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 Ten-Year Perspective Development Plan (2021-2030) envisions Ethiopia as a middle-income country.

The ten-year plan and other national policies and strategies prioritize support to the agricultural sector to enhance food and nutrition security and build resilience. WFP is aligned to the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (2020-2025). 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 Ethiopia Humanitarian Response Plan 2020, led by the Government with United Nations support, was updated in August and estimates that 15 million people in Ethiopia are targeted for humanitarian assistance.

Operational Updates

- Between January and September, WFP has assisted over 5.5 million people with food or cash assistance. These include drought and flood-affected people, internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugees, and malnourished children and women.
- The leading relief food operators - the Joint Emergency Operation for Food Assistance in Ethiopia Program (JEOP – a consortium of NGOs), the National Disaster Management Commission (NDRMC) and WFP - continued to dispatch food and cash assistance for drought and flood-affected people and IDPs under the fourth and fifth rounds of 2020.
- WFP continues to successfully implement livelihood interventions, including the Satellite Index Insurance for Pastoralists in Ethiopia (SIIPE) and “R4” Rural Resilience Initiative. Despite the challenges of desert locusts, flooding and COVID-19, WFP has assisted 15,500 households in Somali Region through SIIPE. The R4 initiative has also benefited 65,000 households in Amhara and Tigray regions in 2020.
- WFP has supported over 707,000 refugees in 26 refugee camps and four sites with food and cash assistance in October. The food and cash assistance totalled over 11,100 mt of food and almost ETB 33 million transferred to refugees in need, of whom over 375,000 were women.
- As part of WFP’s Fresh Food Voucher (FFV) initiative, the fifteenth round of vouchers have been transferred to 24,000 households, totalling 124,000 people reached in the Amhara region. The FFV initiative supports households with pregnant and lactating women/children under 2 to improve their access to fresh food through vouchers.
- Between June and September 2020, the cumulative number of confirmed COVID-19 cases increased twelve-fold. Testing has been reduced due to shortages of laboratory materials. However, the World Health Organization (WHO) reports that the positivity rate from current testing is over 10 percent
- WFP Ethiopia’s approach in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic can be summarised as:
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**Country Strategic Plan (2020 - 2025)**

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• WFP is leading the augmentation of logistics services on behalf of the

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o The Logistics Cluster continues to support partners’ activities

by augmenting storage capacities through the donation of mobile

storage of potential vaccines and other essential items.

o To address transport challenges impacting partners’ abilities

to reach people in need, WFP engineers and the Logistics

Cluster have worked collaboratively to assess and repair four

damaged bridges in Ethiopia. The bridges include: Kurfachelle

Bridge (Dire Dawa), Kelafo Bridge (Gode), Mustahil Bridge

(Gode), Negele Bridge (Dollo Ado).

o The Logistics Cluster is preparing a cold chain COVID-19

vaccine preparedness plan in consultation with WHO, UNICEF, and the Ministry of Health. The plan involves

purchase of relevant facilities including construction of

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o To assist partners transport needs in the flood-hit region of

Afar, the Logistics Cluster contracted five trucks to be

prepositioned in Adama. The trucks can be utilised via a

Service Request Form available to download on the Ethiopia

Operation Page.

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strengthen global partnership support to country efforts to achieve the SDGs

**Strategic Result 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 through June 2025.

Activities:
• Provide aviation and air operation services to government and

humanitarian actors.
• Provide supply chain services to government and humanitarian partners.

**New assistance:** (i) supply chain support for the Humanitarian

Air Hub and Logistics Cluster (see below); (ii) support to flood-

affected people; and (iii) food assistance for

returnees/deportees in quarantine at border areas and in

COVID-19 isolation and treatment centres.

**Adaptation:** school feeding, resilience and livelihood

interventions have been adapted in the context of COVID-19.