

Ethiopian Humanitarian Fund (EHF) – Reserve Allocation Paper – November 2017

I. Overview/Background

1. This document outlines the strategic objectives of Reserve Allocation of the EHF for 2017. The document is a general indicative of the prioritized sectors/needs and does not include information on processes.
2. The allocation strategy supports the outcomes of the 2017 mid-year revision of the Ethiopia Humanitarian Requirements Document, Somali Region Operational Plan and the Inter-Cluster prioritization exercise (21 September 2017) that further identified focused needs in main sectors along with geographic locations.
3. This allocation is meant to serve as a bridging response between the last two months of the 2017 and the first quarter of 2018.
4. This allocation has been considered and approved by the Humanitarian Coordinator and supported by the National Disaster and Risk Management Commission (NDRMC).
5. This allocation avails US\$ 11.35 million recognizing seven donors' (Germany, Ireland, South Korea, Switzerland, Sweden, United Kingdom and United States) contributions to the Fund.
6. The EHF has already allocated more than \$82.4 million in 2017 supporting 106 multi-sector projects.

II. Context

The humanitarian situation in Ethiopia is not showing signs of improvements. Drought and delays in services mainly food assistance continue to drive malnutrition. Limited access to safe water and sanitation, and poor hygiene coupled with disease outbreaks including Acute Watery Diarrhoea (AWD) have continued to be reported. The condition is dire in Somali region and eastern parts of Oromia where communities experienced severe drought from the failures of three consecutive seasons. The conflict along the Oromia and Somali regional borders has further complicated the already fragile food security situation leaving an additional 700,000 people displaced from both sides dependent on humanitarian support.

The likelihood of *La Nina* phenomenon developing later in the year indicates a very challenging year ahead whereby pastoralists will not be given time to recover. The recent displacements have added additional burden on the already weak systems and on host communities sharing the meagre resources.

Triage between the various planning documents including the recent adjustment to the mid-year revision of the HRD, the Somali Region Operational Plan, and the Inter-cluster prioritization exercise identified 'top priorities' with critical humanitarian funding gaps across sectors until the first quarter of 2018. Taking into account all pipelines, there remains a funding gap of US\$248.7 million against the revised requirements of \$1.4 billion (up from \$1.259 billion) to the end of the year.

Humanitarian donors are requested to mobilize new / additional funding in line with these agreed priorities, and to 'call forward' resources planned to be allocated in the coming year, to prevent a further deterioration in the humanitarian context that will otherwise be significantly more expensive to address.

The EHF dedicates the current round of allocation for **Somali and Oromia regions** to provide impactful response.

III. Prioritization

EHF Priorities (derived from the Inter-Cluster prioritization exercise on 21 September 2017 and in consideration of the principles developed in the Somali Regional Plan)

Sectors for response	Allocation Amount in million USD	Co-ordination
Nutrition	3.6	ENCUC
NFI/ES	3.5	NFI/ES cluster
Health	2.25	Health Cluster
Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)	0.5	WASH Cluster
Operations/coordination	1.5	UNDP/UNOPS
Total:	11.35	

Prioritized Activities

Sectors	Prioritized Activities		Amount US\$\$	Coordinating Organization
Nutrition	NGO support to CMAM	Support of 25 Priority one woredas at \$20,000/woreda/month for six months	3,000,000	ENCU (NGO response)
	Technical support, training and cluster/sector coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deploy 24 CMAM monitors • Deploy 9 zonal nutrition officers • Training on CMAM/IYCF-E • Enhanced nutrition cluster/sector coordination 	600,000	UNICEF
Health	Frontline response/surveillance and procurement of medical supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement of emergency medical supplies (Emergency Drug Kits (EDKs) and medicines; • Logistics and supply chain; • Information management and reporting; • Capacity development of health services 	1,500,000	WHO
		Establish and strengthen higher level SAM management facilities	750,000	WHO (in support of NGO and government)
NFI/ES	Emergency Shelter/ NFIs and sanitation	Provision of shelter items or cash as appropriate to IDPs and sanitation in IDP sites.	3,500,000	IOM/UNICEF (for further allocation with IPs)
WASH	Procurement of water treatment chemicals	Top up for procurement of water treatment chemicals to avoid pipeline breaks in early 2018	500,000	UNICEF
Common Services	Coordination support	Strengthen humanitarian coordination capacity of Somali DPPB (enabler to support the Somali Region Operation)	500,000	UNDP
	Operations support	Logistics and supply chain support in Oromia	500,000	UNOPS
	Gender Consideration	Details of modality and operational partners to be agreed	500,000	TBD

IV. Procedure**Project eligibility criteria:**

- Eligible partners including NGOs and UN Agencies can submit under this allocation.
- Project duration should be set at the minimum necessary for efficient implementation of the project and may not be longer than 12 months.

Criteria for technical review of projects:

- All applications must be subject to an independent technical review, usually led by cluster coordinators or through a process organized by OCHA if the application is from the Cluster Lead agency.
- Projects should be cost efficient and need to include the following cross-cutting themes; accountability to affected populations, ‘do no harm’, protection and gender.

Allocation Approach:

- With locations and response requirements clearly defined, the primary modality of this allocation will be the proactive identification of appropriate partners for the response through cluster coordination and working group mechanisms. This approach will ensure the most efficient prioritization and fastest processing of applications.

V. General

- All applications should be submitted through OCHA’s online Grant Management System (GMS) and must be in accordance with the EHF operational manual. EHF budget rules and regulations apply.