



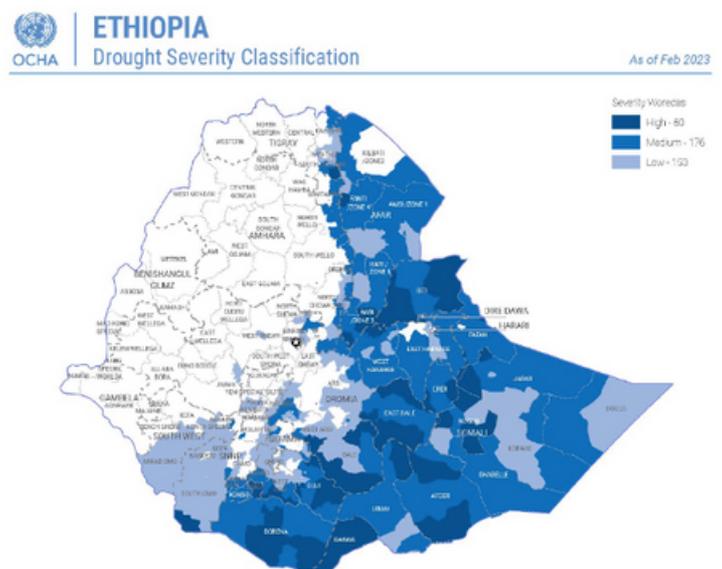
UNFPA ETHIOPIA HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

SITUATION REPORT - MARCH 2023

SITUATION OVERVIEW

Ethiopia continues to face huge humanitarian challenges, with conflict and displacement, and extended drought, floods, and disease outbreaks as the main drivers of need. Persistent food insecurity in Northern Ethiopia, as well as consecutive hazards in drought-affected areas, are having detrimental consequences leading to health risks and increased protection concerns. According to the Humanitarian Response Plan 2023, **more than 20 million people are estimated to be in need of life-saving assistance, with 10 million people estimated to be in need of protection services in Ethiopia.** Women and children make up more than two-thirds of the people in need in 2023.

Drought continues to persist in some dry-pocket areas of the southern and eastern parts of the country after erratic rainfall at the onset of the small rainy season (Mar-May) allowed communities to access water for human and livestock consumption. Conversely, heavy rainfall and **floods in some drought-affected areas have temporarily displaced nearly 230,000 IDPs[1] across 20 woredas in Oromia and Somali regions** while contributing to the rapid increase (by 50 per cent) of cholera cases due to the use of unsafe water sources and limited WASH interventions in affected areas. Currently, **about 24 million people are living in drought-affected areas**, of whom 13 million vulnerable pastoralists and agro-pastoralists are targeted for life-saving assistance in 2023.



As the Northern Ethiopia region has become more accessible following the signing of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement (COHA) in November 2022, humanitarian actors continue to scale up assistance to people in need as access, essential service provision and the movement of aid continues to improve across the region. In Oromia Special Zone, **Amhara Region**, over 175,000 IDPs[1] and returnees are in urgent need of assistance due to the compound effects of locust outbreak, drought and conflict in the area, as reported by the Multi-Cluster Initial Rapid Assessment (MIRA). In **Afar Region**, floods continue to drive displacement across 5 woredas in the lower and central parts of the region, including increased acute malnutrition cases. Meanwhile, **in Tigray Region**, humanitarian partners continue to expedite assistance to affected communities in parallel with the voluntary return and relocation of IDPs initiated at the end of March.

[1] [2] OCHA Ethiopia Situation Report (3 Apr, 2023)

PROGRAMME UPDATES

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH



63,325

Individuals reached with HIV/STIs care in crisis-affected regions
(March 2023)



212

Midwives deployed to scale up maternal and reproductive health services across 5 regions
(March 2023)

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Maternal Health and Nutrition Units providing services in B/ Gumuz and Somali regions
(March 2023)

