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- EHF launched the 2021 second reserve allocation for a total amount of US\$20 million to respond to new emerging critical needs and serve as a multiplier effect to scale-up the ongoing response in the northern part of the country, targeting IDPs and host communities and include to newly affected areas.
- EHF has received a total of US\$64.2 million in contributions from 11 donors since the beginning of the year.

### COVID-19 PREVENTIVE MEASURES



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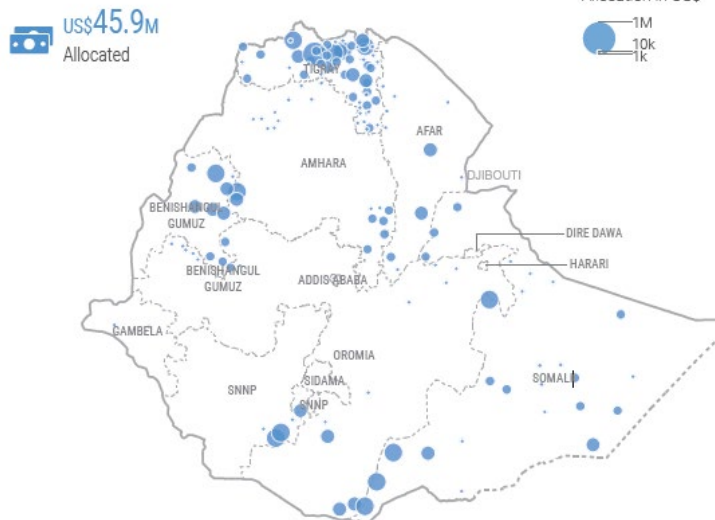
## EHF allocates US\$20 million to respond to rising needs in northern Ethiopia

On 18 August, the Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund (EHF) launched the 2021 second reserve allocation for a total amount of \$20 million to provide an immediate humanitarian response to new emerging critical needs and serve as a multiplier effect to scale-up the ongoing response in the northern part of the country. This response will target IDPs and host communities and include newly affected areas. It will focus on the northern regions of Ethiopia, owing to the further deterioration of the humanitarian needs, increased access within Tigray and a spillover of the conflict dynamics in neighbouring regions of Afar and Amhara. This allocation will target immediate and life-saving activities in emergency shelter, camp coordination and management, health, nutrition, protection, and water, sanitation, and hygiene sectors.

In doing so, it will further support localization efforts and integration of protection, accountability, and gender considerations into programming. Noting the volatile context and access constraints, this allocation will also support flexible programming and strong collaboration and inclusion of national NGOs.

Since the beginning of the year, thanks to the contributions of 11 donors, the EHF has received a total of US\$64.2 million. During the same period, the Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund has allocated a total of US\$46 million, exclusive of the recently launched second reserve allocation which will increase the total allocated amount to

### GEOGRAPHIC ALLOCATION



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- The Ministry of Health confirmed credible signs of the third wave of COVID-19 outbreak in Ethiopia and urged citizens to be cautious in adhering to COVID-19 prevention protocols.
- Ethiopia has registered about 3 million confirmed cases, 5,000 deaths, only about 3 million RT-PCR and Ag-RDT tests, and administered about 2.4 million vaccine doses.
- More than 450,000 people have been displaced from Afar and Amhara according to the latest statement by the Federal Government since the Tigray conflict spiraled into several areas Afar and Amhara Regions.

US\$66 million. To date, funding has been allocated to the different regions in Ethiopia as follows: Tigray (\$17.3m), Somali (\$9.0m), Oromia (\$4.1m), Benishangul Gumuz (\$3.9m), Amhara (\$3.7m), SNNP (\$3.1m), Afar (\$2.5m), Gambela (\$0.8m), Dire Dawa (\$0.7m), Sidama (\$0.7m) and Addis Ababa (\$17k). Urgent funding is required to continue supporting partners' responses across the country as the current fund balance stands at only \$2 million. Further information on the EHF is available on the CBPF Data Hub: <https://cbpf.data.unocha.org/>

In June 2020, the USG/ERC announced that the Ethiopian Humanitarian Country Team had been selected to receive a US\$ 13 million allocation from the Central Emergency Response Fund's (CERF) Underfunded Emergencies (UFE) window, to focus specifically on the Tigray Crisis (Northern Ethiopia Response, including areas in Afar and Amhara). The prioritization exercise identified five sectors to be targeted: \$2.92M ES/NFI, \$4M Health, \$0.68M Protection, \$4M Agriculture and \$1.4M CCCM. UN recipient agencies are FAO, IOM, UNHCR, and WHO and in collaboration with international and national partners. This CERF UFE allocation will complement the ongoing interventions under the CERF Rapid Response allocation approved earlier in the year, as well as the projects in EHF's Standard Allocation and the recently launched Reserve Allocation for the Northern Ethiopia Response.

