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- Benishangul Gumuz IDP Rapid Response Plan seeks US\$25.5 million.
- Emergency Operations Center (EOC) set up for coordinated IDP Response in East and West Wollega
- At least 2.4 million people are currently displaced by inter-communal violence across the country.

IDP Rapid Response Plan for Benishangul Gumuz and the Wollegas seeks US\$25.5 million

Humanitarian partners, together with Government, have finalized an operational plan for a rapid response to address urgent life-saving needs of people displaced by inter-communal violence in Benishangul Gumuz region since late September 2018. This plan combines the response plans of the three zones: Assosa zone, East Wollega zone and West Wollega zone and targets nearly 250,000 displaced persons, including 57,000 people displaced within Benishangul Gumuz (Assosa and Kemashi zones) and some 198,000 people who fled across the border in East and West Wollega zones of Oromia region.

Based on a working scenario of the displacement situation to continue for the coming three months, the response plan lays out prioritized humanitarian needs in the health, nutrition, education, WaSH, non-food items, protection and agriculture sectors.

At least \$25.5 million is needed to implement the plan, including an estimated \$9.6 million for NDRMC to provide relief food with 11,250Mt of cereals, 1,125Mt of CSB and 337.5Mt of Vegetable oil.

Humanitarian partners count on the continued donor support to urgently implement the plan. Funding can be channeled through partners or via the Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund.

EOC set up for coordinated IDP Response in East and West Wollega

In response to the growing humanitarian needs of the people displaced by inter-communal violence along the Benishangul Gumuz and Oromia regional boundary that has started late September 2018, the Oromia regional authorities have decided to establish an Emergency Operation Center (EOC) in Nekemte Town of East Wollega zone.

FIGURES

Affected population	7.95 m
MAM	4.16 m
SAM	370,000
# of people displaced due to conflict	2.4 m
# of people displaced due to climatic shocks	0.5 m

FUNDING

US\$1.494 billion

Requirement for the 2nd half of 2018 Ethiopia Humanitarian and Disaster Resilience Plan

Funding shortfall: **US\$367 million**

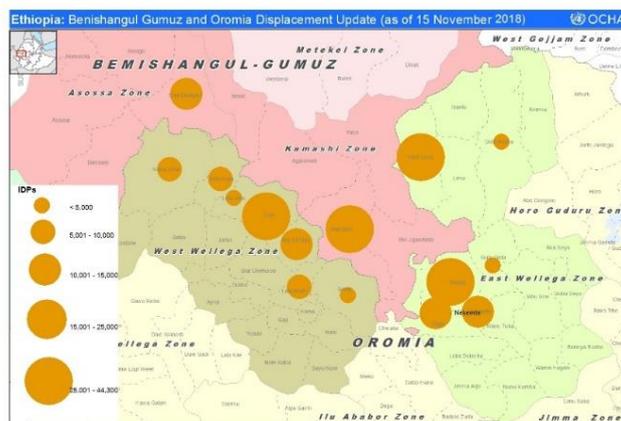


Figure 1 Source: OCHA Ethiopia

HIGHLIGHTS

- The European Union (EU) Announces €89 million in humanitarian support for Ethiopia in 2018-2019.
- The Government of Austria donates €1.5 million in support of the food sector in Somali region.

On 19 December 2018, OCHA deployed an additional staff member to East Wollega zone to support the regional and zonal authorities. Additional staff members from the National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC) and the Oromia Disaster Risk Management Commission (ODRMC) also joined the team on 20 December. The operational hub will enable Government and partners to provide a coordinated and prioritized life-saving food and non-food assistance to some 182,000 people who have been displaced from Benishangul Gumuz region to East Wollega (101,000) and West Wollega (81,000) zones of the neighbouring Oromia region.

An additional 57,000 displaced persons remain within Oda (15,000) and Kamashi (42,000) zones of Benishangul Gumuz region. Kamashi zone – the epicenter of the inter-communal violence – remains inaccessible to humanitarian partners to date.

