

TIGRAY CRISIS RESPONSE

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SITUATION OVERVIEW

Incidents of temporary arrests and intimidation of humanitarian workers at military checkpoints as well as looting and confiscation of humanitarian assets and supplies continue. An INGO truck carrying 500 non-food items kits, flour and water treatment chemicals (chlorine)-funded by the Ethiopian Humanitarian Fund was seized reportedly by the Ethiopian Defense Forces.

Urgent lifesaving and serious protection needs persist across the region, including sexual, gender-based violence (SGBV) at a large scale. The reported cases of SGBV, however, do not represent the actual cases as underreporting is widespread due to fear of stigmatization and/or retaliation, limited access to trusted service providers, and widespread impunity for perpetrators.

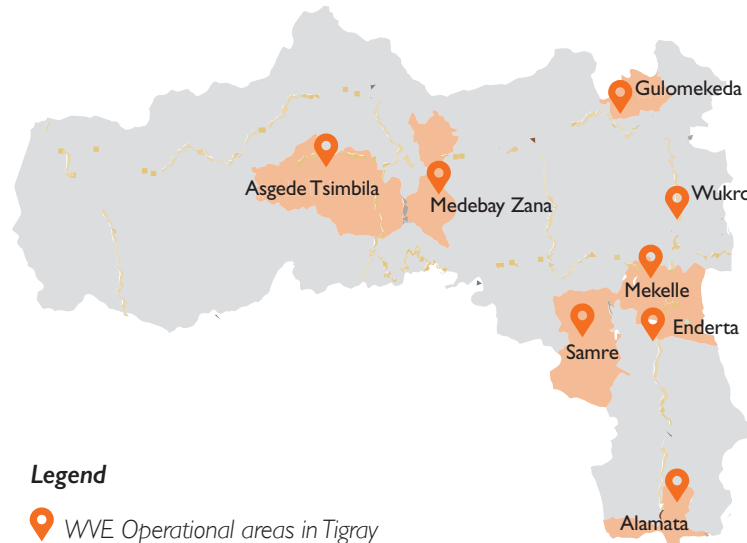
To date, some 78,011 doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in the region with 78 per cent in the community, 4 per cent for IDPs, and 18 per cent among health care workers. This includes over 13,000 people vaccinated during the week. More than 55 per cent of the vaccinated people are from Mekelle.

According to OCHA 10 June 2021 situation report;

- More than 3.3 million people of the targeted 5.2 million reached with food under the 2021 response plan since late March, reaching additional 567,000 people.
- About 482,000 people of the targeted 3 million reached with emergency shelter and non-food items to date, reaching more than 50,000 additional people.
- Denial of access, looting and confiscation of humanitarian assets and supplies by the parties to the conflict continues to be a major concern.
- If not addressed immediately, food insecurity and acute malnutrition already at catastrophic levels in hard-to-reach areas will deteriorate towards a substantial famine.

<https://reliefweb.int/report/ethiopia/ethiopia-tigray-region-humanitarian-update-situation-report-10-june-2021>

Tigray Emergency Response Operational areas



Legend

WVE Operational areas in Tigray

KEY MESSAGES

World Vision is deeply concerned for the safety and well-being of vulnerable populations, especially children.

Concerns remain high with regard to humanitarian access in Tigray region, with particular emphasis on access to Shire, Samre, and rural communities as insecurity rises.

We call on all participants in the current armed hostilities to prioritize the protection of civilians and to enable humanitarian access so that life-saving humanitarian interventions can continue unhindered.

Reporting of GBV incidents and protection cases have increased in the reporting period in Tigray. We call on all relevant authorities at all levels to use their influence and power to bring an end to violence of all kinds against non-combatants.

Estimated number of people in need



Overall Need	Overall Target
4.5m	4.5m
Children in need	
566,116	566,116

Overall Need	1,643,430	1.3 M	1,122,205	491,400	1.6 M		
Overall Target	355,115	25,332	120,000	6,400	80,000	19,553	400,000

Funding status (US\$)



34 M RECEIVED
16 M GAP

Number of beneficiaries

from multi sector interventions



465,000

59,125 Boys	75,795 Girls

TIGRAY CRISIS RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

RESPONSE CONTEXT

There are currently [as of 10 June] 391 UN staff supporting the humanitarian response (85 international staff and 176 national staff in Mekelle and 23 international staff and 107 national staff in Shire). Currently, there are 123 partners operating across the region: 70 international NGOs, 33 national NGOs, 11 UN agencies and 9 Government offices.

