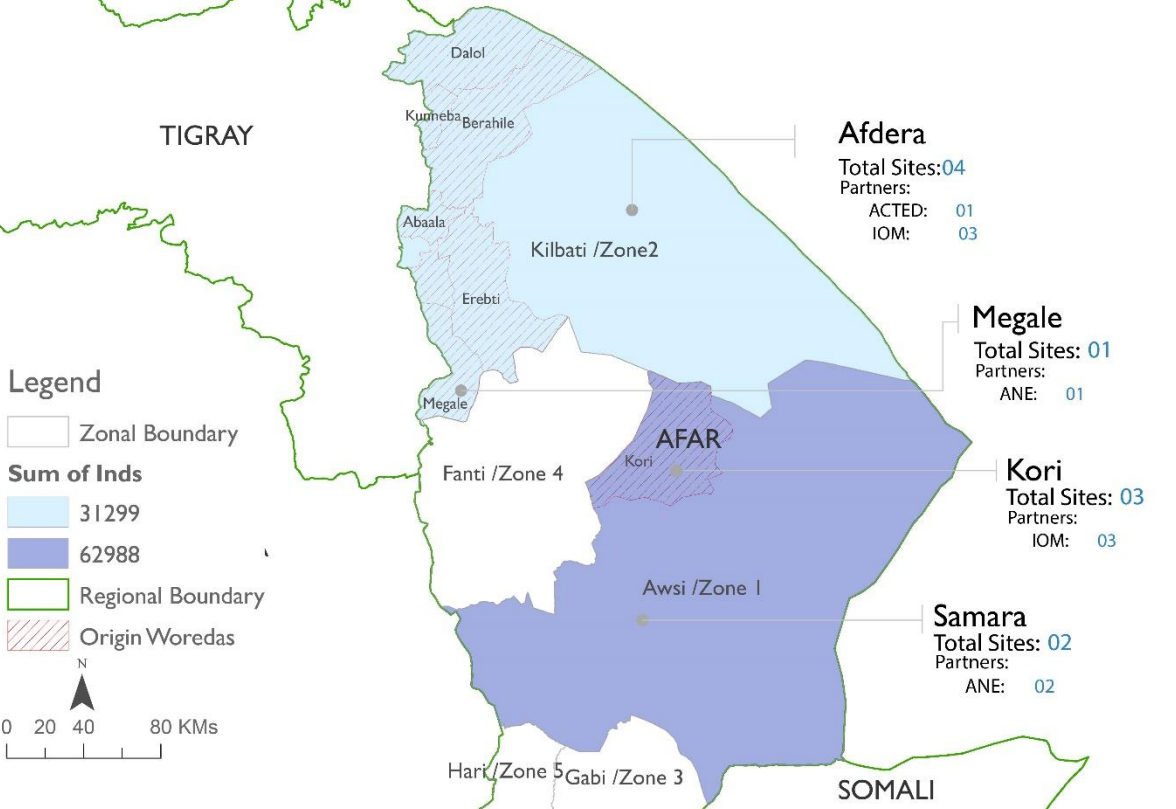


**336,582** People displaced  
**10** Displacement Sites  
**94,287** People in Displacement Sites  
**7** Woredas highly affected  
**03** CCCM Operational Partners



## Situation Updates:

The humanitarian situation in Afar Region has been further exacerbated by the recent conflict in the North and within the region that lasted over 3 months. According to the regional DPFSPCO, approximately 336,582 IDPs have been displaced from various woredas of the region and are sheltered within the host communities and in 10 collective centers. January 2022 saw a large-scale influx from different woredas into Harsuma, Silsa Guya, Afdera, and so they only managed to find Dirma IDPs sites. Response from various clusters has been challenging and slow due to limited resources from both the government and humanitarian partners. CCCM actors ACTED, IOM, ANE/UNHCR faced enormous access issues so they only managed to start activities in March 2022 and only where local authorities granted them access to priority IDP sites in Silsa Guya (3 sites), Afdera (3 sites), Semera town (2 sites), Dirma (1 site) and Harsuma (1 site) respectively.

- Harsuma IDP Site (Afdera Woreda)**  
 There are an estimated 1650 HH IDPs here who originate from Barhale, Abala, Erebt, Megale and Koneba Woredas of zone 2. Other than jerry cans and water treatment kits given by CARE International, very little to no humanitarian assistance have been provided to IDPs since they arrived in Harsuma IDP site. Following the permission granted by the local authorities to visit the site, ACTED immediately started its CCCM intervention March 29, 2022 flagging major needs and gaps to all relevant partners, duty bearers and service providers. Major Needs/Gaps: No communal latrines. Open defecation is a common practice. No health facility in the site. Majority of the displaced persons are women and children. Harsuma IDP Site is now accessible but the roads are very bad and travel time takes 6 hours to reach Harsuma from Semera. A comprehensive multi-sectoral response plan is required to address the needs and gaps there.
- Samara IDP Site:** There are 8,063 individuals / 2,875 households displaced from Abala and Berhale Woreda. ANE is the camp management actor there supported / funded by UNHCR. Samara IDP site is not suitable for construction of shelter and other communal infrastructure. Relocation may have to switch over to Agatina IDP site.
- Industrial Park IDP Sites:** There are 409 Individuals / 148 households in this displacement site who originate from Koneba and Berhale woredas. They have been residing there since February 2022.

## Advocacy Issues:

- Donor support is badly needed to enhance the capacity of partners across lifesaving sectors to scale up their response
- Uphold the civilian nature of the IDP sites as host community sought strong assurances from the Regional Police presence for their security in the area.
- Ensure that IDPs have freedom of movement to access to basic services to the nearest market, health clinic and other public services
- Need for partner engagement on women and children protection

## Response:

- Government:**
  - Allocated land for installation of rub halls and tents
  - Distribution of food rations and NFIs
  - Availing ambulance services for emergencies and mobile health team to the IDP sites
- WASH:**
  - Installation of emergency latrines and water trucking by UNICEF and CARE
- CCCM:**
  - Formation of camp management committees and women committees. Provided training to both committees to enhance community participation and involvement in decision making process.
  - Provided CCCM training to the camp manage
- ESNFI:**
  - Mobilization of resources for shelter construction and distribution of NFIs.
  - Construction of six communal shelters in Samara IDP sites
- HEALTH:**
  - 120 patients treated by IMC, UNICEF, IOM and Plan international
  - MHPSS services in few IDP sites.

## Gaps and Challenges – Dire Needs Across lifesaving sectors

- WASH – More latrines & showers, Safe and clean drinking water, WASH related NFIs, safe/clean drinking water containers
- Food, supplementary food for children and nursing mothers. No food distribution in past 2 week.
- Mobile medical team with medical supplies and equipment needed in all displacement locations.
- Lack of grinding mills at all IDP sites. Milling cost (100-250 birr/50kg) and transportation cost (200-400birr/50kg round trip) are too expensive. Long queue 10-15 days to get a turn.
- CCCM support to establish communal facilities
- Absence of strong GBV prevention and response services

## Photos:



- IDPs sourcing water for drinking and for domestic use from open spring in Harsuma IDP site. This poses the risk of contracting waterborne diseases.
- IDPs living in one big hall with no privacy partitioning in Afdera IDP site.
- IDPs in Harsuma living in open space due to lack shelters thereby exposing IDPs to extreme climatic elements and the risk of wild animal attack.
- Basic CCCM training to camp management committees in Harsuma IDP site