



ETHIOPIA: COVID-19 Humanitarian impact Situation Update No. 4

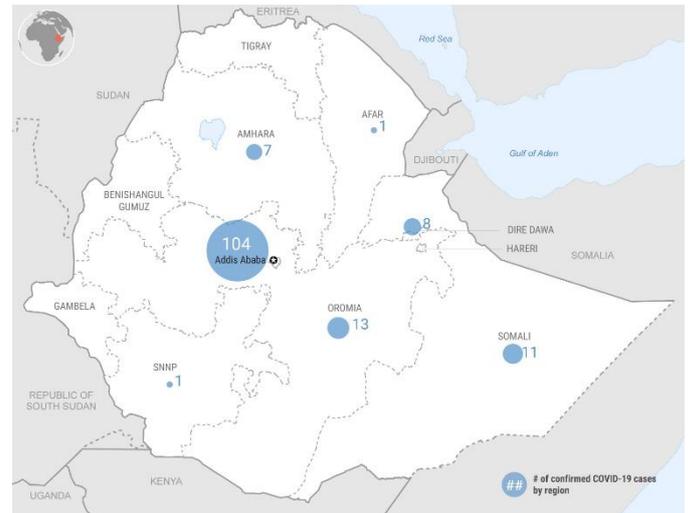
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This report is prepared under the auspices of the National Emergency Coordination Center for COVID-19 response, led by the National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC), supported by OCHA Ethiopia with participation of Cluster Coordinators. It covers the period from 24 April - 5 May 2020.

HIGHLIGHTS

- As of 05 May, Ethiopia counts 145 confirmed COVID-19 cases out of 25,135 individuals tested. The number of people who have recovered reached 91, while the number of deaths remains at three. The first COVID-19 cases were confirmed in Afar, SNNP, and Somali regions, bringing the number of COVID-19 affected regions in Ethiopia to seven (source: MOH/EPHI).
- On 28 April, Prime Minister Dr Abiy Ahmed announced the arrival of the 3d round of COVID-19 supplies from 'Jack Ma Foundation', including 200,000 protective clothing, 300 ventilators, 700 thermometer guns, 28,500 medical gloves and 3,800 face shields.
- On 29 April, ECC conducted the second COVID-19 multi-sectoral coordination response meeting online.
- Some 3,300 people quarantined in Addis Abeba have now returned to their area of origin with the support of ECC and partners. Approximately 34 are remaining and arrangement is being organized for them.
- Humanitarian needs in Ethiopia are growing, including by the impact of COVID-19 on operations as well as the combined effects of chronic vulnerabilities, drought, recent floods, and desert locust.
- Relief partners in Ethiopia continue scaling up activities to respond to COVID-19 in support to government counterparts. The lack of personal protective equipment (PPE) is flagged as a major impediment to operations.
- The Logistics Cluster has been officially activated in Ethiopia, co-chaired by the National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC) and the WFP. WFP has launched flight services to facilitate movement of humanitarian cargo and aid personnel in Africa between main regional and international hubs on a free-to-use basis.
- As of 1 May, the COVID-19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan (GHRP) has received US\$ 880 million against the \$2.01 billion from April – December 2020 (US\$166 million provided by CERF and Country-Based Pooled Funds).



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SITUATION OVERVIEW

Across Ethiopia, humanitarian needs are rising, as communities face multiple and simultaneous shocks, including long-standing chronic needs, food insecurity, desert locust, floods, COVID-19, and protracted violence. Overall, some 2.5 million people remain forcibly displaced — at least 1.7 million internally displaced people and 760,000 refugees— out of which 1.8 million people are living in camps or camp-like settings through the country.

