Nutrition Response in Ethiopia: Gambella
As of 10 October 2017

Context
2 out of 14 woredas classified as hotspot 1 (seriously affected districts)*
Population estimated to be 0.4 million (CSA projection)
2,000 children with SAM expected in 2017**
UNICEF is supporting the Government of Ethiopia for emergency response.
*Based on the latest classification conducted in July 2017.
**Mid-year HRD revision.

Hotspot Priority 1 Woredas, 2015-2017

Coordination
• UNICEF is participating in relevant regional and zonal level coordination meetings

To Facilitate Rapid Response
1 UNICEF staff supporting emergency
3 CMAM monitors deployed

SAM Admissions, 2016-2017

Expansion of SAM Facilities, 2016-2017

Overview of Region
• Gambella has a main rainy season in Jul-Nov. During this season, heavy rains and frequent flooding often impede access to health facilities. People also migrate in these months, resulting in the rise of defaulters. Following the rains, malaria and other water-related diseases become most prevalent in the second half of the year. Overall health and nutrition service utilization improves in the dry season from Dec-Apr, and the SAM admissions also tend to reach the peak.
• 0.5% of the national SAM burden is found in Gambella.

SAM Performance in 2017

• *Other includes non-responders, medical transfers and transfers to other CMAM facilities.
• Cure rate for SC reflects stabilization, including recovery and transfer to OTP.
• Performance in line with SPHERE standards (cure>75%, defaulter<15%, death<10%).

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