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# WFP Ethiopia Country Brief

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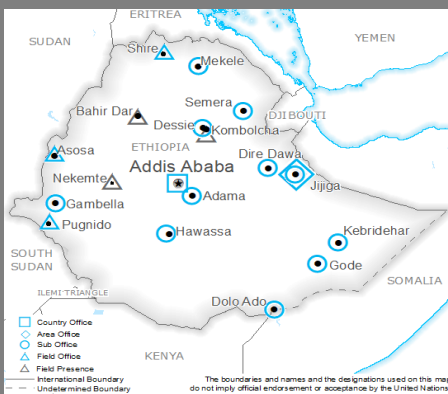
## Operational Context

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.

Ethiopia is experiencing prolonged drought with four consecutive poor rainy seasons with a fifth forecasted, the first time in four decades. Across the Horn of Africa (Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya) there are 20 million people 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.

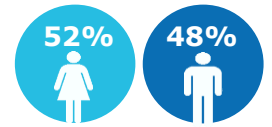


Population: **109 million**

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

Income Level: **Low**

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



## In Numbers

**5.6 million** people assisted

**USD 1.95 million** cash-based transfers provided

**USD 517 million** November 2022 - April 2023 net funding requirements

**64,439 mt** of food assistance distributed

## Operational Updates

- In October, WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to 5.6 million people, including those affected by drought and floods, internally displaced persons (IDPs), refugees, and malnourished women and children.

### Relief

- In October, WFP provided food assistance to 3.3 million people, affected by drought and conflict. WFP also provided food assistance to 401,296 conflict affected people in need in Tigray.
- In Afar and Amhara regions, WFP provided food assistance to 313,387 and 437,301 food insecure internally displaced people and those in host communities in regions respectively.
- In the Somali Region, WFP continued to provide food assistance to internally displaced people and people affected by drought. WFP assisted 2.2 million people with 34,246 mt of food during the month.

### Nutrition

- In October, WFP provided 5,566 mt of specialized nutritious foods for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) to 1.04 million children under the age of 5, pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls. WFP has halted blanket supplementary feeding across all its operations since July 2022 due to critical funding shortfalls.

### Support to Refugees

- WFP supported 750,661 refugees with food assistance in 24 refugee camps across Ethiopia during the month of October. Due to significant funding shortfalls, WFP was only able to provide 50 percent of the standard ration.

### School Feeding

- In October, WFP's school feeding programme reached 187,614 beneficiaries with on-site school feeding across Afar, Amhara, Oromia and Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' Region (SNNPR). To enhance school feeding, WFP rolled out the digital solution 'School Connect' in Amhara region across 34 schools. This digital solution will improve real-time reporting on school feeding, track operational challenges and provide data on key indicators such as the school retention rates, attendance and consumption of school meals.

### Fresh Food Vouchers

- The Fresh Food Vouchers (FFV) support households with pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls, and children under the age of two, to access fresh foods and improve their dietary diversity. During the month of October, WFP reached 90,593 people with FFV and 8,921 people with Social Behavioral Change Communications (*i.e. cooking demonstrations*).

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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>517 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

## Livelihood Support

- To strengthen livelihoods of vulnerable households, WFP supported 158,620 people through its resilience building and livelihood activities in the Somali and Gambella regions.
- In Gambella, WFP provided training to 155 small-holder farmers on food quality, storage and market skills.

## Climate Risk Management

- WFP continued to provide Forecast-based Financing using the forecasted drought to trigger anticipatory actions and release humanitarian funds.
- As part of the Forecast-based Financing initiative, WFP continued its support in Somali region, where large parts of the population are impacted by drought and climatic shocks. Early warning messages of the poor rains for the October, November and December season was provided to 137,012 people and USD 390,353 was released to 20,840 individuals.

## Supply Chain

- In October, WFP transported over 8,600 mt of humanitarian cargo using its own dedicated fleet trucks.
- In Tigray, WFP dispatched 430 mt of food commodities.
- The Logistics Cluster provided a transport service on behalf of four partners, delivering 97 mt of humanitarian cargo across Amhara region in October.
- The Logistics Cluster facilitated storage service for 1,337m3 of humanitarian supplies on behalf of 10 partners in October.
- Since April 2022, WFP released over 870,000 litres of fuel in Tigray region, 28,109 litres in Asossa and 6,577 litres in Gode to 43 partners as part of Bilateral Service Provision to UN and international non-governmental organisations.
- To meet beneficiary demand, WFP opted to mill wheat locally with local millers. Since the start of milling in June 2022, over 23,300 mt of flour have been produced in three rounds.

## United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- In October, UNHAS transported 1.15 mt of humanitarian cargo and 337 passengers within Ethiopia.

## Accountability to Affected Populations

- In October, WFP continued to ensure its partners utilised community-based complaints feedback mechanisms (CFM) for affected populations. In the month, 5,081 cases were reported through the helpline, cooperating partners and CFM platform. Of the recorded cases, 72 percent were women. The cases included requests for assistance, information, specialized support services, referrals as well as feedback on assistance.

## Challenges

- Unpredictable security and bad road conditions across Benishangul-Gumuz and Gambella regions have impacted timely distribution of food assistance to refugees.
- The 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 of USD 517 million 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.

**Donors (in alphabetical order):** Australian, Austria, Canada, CERF, China, Denmark, the Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund, European Commission, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxemburg, Norway, South Korea, SRAC, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.