Humanitarian partners continue to scale up the response as quickly as possible, despite challenges. From 27 March to 2 June (since the start of round 1 food distribution of 2021), the three main food partners assisted more than 3.3 million people out of the targeted 5.2 million people in 65 districts, reaching additional nearly 567,000 people in one week (27 May-2 June 2021). Nutrition partners are increasing nutrition screening reaching 34,362 children 6-59 months in 37 districts, up from 21,115 children screened the previous week. From 23-29 May, 36 Mobile Health and Nutrition Teams operated in 39 districts providing more than 16,000 people with medical consultations, up from about 11,000 people a week earlier.

To date, 481,975 (17 per cent of the targeted 3 million people) were reached with emergency shelter and non-food items. This is an increase from about 430,000 people reached a week earlier, with more than 50,000 additional people reached. With completed, ongoing, and already planned distributions, 874,075 people (31 percent) of the targeted 3 million will be reached.

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OUTCOME 1: *protect lives and livelihoods of conflict affected people by providing food assistance and livelihood recovery support*



Shelter/NFI

More than 45 staff based in Alamata and in offices around Mekelle received training in Sphere standards and humanitarian accountability.

BHA/OFDA Project: ES/NFI kit distribution and transitional shelter construction in 5 districts is in progress. ES/NFI kit distribution planned for 2,750 households in Shire, Adigrat, Wukro and Hagere Selam districts. The procurement of materials is in progress. Some of the materials such as plastic sheets/tarpaulin available in the market are of low quality and hence options for procuring from abroad are being searched for. Transitional shelter construction is planned for 200 households in Gulo-Mekda. This is waiting the employment of Shelter Officer which is now finalized and the activities will start in July.

WVUS (PNS) Project: Transitional shelter construction for 218 households in Chercher district is in good progress. Preparations to undertake second round of cash transfer (i.e. ETB 3,420 to those whose houses were fully damaged and ETB 1,710 to those whose houses are partially damaged) are underway. The cash will be deposited in the bank accounts of beneficiaries. In the first round, ETB 6,500 was transferred to fully damaged houses and ETB 3,900 for partially damaged houses.

Capacity building: HEA team is preparing to give training in humanitarian accountability and also in protection of sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) for over 25 staff based in Shire working in emergency response. This is in addition to more than 45 staff based in Alamata and in offices around Mekelle that received the same training back in March 2021.



OUTCOME 2: *Improve health status, protection and dignity of affected households (HHs) by providing and creating access to shelter and non-food items (NFIs)*



Health

WV Ethiopia under SWAN project distributed medical kits of different types worth US\$123,559 to five hospitals and six health centers in Mekelle, Adigrat, Wukro and Shire. The medical kits meant to address the primary and advanced health demands of up to 340,000 people.


Provided support to strengthen government's response capacity in surveillance, active case search, risk communication, case management and health system strengthening in crisis-affected localities.

Provided lifesaving medicines and medical supplies and distributed to support 15 health facilities in Mekele and 5 districts in Raya Alamata, Raya azebo, Raya Chercher, Olfa and Mehene districts.

In May 2021, more than 3,110 people received outpatient consultation in Alamata district and of these, 978 (596 girls) were under five children.

Pneumonia, malaria, diarrheal diseases, measles and malnutrition were the five commonest causes for outpatient visit among under 5 children.

WorldVision supported the transportation and referral of 15 individuals with severe injuries to higher hospital for further care in Alamata district. Besides, more than 16,570 people reached with COVID-19 awareness creation messages. Supported health facilities to enhance their routine immunization activities in six districts and provided supportive supervision to 23 health facilities. In addition, World Vision Ethiopia provided logistics support to Public Health Emergency Management Team (PHEMT) in 6-targeted districts in Mekele, Raya Alamata, Raya Chercher, Olfa, and Mehene to support the PHEM team in outbreak investigation and verification.

 **OUTCOME 3:** Enhance access to safe drinking water and to appropriate sanitation and hygiene for the displaced / host communities



3 shallow well maintenance and rehabilitation completed in Alamata benefiting about 1,500 individuals

Water trucking in Mekelle expanded and continued. We are reaching 22 IDP sites with 42,000 total beneficiary and about 50,000 individuals from the community, making the total beneficiaries to be 92,000 affected people in Tigray through provision of 6,521 M3 of safe water.

250 households (1 139 individuals) received full package NFI (Jerry can, bucket, washing basin, laundry soap & multipurpose soap) in Mayweyni IDP Mekelle.



OUTCOME 4: Improve access to health and nutrition services with a special focus on preventing the spread of communicable diseases and acute malnutrition



Nutrition

Establishment mobile OTPs in IDP sites

Mobile Outpatient Therapeutic Programme (OTP) services established in five different IDP sites in Shire. Hence, 19 severe acute malnutrition cases received for timely therapeutic treatment services.