Although the response to quarantine migrants in Addis Abeba is ongoing, with 99 per cent already returned to areas of origin, there are still some challenges in the response for return migrants in different regions returning from Djibouti, Kenya, Somalia, and Sudan. Challenges range from transportation from point of entries to quarantine centers, management of centers, food and NFI and return to area of origin. ECC is working with regional governments and partners to address these issues. ECC and partners are developing SoPs to support returnees and manage quarantine sites, returnees' data management guidelines, and also organizing a multi-cluster rapid assessment into quarantine sites in Addis Ababa and the regions.

According to FAO, the ongoing desert locust is impacting parts of Somali, Oromia, SNNPR, and Afar regions, while some parts of Tigray, Amhara and Benishangul Gumuz are also affected. COVID-19 related restrictions are impacting the response by limiting the ability of partners to undertake activities of control, surveillance as well as support services such as logistics and supply chain related.

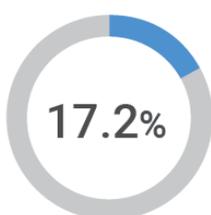
Efforts have been stepped up to strengthen coordination between the Public Health Emergency Operations centres (PHEOC) and Risk Communication and Community Awareness (RCCE) section, the ECC's Community Awareness Branch and the UN Communication Group. UNICEF is co-leading the RCCE while two INGOs will be supporting the ECC's Community Awareness Branch. All regions have RCCE plans, focusing on reaching the most at-risk communities through existing platforms, including Health Extension Workers (HEW), religious and community leaders and community influencers.

On the logistics side, WFP has established a global passenger air service for humanitarian and medical staff in Africa. This is a critical element of COVID-19 GHRP which will ensure the continuity of life-saving humanitarian operations around the world. For any questions, please contact COVID-19 Aviation Global team at covid19.aviationglobal@wfp.org. WFP launched the 'Emergency Service Marketplace', an online platform for UN agencies, NGOs and civil societies to access cargo transport services for the COVID-19 response on a free-to-use basis (<https://logcluster.org/COVID-19>)

2020 HRP FUNDING STATUS

Contributions as per the 2020 HRP financial requirements, by sector (as of 28 April 2020)
US\$1.001 billion requested

LEVEL OF FUNDING



All humanitarian partners, including donors and recipient agencies, are encouraged to inform OCHA's Financial Tracking Service (FTS - <http://fts.unocha.org>) of cash and in-kind contributions by e-mailing: fts@un.org

Sector/Cluster	Funding Received	% Covered	Requirements
Food	120.6M	30%	399.5M
Nutrition	2.6M	1%	193.4M
ES/NFI	-	0%	95.8M
Health	1.3M	1%	94.3M
WASH	5.9M	7%	79.7M
Agriculture	5.8M	11%	54.0M
Protection	0.5M	0.1%	42.4M
Education	-	0%	30.0M
Coordination	2.3M	19%	12.0M
Sector not specified	26.6M	-	-
Multiple sectors (breakdown not specified)	7.6M	-	-

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE – BY REGION

Afar, Amhara and Tigray regions

Situation Overview

- On 25 April, Tigray regional government lifted some restrictions, i.e. transportation within rural *woredas*, re-opening of cafes, delivery services, and released all persons serving sentences for violating the state of emergency.
- Tigray region is the only region in Ethiopia with a 14-day mandatory quarantine to any person entering the region, including from those travelling from abroad and having undertaken the mandatory quarantine in Addis Ababa.
- Advocacy continues with Tigray authorities to ensure humanitarian partners are able to operating in refugee camps.
- In Amhara, following the SoE declaration at country level, UNICEF and WHO are representing UN partners in the command post and sharing updates on COVID-19 restrictions and facilitating partners' movements.
- According to Afar regional health bureau and WHO, since the end of March, a total of 358 returnees have been quarantined in five sites, i.e. Semera University (320), Galafi (25), Elida'ar (5), Afambo (5), and Logia (3).

Actions Taken

- In Tigray, government in collaboration with partners have provided NFIs to Mekele University quarantine site
- Amhara regional government, in collaboration with partners, has provided COVID-19 materials to IDP sites.
- Afar regional government, in collaboration with partners, has provided NFIs to Semera University quarantine site.

