Humanitarian Needs/Latest Assessment Findings

**Somali Region**

- **Second wave of flooding (mainly in Shabelle zone):** A second wave of flash flooding hit Shabelle. The response that was committed for the previous flood situation in the same area has not yet materialized.

- **Self-relocated IDPs from Millennium Park who are now in Awbare, Fafan zone:** The construction of the shelters has begun as IDPs received eucalyptus poles and NFIs from UNHCR. In addition, a water tank was provided on the site, and several families have already moved to the site. Latrines are in progress. An estimate of 50 houses have now been partially or fully constructed thus far. An additional 200 HHs are expected.

- **IDPs from Millennium Park to other parts of Somali Region:** On 19 November, DRMB presented a relocation plan for 401 families from Dire Dawa to the Somali Region: 208 HH to Meiso of Siti zone, 94 HHs to Harawo and 95 HH to Awbare. The Protection Cluster is also aware of families from Millennium Park going to Togwachale on the border with Somaliland but there is no written confirmation of this to date.

- **The Somali regional government’s relocation and return plans:** In the DSWG of 22 November, relocation of 7,962 households of IDPs from Qoloji and Millennium Park to 14 different sites in total (Qoloji – 11 locations, Millennium Park – 3 locations); and return of 19,485 households of IDPs to Tuliguled (Fafan zone, Somali Region) and Chinaksen (East Hararghe, Oromia) within the next two months was discussed.

**Dire Dawa**

- IOM SMS and ACF supported Dire Dawa DRMO to conduct an updated population count in Millennium Park IDP site, Dire Dawa. DRMO will release official populations figures but IOM’s estimate is approximately 3,500 individuals.

**West Guji and Gedeo**

- Reports of vulnerable households in West Guji resorting to child labor - including engaging children in pulling carts or working on farms - as a negative coping mechanism to sustain family needs.

- During the second week of November, protection partners reported the presence of IDPs affected by floods in Abaya Woreda, precisely in Dibicha and Michicha kebeles. A joint team conducted a needs assessment from 21-22 November. The humanitarian community in West Guji is planning a response to the flood affected IDPs in Dibicha and Michicha kebeles in Abaya Woreda.

- On 25 October 2019, 173 HHs residing on a parcel of land belonging to Orthodox church in Chiriku, were evicted and shelter structures pulled down. Households residing on Kalehiwot church were given a warning and asked to also vacate the premises of land however they were not targeted.

- The households dispersed into various locations including land adjacent to the demolished site.

**East Wollega and Kamashi**

- Protection monitoring conducted in Limu woreda of East Wollega. Findings include school facilities such as classrooms, desks, fences, blackboards were partially/totally damaged. No partners are working on the education sector in Limu Woreda.
- Protection monitoring conducted in Haro Limu woreda of East Wollega zone. Findings include food, shelter, and water remain the priority needs of people affected by the conflict. Most people affected by the conflict responded that they are not accessing their land in fear of retaliation from armed forces in their habitual residence (Benishangul Gumuz regional state). The number of unaccompanied and separated children as well as persons with specific needs is significant.

**Humanitarian Response**

**Site Management Support (SMS)**
- IOM SMS is rolling out training on Code of Conduct and roles for Kebele Committee, Women’s Committee and Youth Committee members in West Guji, Gedeo, East Hararge and East Wollega return locations, to sensitize them to their obligations as community representatives and liaisons for humanitarian assistance in their communities.
- SMS Working Group will provide Site Management capacity building training to Dire Dawa and East Hararge officials (Zonal and Woreda level) in Harar from 04-05 December 2019. The objective is to emphasize durable solutions requirements for Site Closure.
- IOM SMS staff are currently undertaking consultations in return communities in West Guji, Gedeo, East Hararge and East Wollega about the construction of temporary Community Information Centers, to facilitate community self-governance and participation, and to act as a space for service provision by humanitarian actors intervening in that location. Site/community selection is based on need and resource availability.

**Child Protection / Gender-Based Violence**
- In November 3,721 UASC (1,524 girls, 2,197 boys) were identified, 37 were reunified with their families (21 girls and 16 boys) and 56 children (27 girls, 29 boys) were placed in alternative care. In parallel, 5,423 children (2,292 girls, 3,131 boys) were provided with psychosocial support services through access to age and sex appropriate activities in child friendly spaces.
- 283 children (137 girls, 146 boys) children in Oromia, Somali and SNNP regions were referred for various services such as child protection, health, nutrition and inclusion in the list of food distribution.
- In November, CP-GBV AoR partners reached 32,072 community members (11,858 female, 20,214 male), including parents and caregivers, through awareness-raising sessions aimed to prevent gender-based violence (GBV) against children and women.
- During this month, 54 (female) survivors of GBV were referred to multi-sectoral response services such as health, psychosocial support and legal aid.
- In November, the CP-GBV AoR led the contextualization of minimum standards for Safe Spaces for Children and Caregivers, and Women and Girls in humanitarian contexts in Ethiopia. The contextualization exercise was informed by the revised Child Protection Minimum Standards (2019); it was conducted with the participation of 17 partner agencies including the Ministry of Women, Children and Youth (MOWCY). A set of complementary tools and checklists was also developed to support the implementation of the standards once these are formally endorsed and launched by MOWCY in December 2019.
- ToRs for the CP-GBV’s Strategic Advisory Group were finalized and circulated. Selected SAG members: UNICEF, UNFPA, UNHCR, World Vision and IMC.

