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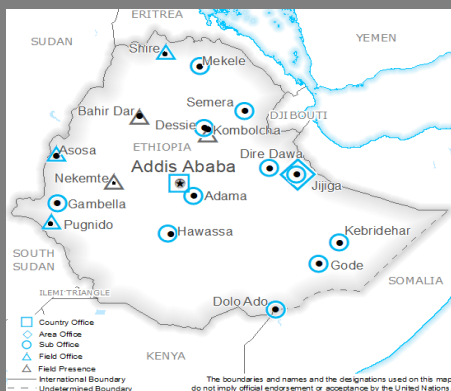


Operational Context

Ethiopia has faced conflict, displacement and drought over the past few years that has attributed to growing food insecurity. The peace agreement that ended the conflict in Northern Ethiopia has improved peace in Afar and Tigray regions. However, in Amhara region, armed conflict is affecting WFP operations in nine zones. WFP is taking security measures to protect staff safety and assets safeguarding.

The humanitarian response plan in 2023 targets the most vulnerable, including those facing protection concerns due to violence and conflict and victims of extreme drought. There are 15.1 million people in need of emergency food assistance for the third quarter of 2023 (August to September) of which 11 million people including food insecure, internally displaced people and returnees are prioritized to be assisted by WFP and other partners in their areas of operations.

Ethiopia has received 72,000 individuals from Sudan as of August through Metema and Kurmuk points of entry. WFP's net funding requirement remains at 410 million including USD 7 million to support Sudan refugee response for the next six months.



Population: **117 million**

2022 Human Development Index:
175 out of 191

Income Level: **Low**

Chronic malnutrition: **41 percent**
of children between 6-59 months

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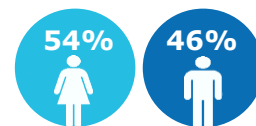
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¹ the estimates inserted are based on three-month average

In Numbers

372,600 people assisted



USD 384,500 cash-based transfers provided

USD 219 million September - March 2024 net funding requirements

2,700 mt of nutritious food assistance distributed.

Operational Updates

- WFP provided food and nutrition assistance to 372,600 people in August, including beneficiaries under test distributions in Tigray, those who underwent malnutrition treatment in refugee camps and other areas, and those who participated in resilience and livelihoods enhancement activities. Relief and refugee operations remain on pause while reforms and safeguards are in place through the Assurance Project.

Relief

- In August, in-kind assistance under relief remained on pause. To improve the relief operations, WFP revised the standard operating procedure to clarify the roles with the Government of Ethiopia, select beneficiaries based on their vulnerability, register beneficiaries digitally, and simplify the process of distributing food along with monitoring and feedback from the community.
- As of 30 August, WFP completed the first two batches of the test distribution in Tigray under the first cycle of test distributions assisting 100,900 beneficiaries with 1,500 mt of wheat at 17 food distribution points.

Nutrition

- In Somali and Tigray region, WFP provided 1,940 mt of specialized nutritious foods for the treatment of moderate acute malnutrition to 184,400 children under the age of five, pregnant and breast-feeding women and girls representing 80 percent of the planned for August.
- WFP has conducted a reprioritization exercise focused on a resource-based planning to reach 2.1 million beneficiaries across Ethiopia.

Support to Refugees

- WFP signed a new agreement with Refugees Returnees Service and UNHCR based on the re-designed standard operating procedures for general food distribution (GFP) outlining roles and responsibilities for the period of country strategic period (2023 to June 2025).
- WFP provided specialized nutritious food to 33,800 beneficiaries in 28 refugee camps and sites across Ethiopia for the month of August while school meals will be resumed in September.

School Meals

- WFP has started to mainstream the assurance project on school meal programmes for the upcoming academic year that includes last mile solution. A phased caseload transition to Government counterpart in Afar and Oromia has also been initiated.
- In addition, WFP has taken over commodity transportation service from the Bureau of Education (BoE) to avoid delays caused by contracted commercial transporters and ensure all in-kind commodities reach to the right beneficiaries.

Fresh Food Vouchers and SBCC

- The Fresh Food Vouchers (FFV) programme supports households with pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls, and children under the age of two, to improve their dietary diversity through access to fresh food and social behavioral change communication activity.

Country Strategic Plan (2020 - 2025)		
Total Requirement (in USD)	Allocated Contributions (in USD)	Six Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)
3.9 b	650 m	219 m
Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food		
Strategic Outcome 1: <i>Shock-affected populations in targeted areas and refugees in camps are able to meet their basic food and nutrition needs throughout the year.</i>		
Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <i>Vulnerable and food-insecure populations in targeted areas have increased resilience to shocks by 2025.</i>		
Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <i>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.</i>		
Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <i>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.</i>		
Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <i>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.</i>		
Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 		

- WFP reached 37,500 women and children with USD 384,500 worth of fresh food vouchers in Somali region. WFP reached 5,300 people with social behavioral change communication (SBCC) activities in Afar, Amhara and Somali regions.

Livelihood Support

- In Gambella region, WFP has completed the uplifting of 5,000 mt of maize procured under the local food procurement policy from aggregators suppliers and smallholder farmers. In August, WFP partnered with Mercy Corp to develop a business model that manages the operation of the maize shelling machine.
- In Tigray region, WFP prepared a model to link cooperative unions and farmers. The group has been selected using a pre-determined criteria as part of the Integrated Smallholder Agriculture and Market Support.

Climate Risk Management

- In Somali region, WFP has commenced the targeting and registration of El-Nino rains flood anticipatory action initiative for the months between October to December 2023. WFP has integrated Forecast based Financing part of the Climate Information Early Warning advisory and the Shock Responsive Social protection workstream for Small-holder Farmers.
- WFP has completed the Early Livelihood and Recovery support interventions implemented in Amhara region as of 30 September.

Supply Chain

- Last Mile Solution (LMS) captures food movements in real time to ensure timely receipt confirmation at food distribution points using cell phones and devices. WFP dispatched 4,050 mt nutritious and test distribution food using LMS at 74 locations.
- Bag Marking Solution (BMS) enhances food traceability during transport and handover to cooperating partners by printing customized information on bags and cartons prior to dispatch. WFP trained 170 of its staff members on BMS at the 11 sub-offices. As of August, 4,400 mt of nutritious and test distribution food were marked using the BMS.
- WFP closed its operations at the Addis Ababa Humanitarian Air Hub after three years following a funding shortfall. In addition, the hub was established in response to COVID-19 pandemic serving 55 countries in Africa.

United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- In August, UNHAS transported 1.3 mt of humanitarian cargo and 295 passengers within Ethiopia.

Accountability to Affected Populations

- WFP provided training on gender transformative approach integrated with livelihood and resilience building, to Self Help Africa, a cooperating partner on WFP R4 initiatives.
- WFP has developed standard operating procedure and guidance on issues of protection and Accountability to Affected Populations (AAP) informed by the lesson learned from the test distribution in Tigray.

Challenges

- WFP is facing a funding shortfall of USD 219 million until the end of the year. In effect, WFP has reprioritized 50 percent of the targeted beneficiaries under its nutrition activity.
- The security and instability in Amhara region has disrupted WFP operations and mainly the roll out of the assurance project on school feeding and nutritious programmes.

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