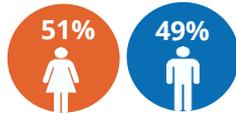




WFP Ethiopia Tigray Emergency Response Situation Report #1



750,000 people assisted
April 2021



Country Strategic Plan (CSP) 2020 - 2025

WFP Net Funding Requirements (May–December 2021)	USD 203 million
Activity 1 (General Food Assistance)	USD 134.5 m
Activity 2 (Nutrition activities)	USD 55 m
Secondary Transport Services	USD 6 m
Logistics Cluster and Services	USD 6 m
Aviation Service	USD 1.1 m

5.2 million people in need of food assistance

1.2 million women and children to be assisted by WFP with nutritionally fortified food

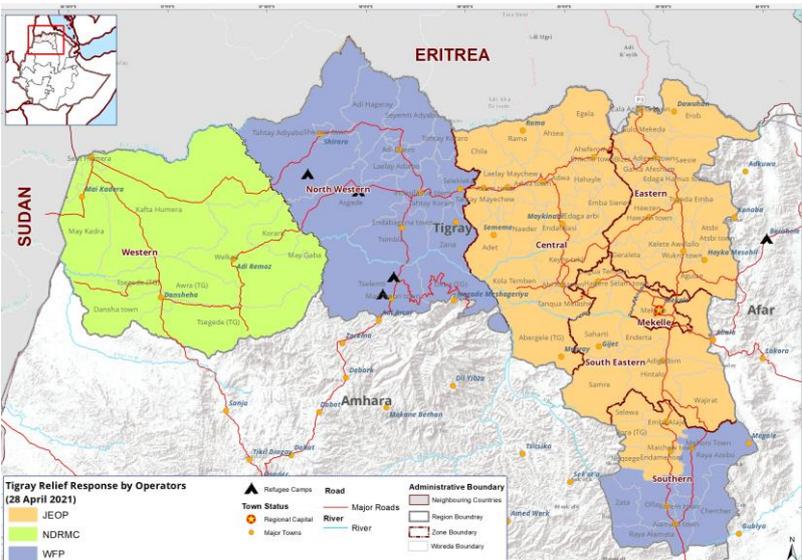
30,000 refugees receiving monthly assistance from WFP

Highlights

- WFP has reached over 600,000 people with food assistance in Eastern, Southern and North-western Zones of Tigray.
- WFP has reached an additional 150,000 vulnerable pregnant and breastfeeding women and girls (PLWG) and children under five years with specialized nutritious foods throughout the Region.
- WFP has deployed some 130 staff to Tigray since November to scale up its workforce and is steadily increasing the number of food distributions in the Region.
- WFP is also supporting the Government and the humanitarian community in Ethiopia by providing vehicles to transport food and emergency storage units in Tigray when needed.
- Although the Government and partners have also provided life-saving food and nutrition support to many people in the Region, widespread insecurity is challenging our ability to access hungry and vulnerable rural communities in Tigray, especially in rural areas.

Situation Update

- The outbreak of conflict in Tigray last November coincided with the peak harvest period, resulting in loss of livelihoods, and disrupted employment, food and incomes sources, markets and highly impacted critical health and nutrition services.
- WFP is deeply concerned about the food security situation in Tigray. As insecurity persists and poor households deplete food stocks, people will fall deeper into emergency levels of hunger and malnutrition. The lack of agricultural inputs is expected to significantly impede the upcoming planting season.
- Humanitarian access to the region has improved since early February. However, in April, insecurity prevented sustained delivery of support to affected populations in Central, North western and South eastern Zones.



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Food Cluster

- Some 5.2 million people or 91 percent of the population in Tigray are in need of emergency food assistance, but WFP and other humanitarian agencies lack sufficient resources to respond quickly to save lives and livelihoods in the region.
- The Government, in collaboration with a consortium of NGOs through the Joint Emergency Operation for Food Assistance in Ethiopia (JEOP) and the World Food Programme (WFP), are delivering emergency food assistance to the acute food insecure people including displaced persons and refugees.



Logistics Cluster

- Since the start of the operation, the Logistics Cluster has transported over 2300 mt of cargo on behalf of 29 partners. The Cluster has also provided over 11,000 m² of storage capacity in Adama, Addis Ababa, Gondar, Kombolcha, Semera and Mekelle to partners.
- The Cluster has installed 10 mobile storage units (MSU) as WFP field storage and donated 8 units to the Regional Ministry of Health in Tigray.
- The construction of a WFP/Logistics Cluster office in Shire was completed. The new facility consists of a 900 m²-fixed warehouse and three MSUs, each one measuring 10mx32m.



Supply Chain

- Since the start of the response, WFP has transported a total of 15,000 mt of food for vulnerable people and refugees in need emergency food assistance
- WFP has provided support to the Government and partners by transporting over 20,000 mt of food commodities from Mekelle to food distribution points in 19 towns in the Eastern, Southern, and North-western Zones. WFP has also transported 30,000 mt of wheat on behalf of the Government from Djibouti port to Mekelle.
- WFP has dispatched an additional 20,000 mt of food commodities from Port Sudan to Mekelle, Kombolcha and Gondar to support the Tigray Emergency Response.

Funding Outlook

- WFP requires USD 203 million to implement its activities over the next eight months.
- WFP takes this opportunity to thank its donors for supporting the emergency response in Tigray-Canada, Japan, Luxembourg, Norway, South Korea, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America.



WFP Food and Nutrition Assistance

- WFP is coordinating its relief food response closely with the Government's National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC) and the NGOs in Tigray.
- Following requests from the Ethiopian Government, WFP is scaling up its emergency response in Tigray to reach more than 2 million people with urgent food and nutrition assistance.
- As of 28 April, WFP has reached over 600,000 people with food assistance in the Eastern, Southern and North-western Zones of Tigray in its first round of general food distribution.
- WFP is coordinating its emergency nutrition response closely with the Nutrition Cluster and the Regional Health Bureau to ensure a continuum of care for moderate acute malnutrition throughout the Region. Nutrition interventions coupled with screening of children aged 6-59 months and PLWGs were implemented in the Southern, South-eastern, Eastern, and parts of Central Zones.
- Although, the Government and partners managed to provide life-saving food and nutrition support to many people in the region, widespread insecurity is challenging WFP's ability to access hungry and vulnerable rural communities in Tigray, especially in rural areas.
- Access challenges continue to impact the nutrition response. WFP and its partners are facing challenges to reach 40 percent of its targeted vulnerable people in Central Zone. In April, WFP reached 56,500 vulnerable women and children. To date, WFP has reached 150,000 vulnerable women and children.

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