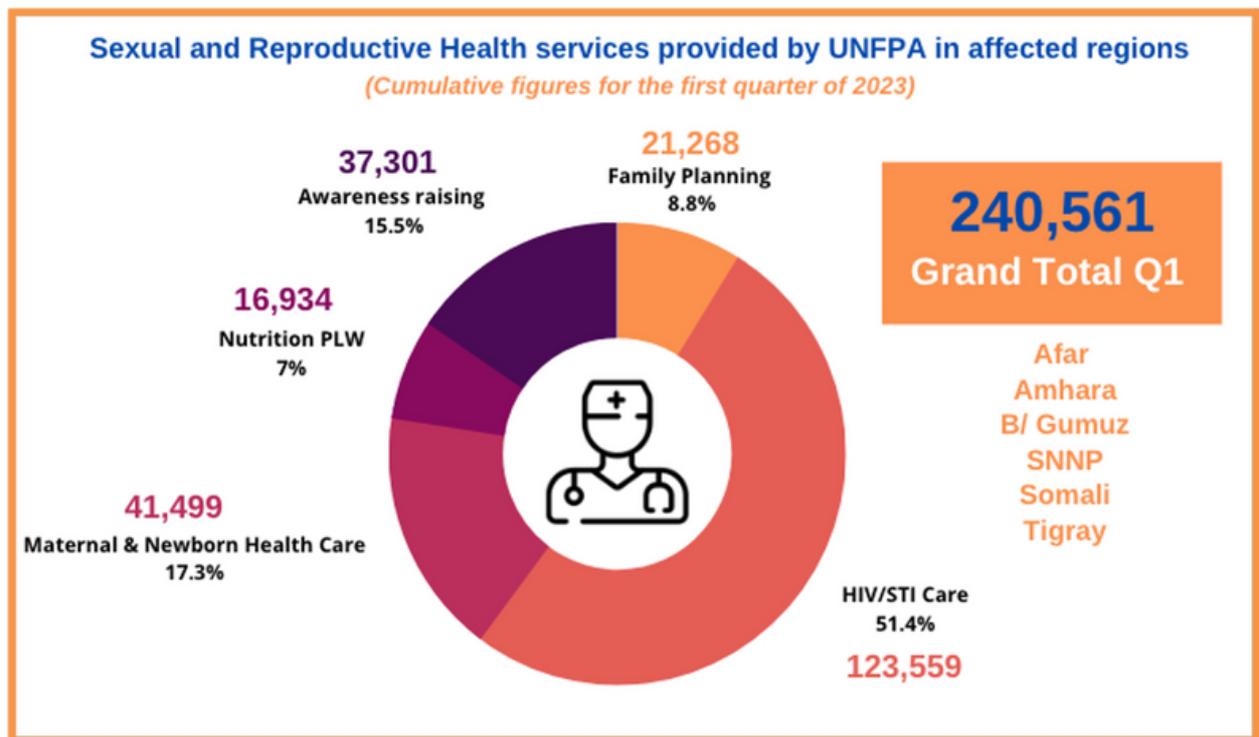


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Inter-Agency Reproductive Health (IARH) kits distributed in Somali and Tigray regions
(March 2023)

• Key Achievements

- **99,083 conflict-affected individuals** – in Afar, Amhara, SNNP, Somali and Tigray regions – **reached with sexual and reproductive health services**, including maternal and newborn services, by 212 deployed midwives and 95 health extension workers (HEWs) through multiple partnerships.
- **7,721 pregnant and lactating women (PLW) screened for acute malnutrition and provided with iron and folic acid supplements** in Afar, Amhara, Somali and Tigray regions.
- **19,231 affected individuals reached with integrated GBV/SRH awareness creation sessions** on STI/HIV prevention and risk mitigation, family planning, birth preparedness, and personal hygiene management by health extension workers deployed across IDP sites and health facilities in Amhara, Somali and Tigray regions.



PROGRAMME UPDATES

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)



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Women and Girls' Friendly Spaces (WGFS) supported by UNFPA in crisis-affected regions
(March 2023)

• **Key Achievements**

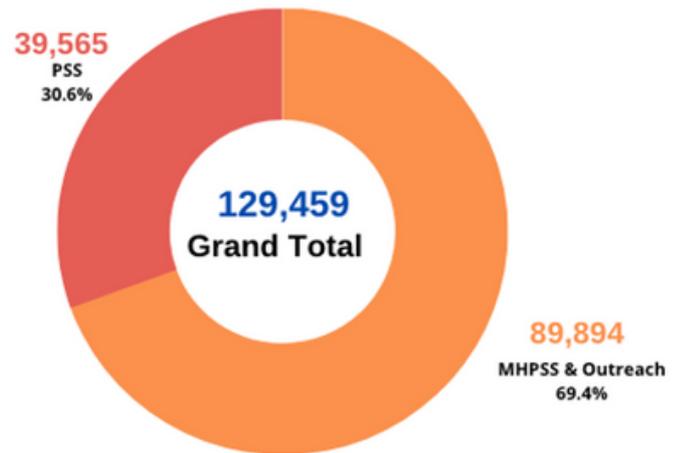
- **43,548 women and girls reached with gender-based violence multi-sectoral services** and referrals through UNFPA-supported Women and Girls' Friendly Spaces (WGFS), One-Stop Centers and Safe Houses.
- **10,140 women and girls** –Amhara, SNNP, Somali and Tigray Regions – **reached with Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)** and outreach activities outside of WGFS.
- **7,114 dignity kits with menstrual and personal hygiene items distributed** to vulnerable women and girls in partnership with Maedot, Women Association of Tigray (WAT) and International Medical Corps in Tigray Region.
- **Provided multipurpose cash support to GBV survivors** in partnership with World Vision Ethiopia and Food for the Hungry International in Amhara and Tigray regions.