Capacity building trainings

Community management of acute malnutrition (CMAM) training provided to 7 health workers and 3 medical doctors at Shire

Integrated management of acute malnutrition (IMAM) training was provided to 65 health extension workers and 10 health workers in Maichew town, Enda Mehoni and Neksega districts for 4 days.

Screening orientation provided to 99 health extension workers in Maichew and Enda Mehoni districts for 1 day.

Support health facilities in the treatment of acute malnutrition

Infant and Young Child Feeding in Emergency (IYCF-E) activities and establishment of breast feeding spaces

9 breast feeding corners were established in South Tigray Response
18 IYCF registration book (9 PLW and 9, 0-2 years) was distributed for 9 SC sites.
Integration of IYCF-E in to CMAM activities were strengthened in 23 health facilities.

Nutrition screening, orientations and linkage to nutrition programmes

World Vision in collaboration with MOH staff conducted screening to assess nutrition status of children under five and pregnant and lactating women in Mekelle, Southern and North Western zones.

Mekelle

102 Children under five screened out of which 22 are with moderate acute malnutrition and linked to targeted supplementary feeding programme (TSFP) while 2 are with severe acute malnutrition and linked to outpatient therapeutic programme. On the other hand, 125 pregnant and lactating women screened with 14 of them found acutely malnourished and linked to TSFP.

South Tigray

2122 pregnant and lactating women screened where 533 are with acute malnutrition and waiting for linkage.
5890 children under five screened, out of which 1594 with MAM cases and are waiting for admission and 311 are with severe acute malnutrition and linked to TSFP.

North West Tigray

255 pregnant and lactating women screened where 60 are with acute malnutrition and linked to TSFP.
435 children under five screened, out of which 58 with MAM cases and linked to TSFP and 21 are with severe acute malnutrition and linked to TSFP.

Supportive Supervision and Technical Support

• South Tigray Response and Mekelle (Emergency Nutrition Response)

Supportive supervision and technical onsite support provided to Maichew, Korem, Yekatit 11 and Mehoni hospitals as well as to 13 health centers and 14 health posts in the stated districts.

On- job training

South Tigray Response, Mekelle Emergency Nutrition Response and North West Emergency Nutrition Response

On job training provided to 56 HWs and 89 HEWs on new IMAM guidelines, supply chain management especially on bin-card and stock card recording and reporting system, SAM management, linkage, reporting and recording and follow up.

Logistic Support

During road blockage (inaccessibility) to reach North West, World Vision facilitated convoy and supported transportation of 513 cartons of plumpy nut and essential medicines to Shire.



OUTCOME 5: Ensure protection for children, women and vulnerable groups, including dignity kits and psychosocial support



Protection

A Total of 1000 dignity kits funded by UNICEF distributed for 1000 women and adolescent girls in reproductive age in Degua Temeben district in South Eastern zone, with objective of minimizing the risk of sexual abuse and exploitation that may happen in emergency situation on women and girls.

150 women and girls have visited wellness center at Mekelle and had a discussion on prevention strategies of violence, shared experience on coping mechanisms of stress and what could they do if someone experience violence and coffee discussion manual is used for this discussion. The funding source is from ECHO/IRC.

6,000 beneficiaries selected for dignity kits distribution from 6 UNICEF target districts using selection criteria in collaboration with BOLSA.

12 un-accompanied and separated children, 7 boys and 5 girls are identified at Degua Temben for family tracing and reunification (FTR) and alternative care service, and is on identification stage during this reporting time.


6 GBV cases were reported (received) at Hintalo district and Enderta district and provided with psycho social support and appointed for cash assistance service on their next appointment.

Psychological First Aid (PFA) training provided for two days at Mekelle, a total of 11 participants (5 and 6 Female) took part at the training.

Registration of unaccompanied and separated children including most vulnerable children has started at all UNICEF, BHA and SWAN implementation districts for family tracing, reunification and case management service.

480 children visited child friendly space at Mekelle, Ofla, Mehoni and Maichew and has participated on indoor and outdoor activities.

Two SWAN GBV officers recruited for shire and Mekelle.

 **OUTCOME 6:** Provide support for the rehabilitation of damaged schools and ensure that children to return to school in a conducive and safe atmosphere




Education

64 (30F) Accelerating Learning Programme (ALP) facilitators were trained on Psycho social support (PSS), teaching methodology, accelerated learning programme, integrated child protection and education programme. The training was organized for two days and participants were from Hintalo, Wajerat, Enderta and Degua Temben districts.

