



## WFP Ethiopia Country Brief

### WFP Assistance

Responding to Humanitarian Crises and Enhancing Resilience to Food Insecurity PRRO 200712 (Jul 2015 – Jun 2018)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
	1.36 b	793.4 m 58 %	200m (76%)

\*Feb- July 2018

Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) 200712 addresses food insecurity and malnutrition among people living in disaster-prone areas. It provides short-term food assistance for household's in periods of acute emergency stress and addresses moderate acute malnutrition among children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women (PLW). The PRRO also addresses chronic malnutrition and stunting among children under two and pregnant and lactating women (PLW). Through the Productive Safety Net Programme, WFP supports the Government in its efforts to transition from relief assistance to a structured and predictable safety net to reduce the impact of shocks and build resilience.

In addition to emergency assistance to vulnerable people through emergency food assistance and nutrition interventions, the PRRO also supports the Government with climate adaptation and safety net initiatives which include weather-indexed micro insurance for smallholder farmers and pastoralists at risk of drought, and a national logistics and supply-chain strengthening strategy.

Food Assistance for Somali, Eritrean and Sudanese Refugee PRRO 200700 (Apr 2015 – Jun 2018)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
	487 m	326.9 m 67%	28.7m (43%)

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Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) 200700 provides food, nutritional and cash assistance to over 600,000 refugees residing in 29 camps and settlements each month. Refugees in camps are assisted through a combination of food and cash distributions. Refugees also benefit from a school meals programme, targeting children attending primary schools, and nutrition interventions for prevention and treatment of moderate acute malnutrition (MAM).

## Highlights

- It is estimated that 7.9 million people in Ethiopia will require food assistance in 2018 (a 7 percent decrease from the 8.5 million reported in August 2017).
- WFP is providing emergency relief assistance to 3.7 million people in the Somali Region. WFP assisted 1 million children under the age of 5 and pregnant and nursing women nationwide with life-saving curative and preventive nutrition services in December.
- WFP's Refugee operations are facing critical funding gaps from March 2018. If new contributions are not received soon additional ration cuts to the already reduced entitlement (by 20 percent) may be necessary.

WFP and partners are scaling up pilot projects aimed at supporting refugees and host community members to enhance their livelihoods. In addition, WFP also provides technical support through the provision of Mobile Storage Units at the two way-stations which serve as temporary shelters for new arrivals.

Country Programme CP 200253 (Jan 2012 – Dec 2017)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
	340 m	141.5m 42%	4.6m (100%)

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The Country Programme is based on the country strategy and supports the Government's transformation agenda. It addresses the root causes of vulnerability and disaster risk, focusing on capacity development and enabling hand-over. It also includes the Food for Education Programme. The Trust Fund 200812 supports the joint five-year programme implemented by the Government and UN partners to generate long-lasting and wide-scale improvement in the livelihoods and rights of rural women in Ethiopia.

Provision of humanitarian air services in Ethiopia SO 200711 (Jan 2016 – Dec 2018)	Total Requirements (in USD)	Total Received (in USD)	6 Month Net Funding Requirements (in USD)*
	16.3 m	12.95m (79%)	1.97 m (90%)

\*Feb- July 2018

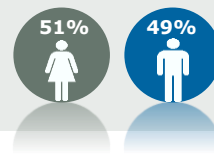
Special Operation 200711 provides transportation of passengers and light relief cargo (medical supplies and support equipment) and carrying out medevac and security evacuations for humanitarian agencies.

### In Numbers

**3.7 million** people in the Somali Region are being assisted through WFP's emergency relief assistance.

**1 million** children, and pregnant and nursing mothers nationwide are receiving specialized nutritious food to prevent and treat moderate acute malnutrition (MAM) from WFP countrywide.

**5.45 m\***  
**People Assisted**  
January 2018



\*estimated number of people assisted through PRRO 200712 and PRRO 200700 and CP 200253 and may include overlaps.