19

One-Stop Centers supported on GBV service provision in crisis-affected regions
(March 023)y

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support Services (PSS) provided across Ethiopia
(Cumulative figures since 2021 to present)



“

UNFPA is committed to continue fighting #GBV until we help women & girls live free from violence,

says Ms. Lydia Zigomo, Director of UNFPA ESARO during a visit to a Safe House managed by the Association for Women's Sanctuary and Development (AWSAD) with support from UNFPA Ethiopia.

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COORDINATION & PARTNERSHIPS

UNFPA has:

- Continued to participate in various humanitarian coordination platforms, including the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT), Inter-Cluster Coordination Group (ICCG) and Health and Protection Clusters.
- **Mobilized a total of USD 21.4 million within the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus** programming from World Bank, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Irish Aid, Italy, Norway, Japan and USAID for the first quarter of 2023. Resource mobilization efforts from Canada, Spain and other donors are in the pipeline. The resources will be largely used to scale up humanitarian interventions.
- **As the GBV AoR lead**, a detailed GBV Service mapping was concluded in the Tigray Region reaching 19 Health Facilities and 4 One Stop Centres to assess the scope of Clinical Management of Rape (CMR) and SRH services, data management capacity, personnel and supplies availability.
- **Led - jointly with IOM - the development of the TOR on the Youth, Peace & Security Technical Working Group**, including the nomination of young participants, the mapping of interventions and needs of young people to be included in the Youth, Peace and Security agenda.

GBV AOR UPDATES



5-day GBV AoR Retreat and GBV Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) Workshop to strengthen GBV Prevention & Response across #Ethiopia. More than 59 participants from local, national & international NGOs, UN, Gov. Bureaus & Ministries -MoWSA & MoJ - participated in the retreat celebrated in Bishoftu, Oromia Region.



"The retreat has allowed me to understand how indicators can be developed using the minimum standards for GBV Response as well as to contextualize our strategies to a particular context like in my case to the Gambella Region",

Girum Gebreyesus - Director of the Women Mobilisation Unit at BOWSA Gambella

"In my opinion, one of the biggest achievements of this retreat is the development of the national GBV Standard Operating Procedures. This will bring partners and stakeholders together and it will guide us with the implementation on the ground. Finally, it will also help communities to get the services on time and with the quality needed",

