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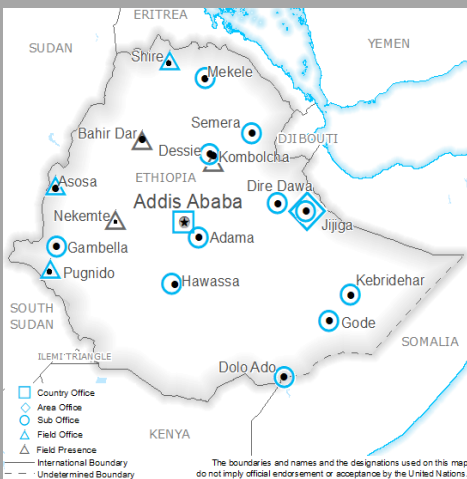
SAVING LIVES
CHANGING LIVES



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.



Population: 109 million

2019 Human Development Index: 173 out of 189

Income Level: Low

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

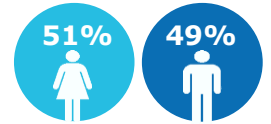
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In Numbers

5.5 million people in need assisted by WFP operations January -September 2020.

11.8 million vulnerable people face acute food insecurity in 2020.

US\$ 209.6 million (December 2020 - May 2021) net funding requirements (66 percent of the total requirement)



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 (SIPE) 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 SIPE. 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:
 - **Continuity of life-saving food assistance for:** (i) relief (drought /desert locust affected people and IDPs); (ii) treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (targeted supplementary feeding for malnourished children and women); and (iii) refugees in camps.

Country Strategic Plan (2020 - 2025)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
2.6 b	79 m	209.6 m

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

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

Activities:

- Provide unconditional, nutrition-sensitive, cash-based and in-kind food assistance to crisis-affected populations and transitory clients of the Productive Safety Net Programme.
- Support treatment and prevention of acute malnutrition for crisis-affected children aged 6-59 months and pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLWG)
- Provide unconditional, nutrition-sensitive, cash-based and in-kind food assistance, school feeding and nutrition support to refugees.

Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food

Strategic Outcome 2: *Vulnerable and food-insecure populations in targeted areas have increased resilience to shocks by 2025.*

Activities:

- Provide safe, nutritious and reliable daily meals to primary school children and support to the Ministries and Bureaus of Education and Agriculture in scaling up nutrition-sensitive school feeding programmes.
- Provide nutrition-sensitive social protection, climate risk management services and capacity strengthening support for smallholder farmers, pastoralists, refugees and returnees most vulnerable to climate shocks..

Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition

Strategic Outcome 3: *Nutritionally vulnerable populations in targeted areas have an improved consumption of high-quality, nutrient-dense foods to prevent all forms of malnutrition through June 2025.*

Activities:

- Provide climate-sensitive cash-based food transfers to PLWG and children aged 6-23 months, SBCC to communities, training to outreach workers and capacity strengthening to the private sector and Government to contribute to national and regional efforts to reduce stunting and prevent all other forms of malnutrition.

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

Strategic Outcome 4: *Federal and regional government institutions, the private sector and local NGOs benefit from capacity strengthening in the areas of early warning and emergency preparedness systems, safety nets programme design and implementation and supply chain management through June 2025*

Activities:

- Provide advisory and technical services to federal and regional government and the private sector for strengthening food assistance delivery platforms and national and regional systems, including social safety nets programme management, early warning and emergency preparedness systems, and supply chain solutions and 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 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.

Supply Chain

- WFP is leading the augmentation of logistics services on behalf of the humanitarian community, contributing to the overall COVID-19 logistics response:
 - The Logistics Cluster continues to support partners' activities by augmenting storage capacities through the donation of mobile storage units (MSUs) for use with COVID-19 related activities, IDPs returnees and to support existing structures.
 - 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).
 - 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 refrigerated containers to be made available for cold-chain storage of potential vaccines and other essential items.
 - 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](#).
 - The Logistics Cluster contract of warehouse space of 1,000 sqm in Addis Ababa is underway. Once the process is finalised, the storage will be available on request for partners.

Cross-border assistance to South Sudan

- Despite the ongoing challenges of security, floods, heavy rains and road inaccessibility, WFP continued cross-border support to South Sudan. WFP airdropped more than 1,400 mt in South Sudan from Gambella in 48 rotations.

UNHAS

- In October, the United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) transported 1,737 kilogrammes of humanitarian cargo and 202 passengers, including four medical evacuations.
- Twenty humanitarian organizations used UNHAS services (fourteen non-governmental organizations and six United Nations agencies).

WFP Ethiopia resource requirements

- WFP requires **US\$ 209.6 million from December 2020 to May 2021** to maintain current food and cash assistance plans.