Eastern Oromia, Dire Dawa, Somali region

Situation Overview

- The Somali regional government received COVID-19 supplies (face masks, hand sanitizers, and alcohol) from Federal Ministry of Women and Children Affairs, and distributed PPEs to Dawanle, Wajale and Karamara border entry points.
- On 25 April, Somali region introduced a 12-hours curfew (8pm - 6am) in Jigjiga town to control spread of COVID-19.
- In Somali region, flash floods affected 13 woredas, especially in Erer, Nogob, Korhaley and Mustahil, Kelafo woredas.
- On 24 April, in Dire Dawa, 9 kebeles were affected by floods, six suffered significant impact with four deaths, and 397 households affected, and 108 houses completely or partially destroyed. Request for support has been sent to NDRMC.

Humanitarian Impact

- Essential supplies for quarantine sites are in short supply in Korahe, Afder, Dawa and Liban zones. Warder TV Station is hosting 50 deportees from Somalia, while 78 people remain quarantined in Moyale *woreda*.
- Partners report an increase in food insecurity related to COVID-19, particularly those depending on casual labor.
- A demonstration by IDPs complaining of lack of food took place in Deder and Kumbi Bordode, which reportedly ended violent upon the intervention of regional police.

Actions Taken

- Dire Dawa city administration provided food and NFIs to people affected by floods.
- In Dollo Zone, MSF-Holland is doing COVID-19 awareness activities, including surveillance using local trained agents.
- Save the Children is providing water trucking to quarantine sites.

Southern Oromia, SNNPR

Situation Overview

- SNNP regional COVID19 Task Force has mobilized ETB 200 million (US\$6.5 million) for prevention and control of activities. The Regional COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan requires an estimated US\$380 million.
- The number of deportees from Kenya in public quarantine centres in Moyale has decreased to 24. Currently, there are 20 people in Borena quarantine centres (two in Gomole *woreda* and 18 people in Miyo).

Humanitarian Impact

- In Bale and Guji, assistance to IDPs has largely reduced due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Product depletion at local markets and price increases have increased the vulnerabilities of IDPs, especially in most vulnerable *woredas*.
- Bale and Guji 's isolation centers lack essential items, including equipment, NFIs, water, electricity, transportation.
- In Borena, there is a critical lack of food in quarantine centres, despite the temporary response by Famix.

Actions Taken

- UNICEF has allocated US\$250,000 to COVID-19 response in Oromia region.
- In West Guji, IOM, MCMDO and GOAL are implementing COVID-19 community awareness activities.
- In Guji, Mercy Corps is running an awareness campaign targeting 12,000 people in Negele, and procured thousands of WASH items for Negelle and Gumi Eldelo. COOPI has distributed 600 NFI kits to vulnerable households in Liban *woreda*. Caritas has provided logistic support to zone Health Office for COVID-19 activities in Wadera *woreda*.
- In Bale, SCI has allocated US\$225,000 to COVID-19. GOAL continues emergency nutrition (OTP/SC) activities, reached 150,000 people with awareness activities, and delivered WASH in Delo Mena *woreda* and Berak IDP site.
- In Borena, Action Against Hunger (AAH) provided 16,000 liters of water to Moyale Hospital. UNICEF is providing water trucking to Moyale quarantine center and Moyale town. Authorities have ensured water supply quarantined centres.

Western Oromia, Benishangul Gumuz (BGR) and Gambela regions

Situation Overview

- Gambella regional government has allocated some 8M Birr (US\$250,000) to COVID-19 response and mobilized 11M Birr (US\$340,000) and different COVID-19 materials from private donors.
- In BGR, 117 people who crossed the border from Sudan, have been placed in quarantine in Assossa University.

Actions Taken

- In Assossa, partners have provided NFIs to Assossa University quarantine site.