Liya Wondimu - Mercy Corps



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LOGISTICS & OPERATIONS



7,114

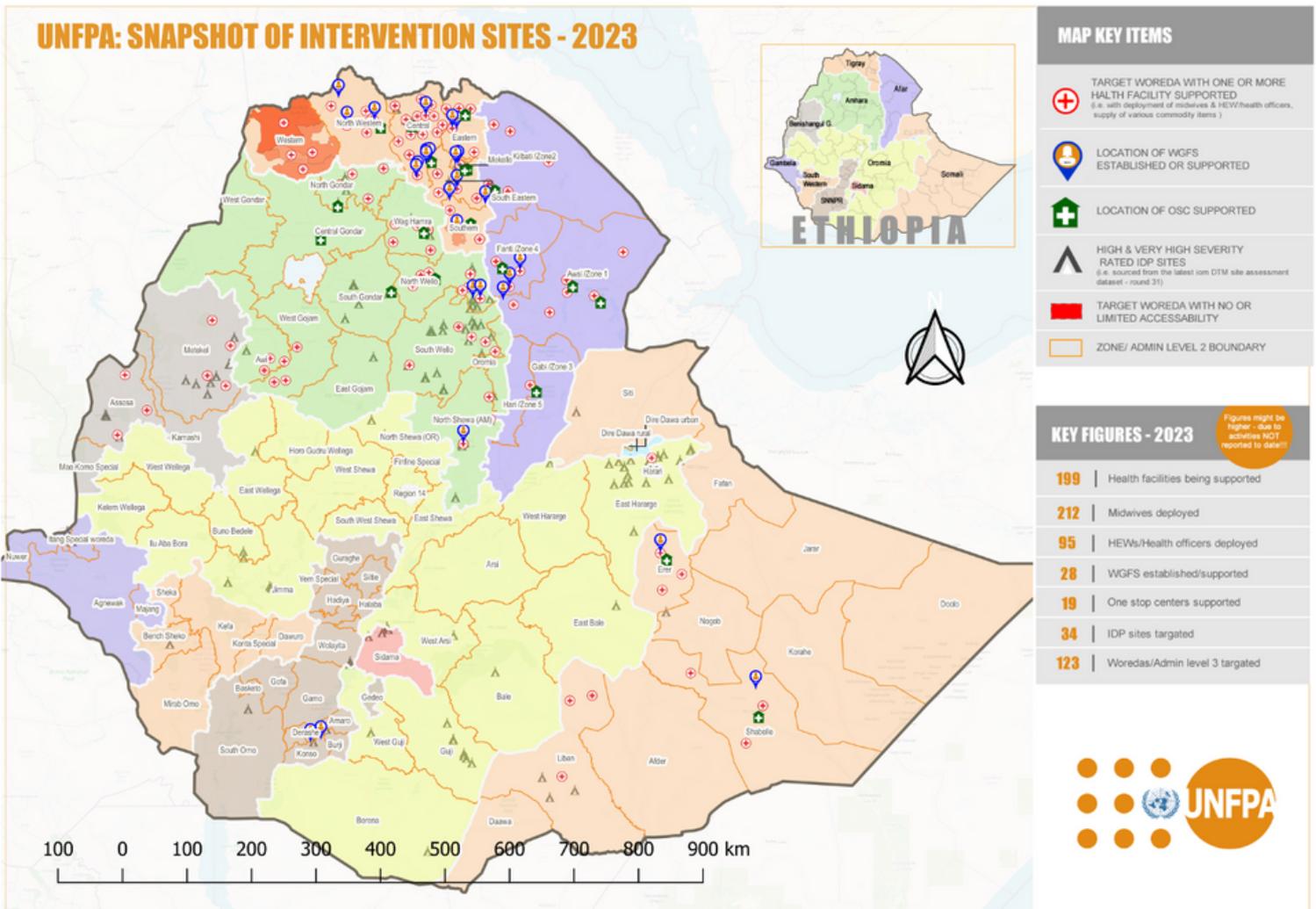
Dignity Kits dispatched to be distributed to women and girls of reproductive age in affected regions (March 2023)



21

Metric tons of IARH Kits & medical devices dispatched to 6 Implementing Partners in Tigray Region (March 2023)

- Dispatched 21 metric tons of Inter-Agency Reproductive Health (IARH) Kits and assorted medical equipment to be distributed by 6 Implementing Partners in Tigray.
- Finalized the custom process for 4 new vehicles sourced from the Global UN fleet to support operations at UNFPA Ethiopia CO.
- Followed up on the **upcoming procurement of additional IARH Kits and assorted medical equipment and supplies to scale up UNFPA's humanitarian response** in crisis-affected populations across the country.



*Source: UNFPA Ethiopia

PROGRAMME UPDATES

COMMUNICATIONS & ADVOCACY

- Organized the **launch of commemoration of UNFPA's 50 years in Ethiopia** in the presence of senior government officials, dignitaries from development partners, and major implementing partners in Addis Ababa on March 16, 2023.
- Advocated - jointly with UN sister agencies - for a **funding appeal to support the scale up of humanitarian assistance to the recent refugee influx** from Somalia into Ethiopia.

HIGHLIGHTS



“UNFPA will redouble efforts in attaining the '3 zeroes + 1' - ending unmet need for family planning; ending preventable maternal death; ending GBV & harmful practices; & ending sexual transmission of HIV,”

says Lydia Zigomo, Director of UNFPA ESARO at UNFPA Ethiopia's 50 Anniversary commemoration in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

[\[Read more\]](#)

FROM THE FIELD

“We receive calls from across the country. Most calls are in Amharic, but many also come in Oromiffa. Now that telephones are working in Tigray, caller numbers are increasing from there”,

said Wondemenehe Lemma, the Program Coordinator for the hotline service at EWLA.

[\[Read more\]](#)



RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

2023

UNFPA National Humanitarian Response Plan (2023)

Funding Required: 45,000,000 USD

Funding Received: 27,711,053 USD

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