EU announces €89 million humanitarian package for Ethiopia in 2018-2019

The European Union (EU) announced €89 million in humanitarian support to Ethiopia. Out of the €89 million, €63 million has already been spent in 2018 and the remaining €23 million will be allocated to respond to the continuing humanitarian needs in 2019. The announcement was made by the European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management, Christos Stylianides, during his official visit to Ethiopia and EU aid projects in the Somali region. The funding will be used to address the needs of people displaced within Ethiopia, refugees from neighbouring countries as well as tackling natural disasters such as drought.

Speaking from the Qoloji IDP camp on 17 December 2018, Commissioner Stylianides said, “Ethiopia is an important partner for the European Union. As the country undergoes profound positive political change, the EU will step up



Figure 2 Commissioner Stylianides visiting Qoloji IDP camp. Photo Credit: FBC

support for the most vulnerable Ethiopians.” The commissioner also reiterated the EU’s strong partnership with Ethiopia and commitment to support the country’s reform process during his meeting with Ethiopian President Sahle-Work Zewde in Addis Ababa.

Austria donates €1.5 million to support the food sector in Somali region

During his Visit to Ethiopia, Mr. Sebastian Kurz, Prime Minister of Austria, announced that Austria is ready to increase co-operation between Government of Austria and Ethiopia. He also announced €1.5 million donation to support the food sector in Somali region during his mission to Somali region of Ethiopia on 8 December 2018. The president of the Somali region on his part emphasized human rights, humanitarian-development efforts for durable solution of IDPs and youth employment as the region’s three key priorities.

EHF announces \$14.2 million for 2018 Second Round Reserve Allocation

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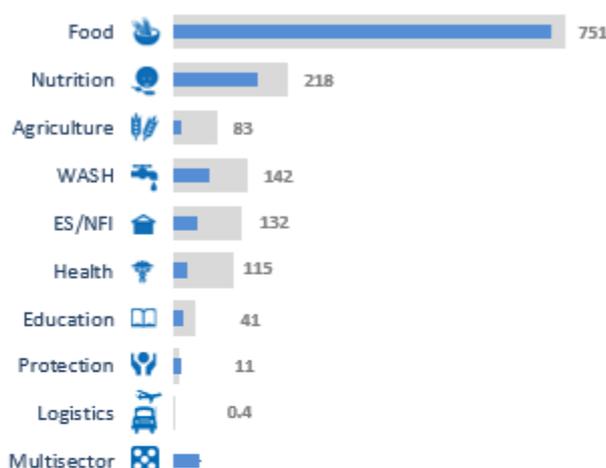
- EHF announces \$14.2 million for 2018 second round reserve allocation.

With the completion of the first reserve allocation, the Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund (EHF) - an OCHA-managed pooled fund – availed \$14.2 million for the second round allocation. The EHF has called for project proposals outlining the strategic objectives for the 2018 Second Round EHF Reserve Allocation. This allocation provides support to establish an essential humanitarian supplies pipeline project of \$9 million to address the urgent and life-saving needs of displaced population in priority locations, including Benishangul Gumuz region, East and West Wollega zones of Oromia region and Dawa zone of Somali region. In addition, \$5 million is allocated to ensure nutrition pipeline materials and continuation of critical NGO-implemented nutrition projects.

The remaining \$200,000 will support Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) training, reporting and monitoring capacity.

So far in 2018, the EHF has allocated more than \$71 million in support of 132 projects, thanks to the generous support of six donors, including Germany, Ireland, Switzerland, Sweden, United Kingdom and United States.

Requirements and funding per sector - \$million



Requirements and funding per pillar- \$million

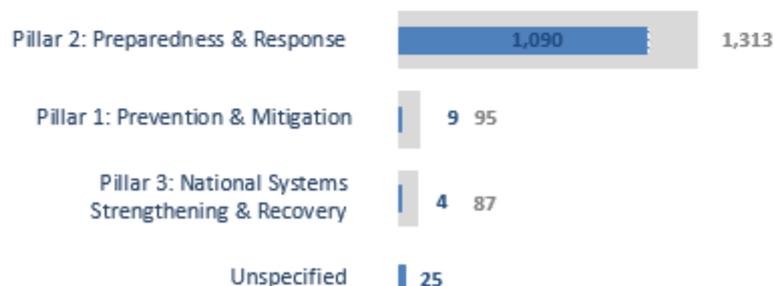


Figure 3 Ethiopia: 2018 HDRP Funding Update as of 06 December 2018

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