

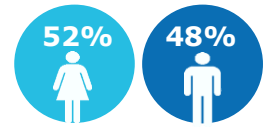


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# WFP Ethiopia Country Brief

May 2022



## In Numbers

**2.7 million** people assisted

**USD 3.75 million** cash-based transfers provided

**USD 511 million** (June - November 2022) net funding requirements

**28,952 mt** of food assistance distributed

## Operational Updates

- In May, WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to 2.7 million people, including those affected by drought and floods, internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugees, and malnourished women and children. assistance to communities affected by conflict in Northern Ethiopia.

### Relief

- In the Tigray Region, WFP delivered food assistance to 461,542 people in May. WFP also provided food and nutrition assistance to 196,536 people in the Afar Region and 36,640 people in the Amhara Region, both to internally displaced people and food insecure people in host communities.
- In the Somali Region WFP continued to provide food assistance to internally displaced people and people affected by drought during the month, but with a reduced cereal ration due to funding shortages. WFP also assisted 539,625 people with 5,491 mt of food and USD 2.65 million in cash-based transfers during the month of May.

### Nutrition

- In May, WFP provided 1,570 mt of specialized nutritious foods for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) and the prevention of wasting to 326,393 children under the age of 5 and Pregnant and Lactating Women and Girls (PLWGs).

### Support to Refugees

- WFP supported 730,918 refugees with 8,434 mt of food assistance and USD 390,958 in cash-based transfers in 24 refugee camps across Ethiopia during the month of May. Due to significant funding shortfalls, WFP was only able to provide 50 percent of the standard ration.

### School Feeding

- In May, WFP's school feeding programme provided 198,029 school children with daily meals with 380 mt of food.

### Fresh Food Vouchers

- The Fresh Food Voucher Programme supports households with PLWGs, and children under the age of 2 years, to access fresh foods and improve their dietary diversity. During the month of May, WFP provided fresh food vouchers to 90,926 women and children in the Amhara Region. An additional 2,885 PLWGs were reached through Social and Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC) activities, which promote best dietary practices.

### Livelihood Support

- To improve the livelihoods of local communities, WFP supported over 7,380 people through its resilience building and livelihood activities in the Gambella Region. Under this initiative, WFP conducted a workshop to ascertain local private sector needs and capacity to link farmers to sustainable markets. This led to the design of a pilot project "Integrated Smallholder Resilience and Livelihood Support project" in collaboration with UN agencies, non-government organizations (NGOs), local administrators and smallholder farmers.

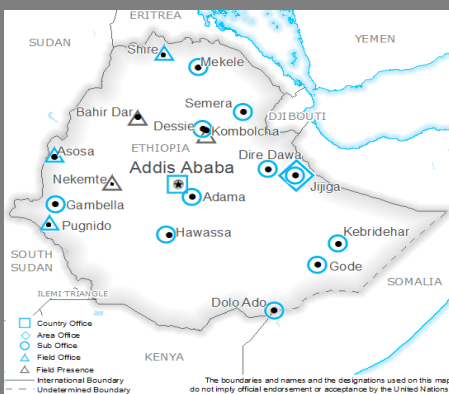
## Operational Context

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.

Ethiopia is experiencing prolonged drought with three consecutive poor rainy seasons, the first time in four decades. Across the Horn of Africa (Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya) there are 20 million impacted by the drought - in Ethiopia, 7.4 million people will require food assistance.

Conflict in Northern Ethiopia has almost exhausted the coping mechanisms of millions and displaced hundreds of thousands from their homes. More than 13<sup>1</sup> million people require humanitarian food assistance mainly in conflict affected zones of Afar, Amhara and Tigray regions.



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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<sup>1</sup> the estimates inserted are based on three-month average

## 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>511 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.

## Climate Risk Management

- WFP continued to implement the R4 Rural Resilience Initiative to enable vulnerable rural families to increase their food and income security by managing climate-related risks. During the month of May, WFP distributed awareness-raising materials for the R4 Rural Resilience Initiative in the Amhara Region.

## Supply Chain

- In May, WFP dispatched 11 convoys from Semera to the Tigray Region consisting of more than 1,300 trucks for WFP, Catholic Relief Services (CRS)/ Joint Emergency Operation (JEOP) and Logistics Cluster partners. In total, 22,270 mt of WFP food commodities were delivered to the region.
- In the Afar Region, WFP dispatched 300 mt of specialized nutritious foods and 2,400 mt of relief commodities to conflict affected people in May.
- In the Amhara Region, WFP dispatched 382 mt of food to refugees in the Dabat camp and 312 mt of specialized nutritious foods from Kombolcha to distribution points in the region.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitated the storage of 5,791 m<sup>3</sup> of humanitarian supplies on behalf of 25 partners in May.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitated the transport of 4,633 mt of humanitarian cargo to different locations in Addis Ababa and the Afar, Amhara, Oromia and Tigray regions on behalf of 26 partners in May.

## Accountability to Affected Populations

- WFP participated in the Gender Results Network, training staff and members on disability inclusion, providing a multilingual glossary of prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse terminology in the Amharic, Tigrigna, Oromia and Somali languages.

## United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- During the reporting period, UNHAS transported 92 mt of humanitarian cargo and 853 passengers within Ethiopia.

## Challenges

- Insecurity in Northern Ethiopia and a lack of fuel, supplies and humanitarian access continued to hamper WFP's activities. WFP continues to engage and coordinate with Federal and Regional authorities to secure safe access to scale up humanitarian operations.
- WFP has the ability to save and change lives across Ethiopia through 2022, but a widening gap between resources and needs is making access to humanitarian food assistance to millions of Ethiopians uncertain. WFP has already been forced to cut rations to refugees and people affected by drought.

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