## Ministry confirms indications of third-wave COVID-19 outbreak in Ethiopia

On 24 August 2021, the Ministry of Health confirmed that there are credible signs of the third wave of COVID-19 outbreak in Ethiopia and urged citizens to be cautious in adhering to COVID-19 prevention protocols. At least 5,547 tested positive in one week alone [16-22 August], of whom 510 were in critical condition and 66 people died. The infection rate now stands at 9.4 per cent, up from 2-3 per cent a couple of months ago. According to COVID-19 situation report # 424 released by the Resident Coordinator's Office, some 2,095 new cases of COVID-19 were registered on 25 August, a record high in the number of new cases since the end of April 2021. The ministry warned that the situation will get far worse unless serious cautionary measures are taken at this juncture.

As of 4 September, Ethiopia reported a total of 313,468 new confirmed COVID-19 cases, 4,749 deaths have been reported since the beginning of the outbreak with a Case Fatality Rate is 1.51 per cent. Some 283,151 (89.8 per cent) cases have recovered, 1,060 confirmed cases are undergoing treatment in the treatment centers of which 732 are in severe condition. So far, Ethiopia has conducted a cumulative 3,270,272 RT-PCR and Ag-RDT tests. A total of 2,517,808 vaccine doses were administered that consist of health workers (23 per cent), the population between 30-54 years (2 per cent), population between 55-64 years (33 per cent), and persons 65 years and above (42 per cent). On 7 September, the Ministry of Health announced that the Ethiopian Public Health Institute has detected the presence of the COVID-19 Delta Variant in Ethiopia through laboratory diagnosis.

## More than 450,000 displaced due to conflict spreading into Afar and Amhara: Government

The number of displaced communities from Afar and Amhara Regions is rapidly increasing since the Tigray conflict spiraled into several areas Afar and Amhara Regions. More than 450,000 people have been displaced from Afar and Amhara according to the latest statement by the Federal Government. Humanitarian partners are conducting multi-agency assessments to identify the needs of people affected and displaced by the ongoing conflict. There is an urgent need to scale up the humanitarian response across the regions to address the needs of recently displaced and other existing vulnerable persons. While the displaced persons in Afar and Amhara have started receiving little humanitarian assistance, the status of those who remain in areas occupied by Tigray forces is still unknown amid reports of a breakdown in electricity, telecommunications, and other basic services and supplies for over a month now. The ongoing active conflict is impeding humanitarian actors

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- Flood incidences registered between April across seven regions left more than 600,000 individuals affected and over 200,000 others displaced.
- Flooding also caused a widespread loss of livelihoods and damaged infrastructure.
- Water levels in some dams/reservoirs across the country have reached maximum capacity, including, Gilgel Gibe, Tana Beles, Fincha and Keseme, putting communities at risk of flooding should the dam breaks.

from accessing communities in North Wello, Wag Hemra, North Gonder zones of Amhara Region, and Zone 4 (Fanatana Rasu) of Afar Region.

During her meeting with the President of Amhara Regional State on 3 September 2021, Mrs. Marcy Vigoda, OCHA Ethiopia's Head of Office, reiterated that humanitarian organizations will ensure aid reaches everyone who derives it regardless of who they are and where they are from. The Head of Office reminded that the region had received more than ETB 147 million in funding in 2021 through the Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund, and anticipated additional funding amid hugely increasing humanitarian needs. She also emphasized that the humanitarian community will remain committed to the international humanitarian principles (Humanity, Neutrality, Impartiality, and Independence) throughout the humanitarian response in the country. Ato Agegnehu Teshager, President of the Amhara Region, called upon OCHA to coordinate more responses to the rapidly increasing needs of people affected by the recent conflict, which spiraled into Wag Hemra, North Wollo, North Gonder, and South Gonder Zones.

## Flood affects some 617,000, displaced 214,000 others across various regions

Flood incidences registered between April and July in Afar, Amhara, Gambella, Harari, Oromia, Somali and SNNP Regions left some 616,714 individuals affected, 214,124 others displaced, and 28 dead. Flooding also caused widespread loss of livelihoods and damaged infrastructure. According to a recent report by the National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC), flooding caused some 23,788 livestock deaths, 18,097 hectares of crop loss, and damaged 464 houses and 6 schools during this period.

The most affected areas are Shebele, Dollo, Jarar, Afder, Fafen, Korahey Zones of Somali Region, Wolayita, Halaba, Goffa, and Kefa Zones of SNNPR, Zone 2, 3, and 4 of Afar Region, Dire Dawa City, Arsi, West Guji, Borena, Horgudru Wellga, West Wellega, West Guji, West Harerge, and West Shawa Zones of Oromia Region, West Gojjam, South Wello, North Wello, and Central Gonder Zones of Amhara Region, Sofi Woreda of Harari Region and Lare Woreda of Gambella Region.

Meanwhile, the water levels in some dams/reservoirs are reported to have reached maximum levels. According to the National Disaster Risk Management Commission, water levels in some dams/reservoirs across the country have reached maximum capacity because of ongoing summer season rainfall, including Gilgel Gibe, Tana Beles, Fincha and Keseme. Communities at risk of flooding should the dam breaks are being communicated as an early warning and for preparedness measures

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