- WVI supported 65 street children at Nekemte with non-food items (NFI) and is providing support to East Wellega authorities with COVID-19 banners (25) and leaflets (400), and in awareness raising activities with 24 volunteers.
- UNHCR has donated hygiene materials to East and West Wollega health offices for isolation centers, and to vulnerable households and individuals in Gimbi town and Lalisa Bareda *Kebele*, Sasiga *woreda* (East Wellega).
- The Ethiopian Red Cross Society (ERCS) has conducted community sensitization activities reaching over 250,000 people, provided 2,500 brochures and leaflets, set up hand washing stations, and trained community volunteers.

IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE - SECTORAL

Health

- On Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE), audio and print IEC materials are available at national and subnational levels, from PHEOC and Health Cluster. Some partners have produced/ translated additional materials. Nearly one million people have been reached through these COVID-19 awareness & prevention messages.
- On Infection Prevention and Control (IPC), partners have disseminated the IPC protocol for additional measures at all health facilities and mobile teams. These include enhanced crowd control and social distancing at the point of service, triaging, temperature screening, isolation/holding room, handwashing facilities (300) and soap.
- All partners have disseminated the surveillance protocol including case definition to their teams to ease identification of, and referral of suspected COVID-19 cases to regional/ national RRT via the toll-free numbers. Some partners like WHO and Save the Children (SC) have assigned more than 20 vehicles for Rapid Response Team (RRT).
- WHO, IOM, UNICEF, USAID, SCI, IMC, and IRC have seconded experts to the federal PHEOC. At the subnational level, all partners are required to participate in regional EOC and locally. WHO has deployed focal persons at all levels.
- WHO - PHEOC have trained 2,000 people in various technical areas. Each partner has conducted internal trainings for their own staff using standard training modules from the Cluster. So far 177 health workers have been trained.
- Health cluster has dispatched over 500 different modules of emergency health kits to partners as part of the regular support to health services, but also to specific COVID-19 isolation and quarantine facilities to support medical services.
- WHO deployed technical experts to various isolation and quarantine facilities in Addis Ababa and regions.

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- In Addis Ababa and Tigray, WASH partners have provided water trucking to health centers and communities, and provided 22 drums of HTH/ Chlorine to health centers and communities. In addition, 57 water tanks were distributed at health centers and communities in Addis Ababa, Oromia and Tigray and 266 water schemes rehabilitated
- Partners have delivered 51 sensitization and social mobilization sessions on hygiene and hygiene promotion and distributed IEC materials (posters, leaflets, and banners) to all regions.
- In Somali region, partners installed 350 hand washing stations and trained health teams and WASH experts.
- Some 78,000 bars of soap, 5,730 liters of liquid soap and 4,600 hand sanitizers have been distributed to all regions.

Food Security

- Food/ cash distributions will follow a common distribution timeline - seven rounds are planned for 2020.
- Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, food operators are distributing food or transferring cash for rounds 1 and 2 at the same time in order to limit the number of population gatherings/ visits to distribution points.
- To prevent the spread of COVID-19, several measures are being implemented at distribution points using new distribution guidelines which include provision of hand washing facilities and physical/ social distancing.

Nutrition

- Partners have provided PPE and hygiene materials / handwashing stations at nutrition services delivery points. As of 28 April, partners have supported 556 health facilities/ nutrition services delivery points and 104,000 people.
- The cluster has duplicated, translated and dissemination key COVID-19 and nutrition messages. As of 28 April, nutrition partners reached 630,000 people with targeted COVID-19 and nutrition messages.
- Advocacy for continuation of nutrition programs, nutrition services delivery and dissemination of recommended programmatic adjustments related to wasting and IYCF and promoting their adoption.
- As of 28 April, near 600 health / health emergency workers (HWs/HEWs) have been trained on Covid19 and nutrition.
- The Cluster has procured, dispatched and prepositioned nutrition supplies, medicines, PPE, hygiene materials and communication materials throughout the country.
- Partners are targeting host communities and IDPs, with nutrition services at health facility level and mobile teams.

