USD 55 million to meet February to July requirements.**

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 2020 identified 5.9 million people in Ethiopia requiring humanitarian assistance in 2020.

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WFP Country Strategy

Interim Country Strategic Plan (2019-2020)

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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.

Cross-border assistance to South Sudan

- WFP airdropped almost 2,000 mt of WFP food from Ethiopia to twelve locations in South Sudan and delivered over 400 mt of food via river to two locations.

UNHAS

- The United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) ensures the provision of safe, reliable, effective and cost-efficient passenger and light cargo transport to the broader humanitarian community, development actors and donors. In January, UNHAS transported 363 passengers and supported 31 humanitarian organizations.

Under the refugee operations, WFP provided food and cash transfers to 692,000 refugees in 26 camps. These include 119,000 young children and pregnant and nursing women who received fortified foods to prevent and treat MAM, and 114,000 school going children who received daily meals in schools. WFP assisted over 400 new arrivals from South Sudan in SNNPR in need of immediate food assistance. Additional resources of USD 82 million are required to be able to meet food needs of refugees between February to July.

- Under the livelihood support component of Activity 3, 1,800 individuals received access to 100 newly established village and saving and loan associations (VSLAs), which provided access to financial capital to vulnerable populations. 60 percent were refugee families and 40 percent were host community families, with cumulative savings of almost USD 50,000.

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