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# WFP Ethiopia Country Brief

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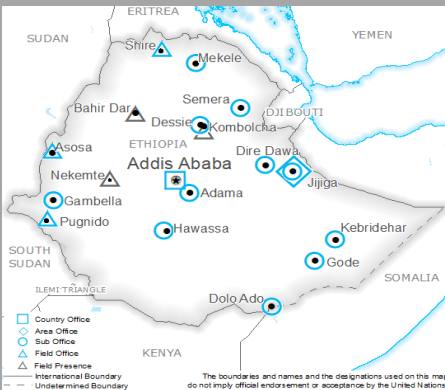
## Operational Context

Ethiopia has achieved notable progress over the past decade, from economic growth averaging 10 percent per annum (2007-2017) to a reduction in extreme poverty and hunger rates by half (61 to 31 percent).

The Government's Ten-Year Perspective Plan (2021-2030) envisions Ethiopia becoming a middle-income country. The plan and other national policies and strategies prioritize support to the agricultural sector to enhance food and nutrition security and build resilience.

Insecurity in Tigray and in neighbouring regions Afar and Amhara continued in September. Due to the conflict, farmers missed the harvest season and with regional trade blocked, the local markets are close to collapsing. An estimated 5.2 million people are in urgent need of food assistance in the Tigray region as well as 1.7 million in the neighbouring regions of Afar and Amhara.

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.



Population: **109 million**

2020 Human Development Index: **173 out of 189**

Income Level: **Low**

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

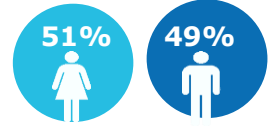
## In Numbers

**5.4 million** people assisted

**USD 1.6 million** cash-based transfers

**USD 426 million** (October 2021 - March 2022) net funding requirements

**64,097 mt** of food assistance distributed



## Operational Updates

- In September, WFP provided food and nutritional assistance to **5.4 million people**, including those affected by drought and floods, internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugees and malnourished children and women. Across conflict-affected Northern Ethiopia (Afar, Amhara and Tigray), WFP continued to provide life-saving assistance.

### Relief

- In Tigray, WFP continued to deliver round two of its emergency food assistance response – and has reached 2.18 million people since May. In Afar and Amhara, WFP reached 71,993 and 211,070 IDPs and food insecure people respectively.
- In the Somali Region, WFP continued to provide in-kind food assistance to drought and flood-affected people and IDPs. WFP assisted 2.1 million people through its second round of food distributions, and a further 859,128 in the third round of distributions under 2021 humanitarian response plan.

### Nutrition

- WFP distributed 3,366 mt of specialized nutritious foods to 722,639 children aged 6-59 months, as well as pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLWGs) through targeted supplementary feeding programme (TSFP) for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM).

### Support to Refugees

- WFP supported 740,776 refugees with in-kind food assistance and cash-based transfers in 24 refugee camps. Of these, 126,838 children aged 6-59 months and PLWGs benefited from assistance in camps.

### School Feeding

- In September, WFP school feeding activities were limited as schools closed down for summer holidays. However, WFP completed the targeting of schools in preparation for the new academic year beginning 11 October 2021.

### Fresh Food Vouchers (FFV)

- The FFV Programme supports households with PLWGs and children under two years of age to improve their access to fresh food and improve their dietary diversity. In September, challenges related to conflict and insecurity hampered FFV access – reaching only 3,618 beneficiaries for Amhara and Afar Regions.

### Livelihoods

- To strengthen livelihoods of communities, WFP established a solar based irrigation system for crop producing cooperatives in the Somali region.

## Country Strategic Plan (2020 - 2025)

Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
<b>3.9 b</b>	<b>779 m</b>	<b>426 m</b>

### 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 under 5 and 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, improved commodity supply chains and information technology through June 2025.

#### Activities:

- Provide aviation and air operation services to government and humanitarian actors.
- Provide supply chain services to government and humanitarian partners.
- Provide coordination and logistics services to the humanitarian community through the Logistics Cluster
- Provide on demand food procurement services
- Provide coordination and ICT services to humanitarian partners

## Climate Risk Management

- To mitigate risks posed by desert locusts' invasion, flooding and climate-related factors, WFP reached 141,485 beneficiaries in the Somali Region under the satellite index insurance for pastoralists in Ethiopia (SIPE) project, which provides livestock insurance and greater protection to pastoralists.

## Logistics

- WFP transported over 4,350 mt for its relief, nutrition and refugee operations across the Tigray Region in September. Since December 2020, a total of 79,900 mt of food assistance has been dispatched into Tigray.
- During September, WFP began its Relief Response in Northern Gondar delivering over 3,610 mt to ten different locations in the Region. WFP also delivered 2,270 mt in the Amhara Region on behalf of Joint Emergency Operation Programme and Ethiopian National Disaster Risk Management (JEOP/EDRMC) as part of its service provision.
- WFP continued its Tigray Response deliveries through Semera. During the month, five convoys with 320 trucks entered Mekele carrying 6,200 mt of essential food commodities and humanitarian cargo for WFP, Logistics cluster and partner organizations.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitated the transportation of 2,034 mt of supplies on behalf of 16 partners across 31 locations in Addis Ababa, Adama, Amhara and Tigray Regions.
- Over 1,147 mt of humanitarian cargo were received for storage at the five warehouses available to partners.

## Accountability to Affected Populations

- WFP trained field staff on the protection assessment checklist and protection and gender checklist for registration and distribution in emergency settings.

## Cross-border Assistance to South Sudan

- WFP continued to support South Sudan operations through river, road, and airdrop deliveries. A total of 44 flight rotations were performed delivering over 1,330 mt by airdrop while delivering 270 mt via river and 151 mt via road.

## United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- In September, UNHAS transported 1,918 kg of light humanitarian cargo and 672 passengers.

## Challenges

- Insecurity in Afar, Amhara and Tigray continued to challenge humanitarian activities. WFP continued to engage and coordinate with federal and regional governments to request safe access to continue operations. There have been a multitude of issues preventing the free flow of humanitarian aid, including checkpoints and trucks not exiting Tigray after they've been unloaded. Food, fuel, and cash is urgently needed to scale-up and meet the growing humanitarian needs. COVID-19 continues to impact WFP operations. Measures such as physical distancing, handwashing and mask-wearing were taken to ensure continuity of activities.

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