Emergency Shelter and Non-Food Items (NFIs)

- Funding allocated for site decongestion and distribution of NFIs, with funding from Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund (EHF)
- Assessment conducted in Qoloji IDP site to explore possible decongestion possibilities. Assessment was also conducted at Moyale isolation center to inform response.
- SWAN consortium (SCI, WVI, AAH and NRC) stock has provided 700 NFI kits and 250 blankets to Moyale and Bule Hora isolation centers, 100 blankets and 100 sleeping mats to 'Tog wachale' quarantine center in Somali region, and 500 Blankets, 500 jerrycans, 500 drinking cups, and 1,000 Multipurpose soap to Jigjiga University quarantine center.
- Partners are supporting local health departments to provide COVID-19 information to IDPs, in addition to hand washing stations at all distribution points, and staggering distribution times to allow appropriate social distancing.

Site Management Services (SMS)

- Decongestion of IDP sites (already begun before COVID-19) in Dire Dawa Youth Recreation Centre (Millenium Park) and new/extended IDP sites in Deder *Woreda*, East Hararge.
- Joint hygiene promotion was conducted with IOM WASH team in East Hararge and East Wellega.
- COVID-19 Tailored messages in Gedeufa and Amharic disseminated in Gedeo, and public awareness with audio messages in West Guji including market centers and hospital in Bule Hora. Bar soap and existing Core Relief Items CRIs were distributed to vulnerable women, children and persons living with disability.
- Accommodation space provided to suspected COVID-19 cases, and 3,416 individuals deported from Gambo Kenya.

Protection

- Protection monitoring tools have been revised, and child/ women friendly spaces been adapted to minimize gatherings. Child protection IEC materials have been provided to communities in Oromia; psychosocial support and targeted COVID-19 messaging on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) in Somali and Oromia.
- Soap was distributed to IDPs and social workers in Oromia region, including materials to promote self-care and messages on life saving / behavioral change on COVID 19.
- UNICEF has revised / adapted child protection case management tools, provided remote training in Dire Dawa, conducted vulnerability assessment and supported children in quarantine facilities including through family tracing and reunification for unaccompanied street children. Dignity kits, NFIs and recreational kits were also distributed.
- UNICEF has developed standard operating procedures for preventing the separation of children due to COVID-19, disseminated MHPSS messaging for children, and supported residential care centers with hygiene materials.

Education

- Cluster partners translated and produced IEC materials on COVID-19 risk communication in various languages.
- UNICEF - 'Education Technical Work Group' and Ministry of Education (MoE) developed the 'Education COVID-19 response plan' for home learning and safe schools' re-opening, and distributed 550 radio sets to households.
- The cluster developed messages for parents to help children with home learning and ensure the wellbeing of children at home. Curriculum based and supplementary (creative) radio and TV content for early school children completed.
- UNICEF 'global guidelines for safe school operations' were translated into three languages (Amharic, Oromo and Tigrigna). The cluster is developing a prototype handwashing station for schools, which can be procured for schools.
- Plans are underway to reprogram development programs (radio education, using USB record and solar radio, including IVR including WASH component, teachers training and psychosocial training through radio and local FMs.

GENERAL COORDINATION

COVID-19 – National response coordination

- At Federal level, the COVID-19 response is coordinated by the ECC led by NDRMC. On 29 April, ECC held its second coordination meeting with partners.
- At regional level, coordination centers/taskforces have been established. NDRMC is working to ensure that regional coordination forums mirror federal coordination mechanism (ECC).
- A detailed **list of contacts** of Government at national and regional levels, and OCHA, can be found in the following link : <https://www.humanitarianresponse.info/en/operations/ethiopia/document/ethiopia-covid-19-humanitarian-response-coordination-5-may-2020-en>