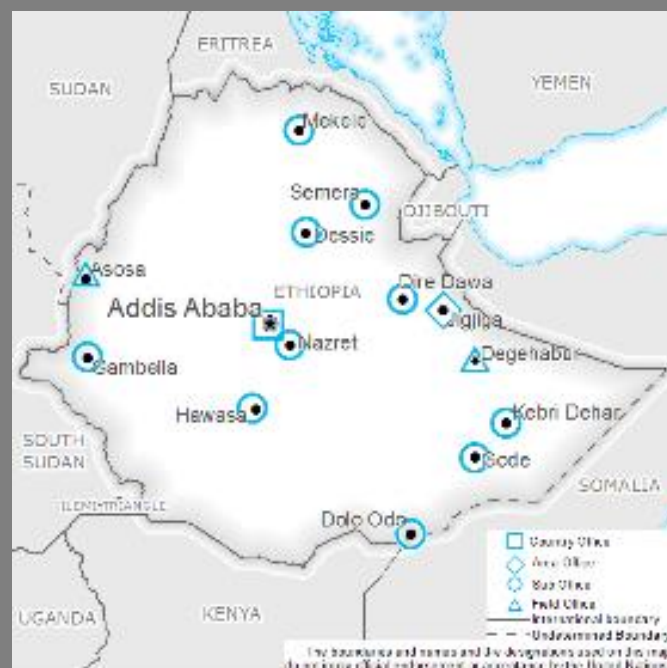
## Operational Updates

- In January, WFP aimed to reach 3.7 million people with emergency relief assistance in the Somali Region (including 1.6 million people registered under the Government's Protective Safety Net Programme (PSNP) and 300,000 conflict IDPs). WFP's emergency relief assistance in the Somali Region consists of a combination of food and cash, depending on needs and where markets function.
- WFP has initiated a cash pilot programme to assist an estimated 588,000 people with cash transfers in the Somali Region. The pilot aims to deliver humanitarian transfers to beneficiaries using the national safety net mechanism, in an effort to better harmonize the development and humanitarian investments in the Somali Region and to identify areas for systems strengthening as this approach is taken to scale.
- In January, WFP provided curative and preventive nutrition services to an estimated 600,000 children under five years of age and pregnant and lactating mothers where the risk of malnutrition is the highest in the country. This includes an estimated 140,000 conflict IDPs in the Oromia Region.
- Ethiopia remains the second largest refugee hosting state in Africa with over 892,000 refugees and asylum seekers registered in Ethiopia. Refugees mainly originate from South Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea and Sudan. WFP provides food and cash to an estimated 650,000 refugees living in 24 camps and 4 sites.
- A Standard nutrition survey undertaken in three refugee camps in Jijiga indicated that GAM rates were found below 10 percent in all of the 3 camps. This is an improvement compared to what was reported at the same time a year ago (below 15 percent).
- WFP is expanding its livelihood interventions to promote food security and income generation of refugees and host communities around camps.
- In January, WFP distributed food commodities to 650,000 refugees; of which an estimated 153,000 (in 13 refugee camps) also received cash assistance.
- WFP's School Feeding programme aims to reach 486,167 students each month. However, due to resource constraints, WFP was only able to reach 81 percent of its planned caseload in January.
- To respond to the onset of severe droughts and loss of pasture and grazing reserves, WFP is implementing an insurance programme that allows timely pay-outs to vulnerable pastoralists; Satellite Index Insurance for Pastoralists in Ethiopia (SIPE). A baseline data collection exercise is being conducted in three targeted *woredas* (districts) in the Somali region.

## Challenges

- Access constraints and insecurities associated with the Oromia-Somali regional border conflict continues to delay dispatches and deliveries to the Somali Region.
- The refugee operation is facing critical funding gaps from March 2018. If new contributions are not received soon, additional ration cuts to the already reduced entitlement (by 20 percent) may be necessary.

## Country Background & Strategy



Ethiopia is the second most populous country in Africa. Over the past seven years, Ethiopia has achieved high economic growth averaging 11 percent per annum and reduced extreme poverty from 60.5 to 30.7 percent, enabling it to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger rates by half, as was expected in Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 1. The government's medium term strategic framework Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP II), promotes agricultural development to achieve food and nutrition security with the aim of building resilience and places emphasis on the production of high value crops and livestock production. The overarching objective GTP II is the realization of Ethiopia's vision of becoming a middle income country by 2025. Even though Ethiopia is one of the ten countries globally to have attained the largest absolute gains in its Human Development Index (HDI) over the last several years, it still ranks 174th out of 188 countries in the 2016 UNDP Human Development Report.

WFP Ethiopia's Country Strategy focuses on disaster risk management and resource management; basic social services and agriculture markets and livelihoods. The overarching goal is to reduce hunger and contribution to Ethiopia's transformation.

Population: **97 million**

2015 Human Development Index:  
**174 out of 188**

Income Level: **Low**

Chronic malnutrition: **40% of children between 6-59 months**

## Donors

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