

HIGHLIGHTS

- Government and partners continue assistance to Gedeo-West Guji IDPs.
- The Government and partners are finalizing a new response/recovery plan targeting IDPs returning to their places of origin and at present locations.



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Government and partners continue assistance to Gedeo-West Guji displacement crisis

The Government and humanitarian partners are committed to continue to provide assistance to Gedeo-West Guji IDPs choosing not to return to their areas of origin at this time, as well as to those who are voluntarily returning. In light with the change in context given the ongoing return, and to make the response process effective, Government and partners are finalizing a new response/recovery plan for the Gedeo-West Guji IDPs/returnees. The joint plan will ensure a coordinated and un-interrupted support in current areas of displacement and the pre-positioning of staff and relief items in areas of return.

Meanwhile the National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC) and the Joint Emergency Operation Programme (JEOP) are distributing food rations to the IDPs. To date, the NDRMC has dispatched 96 per cent of the allocated mixed commodities (24,140 Metric tons out of 26,011 metric tons, assisting a maximum of 860,056 IDPs in both West Gedeo and Guji and zones. In addition, NDRMC also distributed 2,129 cartons of biscuits and 212 cartons of milk to IDPs in Gedeo and West Guji, respectively. JEOP started providing a standard food basket from the second round, targeting 513,000 conflict IDPs in SNNPR. As of 05 September, 104 per cent of the allocated mixed commodities (9,015MT out of 8,695MT) were dispatched to Dila Zuria, Bule, Kochere and Gedeb Woredas and Dila Town.

FIGURES

Affected population	7.88 m
MAM	3.5 m
SAM	350,000
# of people displaced due to conflict	1.1 m
# of people displaced due to climatic shocks	0.5 m

FUNDING

US\$1.658 billion

Requirement for 2018 Ethiopia Humanitarian and Disaster Resilience Plan

US\$117.7 million

Requirement for the Gedeo-West Guji conflict IDPs assistance for six months.



Figure 1 IDP returnees being transported to their place of origin in Kercha woreda (West Guji zone). Photo Credit: OCHA Ethiopia

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- At least 1,407 cases of Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD) have been reported since June 2018 in Tigray region.
- Taskforce finalizing flood emergency response plan

Tigray region continues to report new cases of Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD)

A total of 1407 cases of Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD) have been reported since June 2018 in Tigray region, affecting some 34 woredas. Currently the number woredas reporting AWD cases is reduced to 16 and 80 per cent of the cases are from four woredas. Central zone and Mekelle have the majority of cases but now it is shifting to Western zone. This week there were 64 patients of which 43 per cent are from Western zone, 35 per cent in Mekelle. Risk factors are mainly due to untreated water consumption which accounts to 70 per cent of the total factors. Government and partners are distributing water treatment chemicals and health supplies, but needs surpass resources being available. High operational cost for response, low involvement of sectors and low level of response by most partners are among the critical challenges to AWD response in the region.

Meanwhile trend of AWD cases is decreasing in all Woredas of Afar region. However, the regional AWD command post identified that provision of safe drinking water remains a major gap in all affected woredas. Shortage of water chemical including poor distribution system and poor utilization practices also aggravated the situation and force the community to use Awash River for all purposes. Moreover, there are reports of shortage of sprayers, hand wash facilities, water Jerricans and soaps in affected areas.

Taskforce finalizing flood emergency response plan

The National Flood Taskforce is finalizing a flood emergency plan that will address the needs of an estimated 713,304 people likely to be affected by floods, of whom 179,229 will likely be displaced across the country until November. Due to heavy rains, Ethiopia's main river basins, Upper and Lower Awash, Tekeze, Lake Tana, Baro River, Omo, and the Koka Dam reached full capacity and dams were opened to discharge excess water. Communities around major river basins are therefore at heightened risk of flooding and require close monitoring and repositioning of relief items.



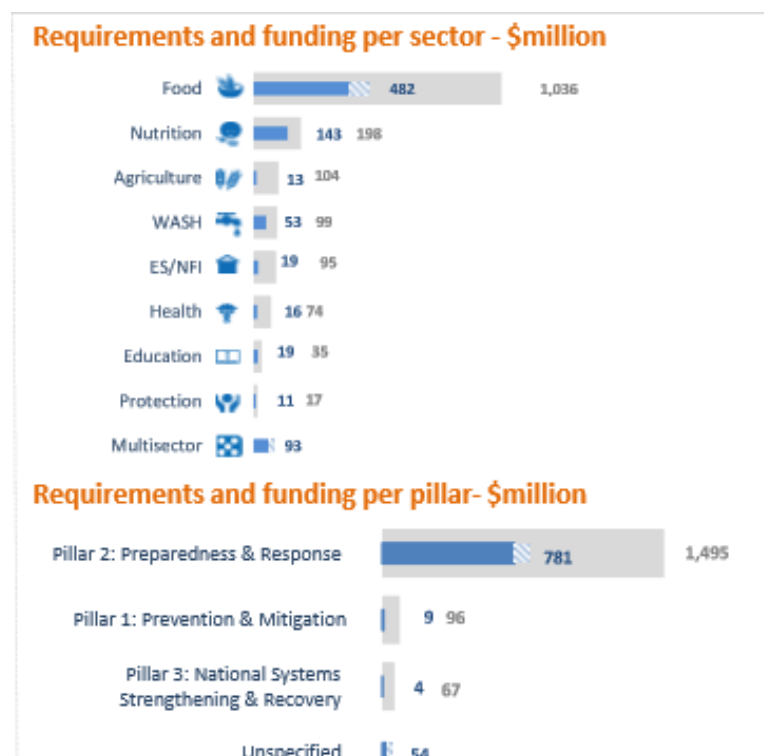
Figure 2 Flooded areas in Somali region. Photo credit: OCHA Ethiopia

The National Meteorology Agency's mid-season *kiremt* weather forecast outlined normal to above normal rainfall in Benishangul Gumuz, western and central Amhara, Oromia, Tigray, and western SNNP regions. Meanwhile, near normal rainfall is expected in eastern Afar, Amhara, Oromia, SNNP, Tigray, as well as Dire Dawa, Harari and northern Somali regions. Flooding due to intense and prolonged *kiremt*/summer rains between June and August affected at least 17,652 households across 111 woredas in Afar, Amhara, Harari, Oromia, Tigray and SNNP regions. Some 663 houses were also destroyed and 15,5000 hectares of farmland damaged. Landslide incidents in 13 woredas of Amhara, Oromia, SNNP and Tigray regions also affected 298 households and damaged 139,025 hectares of land. Humanitarian response is ongoing, parallel to mitigation and preparedness measures.

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The National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC) has so far distributed 182 quintals of food baskets in affected woredas. NDRMC has also distributed 14 cartons of milk and 63 cartons of biscuits for people affected by flooding following the overflow of the Kality River. In addition, 502 non-food items (NFI) items, including plastic sheets, kettles, plastic jugs have been distributed. The commission is ready to dispatch assistance for 12,017 flood-affected people in Amhara, upon the request of the regional government.

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