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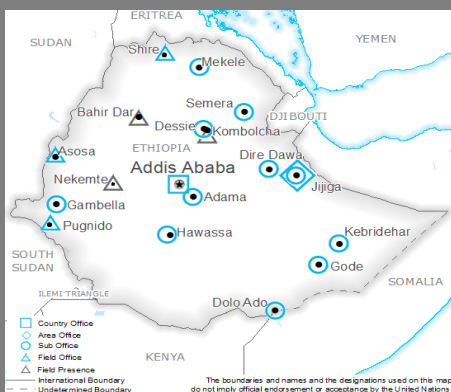
## Operational Context

Ethiopia continues to face conflict, drought and floods over the past few years, and these have attributed to growing food insecurity. The peace agreement that ended the active conflict in Tigray region has been followed by intense armed conflict in other regions, primarily in Amhara. WFP operations face high risk and cost to ensure food is delivered safely and on time to the targeted beneficiaries.

The Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP) 2024 targets 20.4 million people at the inter-sector space of facing food, nutrition, protection needs due to violence, conflict, extreme drought, and floods. Under the food cluster, 15.8 million people need emergency food assistance across the country. The majority of those in need during the first quarter of 2024 are in drought-affected areas of Tigray, Afar and Amhara regions.

Ethiopia is hosting close to one million refugees and asylum seekers from South Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea, and Sudan. The influx of refugees from Sudan continues to be a concern.

WFP's net funding requirement remains at USD 192 million for the next six months.



Population: **126 million**

2022 Human Development Index:  
**175 out of 191**

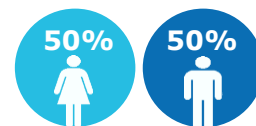
Income Level: **Low**

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

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## In Numbers

**2.9 million** people assisted



**USD 1.8 million** cash-based transfers provided

**USD 180 million March - August 2024** net funding requirements

**32,540 MT** of nutritious food distributed.

## Operational Updates

- In January, WFP reached 2.9 million people representing 56 percent of the targeted people across activities under the Country Strategic Plan.

### Relief

- In January, WFP reached 1.6 million people with in-kind food and cash assistance across Afar, Amhara, Tigray and Somali regions. In Somali region, WFP assisted close to 30,000 people under the flood response.
- Under the Productive Safety Net Programme shock responsive component, WFP assisted 1.1 million people with 16,500 mt of wheat grain in Tigray, representing 81 percent of the monthly targeted beneficiaries.

### Nutrition Activities

- WFP provided 1,600 mt of specialized nutritious foods for the treatment of Moderate Acute Malnutrition to 297,300 children under the age of five, pregnant and breast-feeding women and girls in Amhara, Oromia, Tigray and SNNPR regions.
- In January, WFP piloted an initiative to substitute commodity-based treatment to voucher method with locally purchased food for treatment of moderate acute malnutrition. WFP will roll out this initiative to other regions after a lesson learned activity.

### Support to Refugees

- In January, WFP assisted 560,000 individuals across 18 camps and 6 refugee sites, of which 23,000 are new arrivals from Sudan in Kumer, (Amhara region) and Kurmuk (Benshangul-Gumuz region).
- Out of a total of 560,000 individuals, WFP provided nutritious food to 23,000 school children and 57,000 pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls at all camps.

### School Meals

- WFP delivered school meals to 319,200 school children in Afar, Amhara, Oromia, Tigray and Southern Ethiopia, of which 157,300 school children were supported through the home-grown school feeding programme (HGSF).
- To address gaps in water access, proper food storage and a lack of cooking facilities, WFP provided training to communities on proper construction of cooking facilities and storage in partnership with World Vision in Amhara region.

### 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 five, to improve their dietary diversity through access to fresh food and Social Behavioral Communication (SBC). In January, WFP reached 11,200 people with SBC activities in three regions and 87,800 beneficiaries through the FFV programme. 92 percent of beneficiaries have redeemed their vouchers.

<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)
3.9 b	650 m	180 m
Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food		
<b>Strategic Outcome 1:</b> <i>Shock-affected populations in targeted areas and refugees in camps can meet their basic food and nutrition needs throughout the year.</i>		
<b>Activities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide unconditional, nutrition-sensitive, cash-based, and in-kind food assistance to crisis-affected populations and transitory clients of the Productive Safety Net Programme.</li> <li>Support treatment and prevention of acute malnutrition for crisis-affected children under 5 and PLWG.</li> <li>Provide unconditional, nutrition-sensitive, cash-based and in-kind food assistance, school feeding and nutrition support to refugees.</li> </ul>		
Strategic Result 1: Everyone has access to food		
<b>Strategic Outcome 2:</b> <i>Vulnerable and food-insecure populations in targeted areas have increased resilience to shocks by 2025.</i>		
<b>Activities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>		
Strategic Result 2: No one suffers from malnutrition		
<b>Strategic Outcome 3:</b> <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>		
<b>Activities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>		
Strategic Result 5: Developing countries have strengthened capacities to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)		
<b>Strategic Outcome 4:</b> <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>		
: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>		
Strategic Result 8: Sharing of knowledge, expertise and technology, strengthen global partnership support to country efforts to achieve the SDGs		
<b>Strategic Outcome 5:</b> <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>		
<b>Activities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide aviation and air operation services to government and humanitarian actors.</li> <li>Provide supply chain services to government and humanitarian partners.</li> <li>Provide coordination and logistics services to the humanitarian community through the Logistics Cluster.</li> <li>Provide on demand food procurement services.</li> </ul>		

- ### Livelihood Support and Climate Risk Management
- WFP reached 34,500 people under the livelihood, resilience and climate risk management representing 31 percent of the planned target for January. The insecurity in Gambella region and delays in onboarding partners created implementation challenges.
  - In Amhara and Somali regions WFP trained its staff and cooperating partner on Impact-Hub reporting system following its formal launch in both regions. Impact-Hub reporting system is an evidence-based data collection and reporting system.
  - WFP provided recommendation to government institutions on staffing structure and systems to build its capacity in leading and creating an enabling environment within the Ethiopian agriculture sector insurance structure.

- ### 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. In January, WFP with partners delivered training to 17 cooperating partners on LMS and confirmed 23,300 mt of food commodity at 164 locations. In 2024,13 convoy leaders and 8 cooperating partners have been granted LESS access.
  - 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. In January, WFP marked 25,000 mt of food commodity across nine hubs.
  - In Somali region, a new cycle of Fresh Food Voucher has been disbursed with 87 percent redemption rate in three districts. In Afar region WFP conducted Trader Capacity Assessment in eight regions, following the induction training to staffs.

- ### United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS)
- In January, UNHAS transported 1.11 mt of humanitarian cargo and 250 passengers within Ethiopia.

- ### Accountability to Affected Populations
- WFP facilitated a training on key principles of protection mainstreaming into WFP operations to WFP staff, Government representatives and cooperating partners. The training was aligned with the shock-responsive safety net project and a mandatory training as part of the resilient safety net project on the environment and social risk management.
  - WFP co-chaired on the Disability Inclusion (DI) working group that is composed of UN agencies mandated in DI, Gender, Youth, HIV/AIDS. The quarterly meeting involved discussion on accomplishments and future planning.

- ### Challenges
- WFP is facing a funding shortfall of USD 180 million from March until August 2024.
  - Insecurities in Gambella disrupted food distribution in three camps which was later continued after the security situation subsided.
  - In Afar region school feeding was disrupted due to lack of water in the dry season. Some schools stopped classes and others migrated to a nearby school.

- 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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