**Housing Land and Property (HLP) / Civil Documentation**
- NRC staff attended collaborative dispute resolution training in Addis for five days from 11-15 November. The training will be cascaded to dispute resolution structures on the ground.
- Capacity Building workshop for Kebele focal persons on legal identity was conducted to 33 individuals in Filtu Woreda, Liben Zone of the Somali region.
West Guji and Gedeo
- Joint verification exercise led by the Protection Cluster was planned in Chiriku with two objectives; first to verify beneficiary list of 367 vulnerable conflict affected HH submitted for shelter assistance by authorities, second to gather information regarding their actual location and status following the eviction including any protection and HLP concerns. NRC, IOM, ECCMY are conducting the verification and thus far, 155 HH have been verified.
- IOM completed recruitment and training of 10 enumerators who begun HLP verification exercise in Kercha and Gelana ahead of CERF shelter implementation.
- Housing, Land and Property rights training for local authorities and humanitarian partners that was postponed has been confirmed for 11 – 13 December in Dilla, Gedeo.

East and West Wollegas
General Protection and Site Management Support
- UNHCR conducted a workshop in collaboration with the Wollega University on conflict and displacement. Aim: informing stakeholders about the root causes and consequences of the conflict. Outcomes: the establishment of a taskforce comprising of different institutions represented at the workshop.
- OHCHR conducted protection monitoring in East Wollega, Limu Woreda, Arkumbe Kebele.
- IOM/SMS organized a coordination meeting in Gutto Gida and Sasiga woredas with woreda authorities. Purpose: strengthen the effective delivery of assistance to the affected and enhance coordination between kebeles and woredas. The next step is to expand coordination meetings in other Woredas.
- Goal and World vision provided training on psychosocial support to people affected by the conflict, community volunteers and local government in Limu and Sasiga Woreda, respectively, and addressed in total 235 target communities.
- Goal supported Limu and Haro Limu Woreda WoWCYA offices with 2 long base vehicles for 45 days.
- UNHCR/EECMY has completed 60 % of school construction in Daro Dimtu Kebele of West Wollega and 80 % of health post renovation in Digdiga Kebele of Belo Jeganfoy Woreda, Kamashi zone.

Peace Building and Durable Solutions
- UNHCR signed small scale agreement with the Trilateral (formally known as bilateral) Peace and Development Coordination Office aimed at strengthening peacebuilding and social coexistence among the host community and the displaced population in the zones affected by the conflict.

Gender-Based Violence and Child Protection
- World Vision conducted awareness creation sessions on prevention of child separation, child trafficking and GBV in Sasiga and Haro Limu Woredas of East Wollega.
- WV organized a meeting in Manesibu and Nejo Woredas of West Wollega along with WoWCYA to strengthening case management, referral pathway and to celebrate international children’s day.
- WV identified a total of 07 (M=03, F=04) new separated children of which 03(F=03) of them are under foster care arrangement, while 04 of them were reunified with their biological parents in Sasiga and Haro Limu Woredas of East Wollega Zone.
- Save the Children and WV started permanent child-friendly space construction.
- Save the Children identified 1922 children in need in Sasiga and Haro Limu woredas of East Wollega to provide them need-based psychosocial, protection and educational support. UNFPA provided technical support to Wollega University referral hospital one-stop center on case management. And, conducted GBV trend analysis in East Wollega.
Inter-Cluster Issues

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)
- The cross-sectorial nature of MHPSS concerns requires stronger Cluster engagement with the MHPSS TWG, with the purpose to ensure that MHPSS is effectively mainstreamed across humanitarian interventions, that resources are mobilized accordingly, and that technical guidance is followed in the implementation of MHPSS components by non-specialized Clusters’ partners.
- Meeting is needed between the Protection Cluster, Health Cluster and OCHA to decide reporting structures of MHPSS activities. Agreement is also needed from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Women, Children, Youth Affairs.

Key Messages

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)
- Given MHPSS needs and concerns, the MHPSS TWG would like to request EHCT support to advocate for the endorsement of the National Mental Health Strategy by the Federal Ministry of Health. Such endorsement would support resource mobilization efforts by humanitarian partners and would help the rationalization and harmonization of MHPSS programming in humanitarian settings with government’s longer-term vision and plans.

Site Management Support (SMS)
SMS WG has flagged to Protection Cluster its concerns over ongoing planning for IDPs to return from East Hararge to Somali Region, which appears to have been launched without consultation with IDPs. Advocacy with authorities in both Somali and Oromia Regions for the earliest possible consultation with IDPs is urgently needed.
- The SMS WG presented concerns over non-voluntary relocations and returns from Millennium Park to EHCT on Nov 28th. Durable Solutions Coordinator fed back that the timeline for further departures from the site will not be set until Jan 2020 and humanitarian assistance will be needed in the site until at least mid-2020. Formal communication of this is needed, via ICCG to service providers who can intervene in Millennium Park from now until site closure, to avoid further non-voluntary departures.

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