

### Situation update

During the month of October, several flood incidences were reported in Afar, Oromia, SNNP and Somali regions displacing thousands and causing loss of property and livelihoods. Reportedly, some 202,202 people have been displaced across the country, the majority (127,524 people) in Somali region.



Figure 1: Picture from Flood Assessment; IDPs moving to a higher ground in Dollo Ado woreda

The October weather forecast by the National Meteorology Agency (NMA) indicated that the expected dominantly above normal rainfall will prevail across the South and Southwestern Ethiopia and can cause flash floods in low-lying areas, near river banks and in areas where the soil infiltration capacity is poor.

### Somali region:

- Reportedly 10 districts in 6 zones were affected by floods as a result of heavy *Deyr* rainfall which started in October in most parts of the region and extended *kiremt* rains in Oromia highlands. Together these excessive rains are causing overflow of rivers including Genale and Wabi Shabelle rivers and related tributaries.
- **Shabelle zone:** A Multi-Agency Assessment in Shabelle zone identified some 37,711 HHs affected of which some 17,679 HHs were displaced. Heavy rains restarted in Shabelle and in all *deyr* receiving zones. Some 35 formal and 22 Alternative Basic Education (ABE) schools at Mustahil, Kalafo and Ferfer *woredas* were damaged and consequently, 12,093 students are out of school. A total of 32 health facilities were affected and 3 health centers damaged. More than 500 household latrines damaged/destroyed, mostly in Mustahil town. Cases of seasonal diarrheal diseases were reported in flood-affected *woredas*. Limited food availability was reported in the affected communities.
- **Dollo Ado woreda:** A Multi-Agency Assessment in Dollo *woreda* identified a total of 9,374 HHs in 12 *kebeles* affected of which 3,575 HHs were displaced. A total of 4,006 livestock perished, and 730 hectares of farm land were inundated and crops damaged. The current rains and floods caused inaccessibility of all roads within and outside the *woreda*, restricted people's movement between the *kebeles/woredas/zones*, and caused price of food commodities to increase. Some *kebeles* are currently facing food shortages.

### SNNP region:

- **Hadya zone:** Flood was reported in 14 *kebeles* of Shashego *woreda* from 28 September to 03 October and affected 14,261 individuals and displaced 5,665. The flood also destroyed 4 elementary schools and 1,772 hectares of field crops. Similarly, landslide killed 22 people in Konta special *woreda* (Amaya town) due to a heavy rainfall on 12 October. Floods and landslides were also reported in Melokoza *woreda* of Gofa zone and Zabageze *woreda* of Dawuro zone.

**Afar region:**

- Some 7,045 HHs have been affected or displaced. About 4,250 HHs got their houses totally /partially damaged due to the overflow of Awash River. Currently, newly displaced 2,734HHs need urgent shelter and NFI response. IDPS that lost their houses settled under trees or in host communities.

**Oromia region:**

- In Bale zone about 5 *woredas* (Agarfa, Gololcha, Gaseara, Goba, and Sinana) were affected by flooding and as a result several types of crops and livestock were damaged. About 190 houses were damaged as well as 5,000 hectares of crops and fruits, and about 150 livestock heads and other properties were damaged. Consequently, 33,000 families are in need of humanitarian assistance. The affected community urgently requires food, NFIs, clothes, and plastic shelters.

**Gambella region:**

- A total of 14,452 people were affected of which 11,128 individuals displaced, 321 cattle perished, and a number of schools and health facilities were affected. The region requested partners to support with food, agriculture, shelter/NFI, health, nutrition and WaSH sectors.

**On-going response and gaps:**

The Somali Region DRMB dispatched 575 quintals of rice and 500 quintals of maize to Kalafo, Mustahil, e-Imay, Bercano, Adadle and Ferfer. This is not full food basket as it's missing the beans and oil. DRMB also dispatched 450 partial ESNFI to three *woredas* (200 to Kalafo, 200 to Mustahil and to Gode). Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) pledged 500 full ESNFI kits to be provided to Kalafo and Mustahil within the coming two to three weeks.

WFP informed that no food was allocated for flood response in Somali region but is logistically supporting the zonal government by providing trucks/fleet to deliver the ad-hoc DRMB food (rice and maize) from Gode warehouses to Ferfer *woreda*. Partners are dispatching emergency response with limited available resources. Significant gaps are reported in the ES/NFI, Health and WaSH sectors.

Urgent interventions are still required in food, shelter/NFI, provision of safe drinking water, water treatment chemicals and essential drug supplies. Hygiene and sanitation are also crucial to prevent the resurgence of cholera outbreak in places where disease has been reported recently.

The Somali regional government requested partners to respond to the emerging humanitarian needs across the region.

**Access:**

Access is becoming a challenge that will hinder the response. On 18 October 2019, the Shaygosh bridge between Gode and Jijiga collapsed. Until the area gets dry it will be very difficult to pass that section of the road. Hence, Gode and Kabridahar have been disconnected from Jijiga. Communities are also stranded by flood in Mustahil town, Mirdhis, Sedehbar, Fufug and Kobane in Mustahil and Afdub, Niiri, Kabhanle, Washaqo, and Shuubo in Kelafo *woreda*. Boat or helicopter are currently the only options to access those areas.