Protection Monitoring Report

GUCHI, WACHILE, and DHAS Woredas,
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Background
HelpAge International has been responding humanitarian needs, particularly Protection interventions since 2018 in Borena Zone, Oromia region, Ethiopia. Even though most of the IDPs from Miyo Woreda returns to their areas, those IDPs found in the Guchi, Wachile, and Dhas Woredas are not returned yet. To this effect, HelpAge continue monitoring of the protection situation of those IDPs found in these woredas. The type of information gathered includes: Update on the security situation and general Situation of IDPs, Identify the major gaps faced by the IDPs and the host community in general. As methodology, protection monitors made use of Focus Groups Discussions (FGDs) with IDPs, Community members, leaders and Hosting Community representatives to collect information on some of the issues/concerns that need further details for responses and referrals.

Table 1: Shows the number of IDPs addressed through protection monitoring per woreda.

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| Population             |         |       |       |       |
|                       | male    | female| male  | female| male | female | total |
| # of KII participants  | 7       | 8     | 5     | 7     | 11   | 9      | 47    |
| # of FGDs participants | 21      | 35    | 19    | 24    | 25   | 41     | 165   |
| # of individual interviews | 6   | 6     | 4     | 8     | 10   | 12     | 46    |
|                           | 34      | 49    | 28    | 39    | 46   | 62     | 258   |

Key finding of protection monitoring

Safety Security

According to FGD and KII participants there is no safety and security problems within the IDPs and Host communities in the monitored woredas. Despite improved security situation in the areas, the number of IDP increased from time to time. During the discussion (FGD & KII), the monitoring team extracted protection issues as described below.
Food

- IDPs specially children, old people and people with disability are under a serious problem of food supply. Only the Government has been providing food in an irregular basis and it lacks adequacy, quality and appropriateness. Consequently, IDPs, particularly the most vulnerable ones are suffering from sickness, lack of nutritious food. Eg. As reported by IDPs interviewed during the monitoring visit, the monthly distribution ration has been stopped for more than three months for unknown reason. Saling of wood and charcoal are being used as a source of income by gathering from the jungle to surviving their family.

Water

- Drinking water is also a serious problem among IDPs living at Ulaga Dimtu, Dembela Hamesa, Koticha Tiri, Dheka bera, Nine, Eresa Tato, Wachile badiya, Goro bedena, Dhedhecha Bebela, Belela gurgudo and Belela titiko kebeles. It is reported that, people travel some distances to get pure water; on the other hand, older people and women unable to fetch water like other community members easily.
- There is no clean water and Water treatment chemicals to ensure safe water because of that many children and older people affected by different water born diseases.

Education

- As all IDP sites reported, drop out from school have been increasing from time to time. Besides the fact that educational facilities such as chair, desk, are not available, there are no class-rooms, hence IDP children are obliged to seat under trees (shadow).

Health

- Unlike the situation IDPs are currently in, there had been few partners and government organizations who were providing a free health service (eg. drugs and other health services. However, these days many services in IDPs site location were limited and IDPs are required to pay and without medication.
- As KII participants of most of the sites assessed, there were no health services given for the survivors and there were lack of medication in the facilities and reproductive health services (antenatal care, family planning, vaccination and nutrition screening) are not available.

Shelter & NFI

- Most of the IDPs were unable to protect themselves from the hot weather and economic situation due to the type of shelters they use;
- As the MPT has observed, the living situation and status of some of the community member’s home at IDP Sites, they don’t have any Household Materials like washing materials, Cooking Items, Mattress, Blankets, Water Holding plastics, sanitary items etc.) As a result of these Children and Older People are exposed for chronic health issues such as Coldness and Cough.
Hygiene and Sanitation

According to FGDs participants, from different sites, the IDPs do not have any latrines to use and there is no organization asked them to construct so far. Consequently, they were exposed to different diseases such as diarrhoea, common cold, and others water borne diseases.

Livelihoods

Before displacement, IDPs were used to work in different business and have income they generate from different activities, such as raring cattle and Camel, making and selling charcoals and firewood to support their family and themselves. However, due to the tribal conflict happened there, their houses were burnt; farms were destroyed; and others looted in their original places and because of these they have nothing in their hands now.

Pic 2: shows protection monitoring conducted at IDPs.

Individual Protection Concerns

Sexual Gender-based Violence (SGBV)

As many IDPs explain for the MPT, they were aware on the case of SGBV, Harmful traditional practices, early marriage, etc. Besides, it is observed that as water points are far away from their resident area, women and girls are expose to be a risk while fetching water.

Child protection

- As some FGD group (eg. At Dembela Hamessa Kebele) explained, there were 20 orphan children in the conflict area called “Udet” (Somali region area), six children (1F) were living with disability and one female with mental problem, at Koticha Tiri, there were five separated children and 26 orphans were exist in site due to this conflict and others.
- About 100 (65F) children at Seden Gofa and 40 (25F) Children at Ulaga Dimtu lost their parents due to ethnic conflict during the past and most of them are now living with people around their compound whereas some of them are living with their relatives and few children are unaccompanied one.
At Eresa Tato IDP Site, there are about 6(2F) children who are unaccompanied and 15(10F) are separated children. But due to good cultural attitude and attention given for separated and unaccompanied children the communities have taken the responsibility as a foster parent and caring them but, they mentioned that due to economic problem some their foster parents are not capable to fulfil their necessities.

**PwD and Older peoples**

- As it is reported in all monitored IDP sites, there were significant number of People with disability (P WDs) and Older Peoples who are in need of humanitarian assistances.
- There are about more than 500 Householders in the Nine IDP Sites among these 150 (85M) are Older People who live with multiple protection issues like supplementary food, Water, Shelter and NFI.

**RESPONSE UPDATES**

**Shelter and NFI**

- HelpAge International constructed 205 shelters at Sedan Gonfa(90), Mersa Megala(90) and Wal mura Kebeles(25)(under construction) of Guchi woreda.
- NFI has also been distributed for 1,000 Households, 205 of which are those who benefited from Shelter.

**Person with specific need**

- 14 older people with hearing and seeing problems were identified and referred to woreda and Zonal Labor and Social Affairs and Health Offices.
- Four PwD those who need wheelchairs assistance were identified and referred to woreda labor and social affairs office.

**Child protection /GBV**

- During the reported period, one separated children during conflict at udet( Sumale region area) and 20 orphan children from Dembela Hamessa Kebele were identified and referred to Zonal and Woreda Women and Children Affairs Office.
- At Eresa Tato IDP Site About 6(2F) Children who are Unaccompanied and 15(10F) are Separated Children were identified and referred to Zonal and Woreda Women and Children Affairs Office.
- 1500 dignity kits and scholastic materials were distributed for 7 IDP site of Guchi Woreda, 4 IDP site for Miyo Woreda, and 6 IDP site of Dhas Woredas.

**Psychological First Aid (PFA) and Psychosocial Support (PSS)**

- awareness raising session on Psychosocial Support, Parenting Skills have been given through learning sessions, Entertainment/recreation time and Child Resilience sessions) and Mother to Mother Group sessions for 57 female and 43 male IDP and host communities people given at dhas, wchile, and Guchi woreda.