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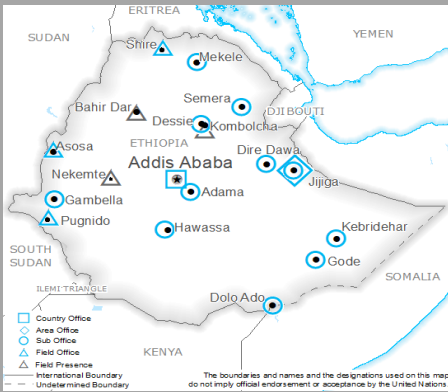


Operational Context

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 active conflict in Tigray region has been followed with intense armed conflict in Amhara. In addition, the hostilities among communities in Afar and Somali as well as Somali and Oromia have created disruption affecting WFP operation including the implementation of the assurance project. 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, conflict, and victims of extreme drought. There are 20.1 million people in need of emergency food assistance for the year 2023.

Ethiopia has received 88,800 individuals from Sudan as of October through Metema and Kurmuk points of entry. WFP's net funding requirement remains at USD 178 million for the next six months.



Population: 117 million

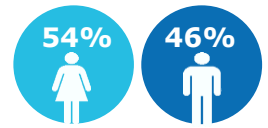
2022 Human Development Index:
175 out of 191

Income Level: Low

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

In Numbers

1.6 million people assisted



USD 1.9 Million cash-based transfers provided

USD 178 million November - April 2024 net funding requirements

12,000 mt of nutritious food distributed.

Operational Updates

- In October, WFP commenced food distribution on its refugee operation targeting 606,000 refugees and assisted 65,000 beneficiaries under the relief test distributions in Tigray. Over 1.5 million people were assisted through malnutrition treatment both in refugee camps and host communities, school meals and enhancing resilience and livelihoods in drought affected regions.

Relief

- In October, in-kind assistance under relief remained on pause. WFP digitally registered 800,000 beneficiaries in Afar, Tigray and Somali regions as part of the assurance project.
- In October, under the shock responsive component of Productive Safety Net Project, WFP assisted 65,000 beneficiaries with 4400 mt of wheat in Tigray representing 40 percent of the monthly targeted beneficiaries.

Nutrition

- WFP provided 450 mt of specialized nutritious foods for the treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition to 85,000 children under the age of five, pregnant and breast-feeding women and girls in Afar, Amhara, Tigray and Somali regions.
- WFP has registered the coordinates of nutrition programme focused Final Distribution Centers across Ethiopia and captured the data on the corporate programme monitoring system to ensure the transparency and efficiency of last mile food delivery and transport.

Support to Refugees

- In October, following the resumption of refugee operations, WFP conducted the first cycle of food and cash assistance across 22 camps, except six camps in Benshangul-Gumuz and Somali regions due to security and flood related challenges.
- WFP provided 6,900mt of specialized nutritious food to 606,000 beneficiaries and USD 450,200 of cash. Of the total individuals reached, 21,000 new arrivals from Kumer and Kurmuk point of entry in Amhara and Benshangul-Gumuz regions as part of the Sudan refugee response.

School Meals

- In October, WFP distributed school meals in Afar, Amhara, Oromia and Tigray to 216,000 school children. WFP locally procured USD 287,000 of local food commodities to diversify school meals at 229 primary schools.
- WFP conducted training to 38 schools in Afar on food handling, management and food preparation, food safety and hygiene to facilitate the resumption to school feeding in conflict affected areas.

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 (SBC) activity. In October, WFP reached 6 230 people with social behavioral communication (SBC) activities in Afar, Amhara and Somali regions. WFP did not reach beneficiaries due to challenges faced by financial service providers and the security issue in Amhara region for FFV.

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¹ 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)
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3.9 b

650 m

219 m

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.

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Livelihood Support

- In Gambella region, WFP conducted a Business to Business (B2B) event to strengthen market linkage of beneficiary smallholder farmers with more than 50 stakeholders including development agencies, aggregators, agro-processors, government representatives working across their value chain. WFP supported smallholder farmers through its commitment to six local grain millers to procure grain from them.
- WFP conducted a three-day Training to Trainers (ToT) to on-site M&E focal persons on revised M&E framework and tools for its resilience building activities as part of improving the M&E system. As such, WFP decentralization M&E process focused on the planning of baseline surveys in Jijiga, Tigray and Afar.

Climate Risk Management

- WFP has secured USD 50 million for the second phase Climate-Proofing Food Security in Ethiopia's Drought Prone Lowland areas (IFTIIN), targeting 47 kebeles in six woredas in Somali region. This initiative will directly support 120,000 beneficiaries and further impact half a million beneficiaries during the one-year project implementation period.
- In Amhara region, WFP under the financial inclusion initiative increased credit capacity of Village Economic and Social Associations (VESAs) by establishing five new VESAs. The VESAs increased the total memberships by 2000 and increased the overall savings by USD108,000. This allowed members to engage in micro-income generating activities such as vegetable and grain trading, sheep and goat rearing, poultry, service provision like small restaurants and farming.

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 delivered training at Semera, Gambella, Shire and Jijiga office to 23 cooperating partners on LMS. WFP confirmed 13,000 mt of food commodity on LMS, representing 98 percent of the total scanned.
- 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. As of October, WFP marked 13,200 mt of food commodity using the BMS.

United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)

- In October, UNHAS transported one mt of humanitarian cargo and 320 passengers within Ethiopia.

Accountability to Affected Populations

- WFP became a member of the Interagency Assessment Team (IAT) of the UN Country Team System-wide Action Plan, (UNCT-SWAP) which is a standardized assessment of UN country gender mainstreaming practice and performance ensuring accountability and improved performance. WFP will make technical contributions on selected indicators and reports.
- WFP conducted joint meetings with UNHCR in preparation for the resumption of food distributions in refugee camps, reviewing deliverables of protection and AAP activities under the assurance project in relation to the agreed SOP guidelines.

Challenges

- WFP is facing a funding shortfall of USD 178 million until April 2024.
- Severe flooding in Somali region damaged WFP resilience initiative claiming 5,000 hectares of farmed land affecting 11,000 households.
- **Donors (in alphabetical order):** Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, the UN Central Emergency Response Fund, The Ethiopian Humanitarian Fund, France, Germany, Japan Luxembourg, Norway, South Korea, the Strategic Resource Allocation Committee, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.

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