A two days training was organized on Accelerated School Readiness (ASR) and 24 facilitators (all Females). The training was organized for three days on ASR lesson delivery, psychosocial support and classroom management were addressed in the training.

Scholastic materials (exercise books, pen, pencils, eraser and sharper) were distributed to 1,090 ASR and 2,250 ALP children in targeted districts (Hintalo, Wajerat, Enderta and Degua Temben)

World Vision participated in education cluster meeting.

 **OUTCOME 7:** Support coordination and collaboration efforts across the humanitarian agencies on the ground

Preparedness

A CAT-III national office response has been declared, and subsequent EMS structure, response plan, crisis management committee (CMT), and NEPRF financial procedures have been approved and are in place

New funding in pipelines

WFP, UNICEF US\$308,567.2 OFDA/BHA US\$1,292,000, ECHO, JPF OFDA/BHA US\$520,000 for CP/GBV

Coordination and Advocacy

WVE – has actively engage in all cluster/coordination meeting in Mekele, which is in cluster Meeting, HINGO, ECC; actively participating on Shire UNHCR led meeting by assigning staff based in Shire.

Assessment has been conducted in South Eastern, North Western, Eastern and North Eastern Tigray, totally in 13 districts and 3 cities.

Security

There has been sporadic crossfire between government forces and TPLF rebels. Following this number of IDPs has been increasing putting pressure on food supply chain, overall tension is high in the region.

High military deployment

Destruction and loss of life and injury on citizens due to sudden cross fire
Bomb attack by combatants

Cash and digital business

WV Ethiopia has revised its sponsorship budget from all the seven Area Programmes in Tigray to address the immediate humanitarian needs of 44,655 sponsored children families and IDPs with over US\$500,000 in Enderta, Wukuro, Samre, Gulo Mekeda, Aseged Tsembela, Alamata, and Medebay Zana districts.

Until 15 March 2021, World Vision has provided multi-purpose cash assistance to 6,782 households (6391 RCs families and 391 IDPs families) amounting over 2.3 million birr to enable them cover Food, Protection, WASH, Health, Shelter, and NFI needs and services such as transportation and milling. Cash has not distributed to Samre AP due to ongoing insecurity in the area.

Capacity Building

HEA provided a two-day humanitarian accountability and Sphere standards training for Southern Tigray, Mekelle, South East Tigray and Eastern Tigray cluster emergency response team. A total of 40 staff attended (8 female).

Challenges

Security still a challenge (volatile and unpredictable)

Power and connectivity cutoff

Most of the health facilities running out of basic drugs and medical supplies

Limited funding opportunity

Lack of access.

Schools are not functioning and education offices at different levels are not active

Shortage of vehicles, no transportation access to Ofra and Chercher in South Tigray

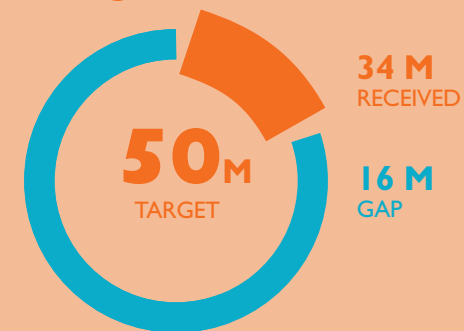
Insecurity and instability hindering access to beneficiaries in rural areas particularly in Ofra and Chercher.

Absence of therapeutic food and routine medications.

Closure of some Area programmes due to fear of violence.

It is difficult to provide comprehensive health care due to dysfunctional health system in the region and absence of data at some health facilities.

Funding status (US\$)



- Due to the rising needs of the crisis, the needs are vastly outstripped the requirements estimated in the response plan that was developed during the first weeks of the conflict. "Therefore, WV Ethiopia has revised its funding requirement targets to a total of US \$50 million, of which US\$ 34 million has been secured from WV partnership, UN agencies and BHA (USAID) including both cash and commodity value.



TIGRAY CRISIS RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

LIST OF FUNDERS/DONORS

NEPRF, Local income, SWAN, COVID 19 pooled fund, Irish aid, WV Korea, WV Singapore, WV Taiwan, WV Australia, WV-US, WV Netherlands, WFP, UNICEF, OFDA/BHA, ECHO, JPF USAID/BHA

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Edward Brown, WV Ethiopia National Director and Paul Turnbull, World Food Programme, Ethiopia Country Director and Representative had live discussions with the UK based Parliament TV on the situation in Tigray on 18 March 2021.

<https://www.parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/ff1a43d9-0a05-4bba-9ce2-33b26afb878f>

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