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# WFP Ethiopia Country Brief

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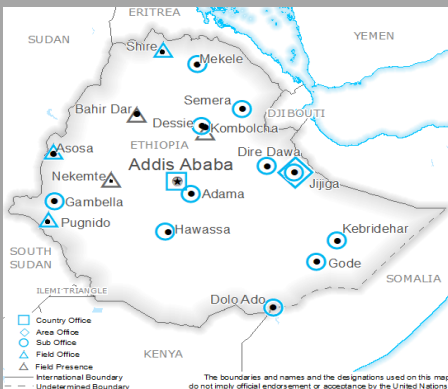
## Operational Context

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

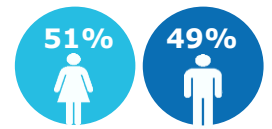
The Government's Ten-Year Perspective Plan (2021-2030) envisions Ethiopia becoming a middle-income Country. The plan and other national policies and strategies prioritize support to the agricultural sector to enhance food and nutrition security and build resilience.

Insecurity in Northern Ethiopia - the Tigray, Afar and Amhara regions - continued in October. Due to the conflict, farmers missed the harvest season and with regional trade blocked, the local markets are 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 Afar and Amhara regions.

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.



## In Numbers



**3.09 million** people assisted

**USD 3.05 million** cash-based transfers provided

**USD 579 million** (December 2021 - May 2022) net funding requirements

**27,515 mt** of food assistance distributed

## Operational Updates

- In November, WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to **3.09 million people**, including those affected by drought and floods, internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugees and malnourished women and children. WFP continued to provide life-saving assistance in the conflict-affected Northern Ethiopia.

### Relief

- In the Tigray Region, WFP continued to deliver emergency food assistance to 146,593 people. In the Afar and Amhara regions, WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to 102,517 and 424,447 internally displaced persons (IDPs) and food insecure people in host communities in November.
- In the Somali Region, WFP continued to provide food assistance to IDPs and people affected by climate shocks in November. WFP assisted 451,608 people with 5,375 mt of food and USD 2.26 million in cash-based transfers (CBT) through Round 3 distributions during November.

### Nutrition

- In November, WFP provided 3,200 mt of specialized nutritious foods for treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and prevention of wasting to 755,454 children aged 6 to 59 months, as well as pregnant and lactating women and girls (PLWG) enrolled in the targeted supplementary feeding and blanket supplementary feeding programmes.

### Support to Refugees

- WFP supported 680,050 refugees with 7,320 mt of in-kind food assistance and USD 422,100 cash-based transfers (CBT) in 24 refugee camps across Ethiopia in November. Due to critical funding gaps, food rations have been cut from 84 percent to 60 percent of the recommended daily kilo calorie intake in November 2021.

### School Feeding

- In November, WFP's school feeding activities were limited due to the ongoing conflict in the Afar Region. However, WFP's school feeding activities began in early December, reaching 67,263 children with 85 mt of food, with distributions ongoing.

### Fresh Food Vouchers (FFV)

- The FFV Programme supports households with PLWG and children under the age of two years to access fresh food and improve their dietary diversity. In November, conflict and insecurity in the Amhara Region hampered WFP's FFV access - halting the programme.

### Livelihoods

- To strengthen the livelihoods of communities, WFP supported over 54,625 people through trainings on village savings and loan associations and other livelihood strengthening activities.

Population: **109 million**

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

Income Level: **Low**

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

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## 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>579 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 through the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster to government and humanitarian partners.

## Climate Risk Management

- To mitigate risks posed by the desert locust invasion, flooding and other climate shocks, WFP assisted 141,485 beneficiaries in the Somali Region through the Satellite Index Insurance for Pastoralists in Ethiopia project, which provides livestock insurance and greater protection to pastoralists.

## Supply chain

- WFP transported 2,100 mt of humanitarian commodities for its relief, nutrition, and refugee operations across the Tigray Region in November.
- In November, convoy movements to Tigray through Semera resumed, with a convoy of 37 trucks carrying life-saving humanitarian cargo arriving on 25 November.
- WFP maintained its commitment of Service Provision to the Ethiopian Disaster Risk Management Commission (EDRMC) to procure and deliver 400,000 mt of wheat. By November, WFP uplifted 230,000 mt, with the remaining to arrive in 2022.
- As part of the COVID-19 response, the Addis Ababa Humanitarian Air Hub successfully dispatched 832 CBM of medical supplies and equipment to 11 countries in Africa.
- Throughout November, the Logistics Cluster transported 312 mt of humanitarian cargo on behalf of seven partners to three regions: Amhara, Oromia and Tigray

## Accountability to Affected Populations

- On 25 November, WFP launched its '16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence' campaign, focusing on the importance of promoting gender equality and women's empowerment in WFP's operations by addressing gender inequality and gender-based violence. One hundred thirty WFP participants participated in the kick-off meeting, discussing WFP's role in mitigating gender-based violence and enhancing gender equality and women's empowerment.

## Cross-border Assistance to South Sudan

- WFP in Ethiopia continued to support WFP's operations in South Sudan through river, road and airdrop deliveries. However as of 01 November, airdrop operations have been suspended until the end of 2021.

## United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- In November, UNHAS transported 775 kg of light humanitarian cargo and 302 passengers within Ethiopia.

## Challenges

- Insecurity in the Afar, Amhara and Tigray Regions continued to present a significant challenge to humanitarian activities. WFP continued to engage and coordinate with Federal and Regional authorities to request safe access to continue its operations. A multitude of barriers have prevented the free flow of humanitarian aid. The COVID-19 also continues to impact WFP's operations as preventative measures such as physical distancing, handwashing and mask-wearing were taken to ensure the safe continuity of activities.

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