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- UN's Central Emergency Response Fund allocates US\$15 million to support the scale up of assistance for the Gedeo-West Guji displacement crisis in Ethiopia.



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UN's Central Emergency Response Fund allocates US\$15 million to Ethiopia

On 12 July 2018, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres announced the release of US\$15 million to assistance people affected by localized inter-communal violence in Ethiopia. This is the third allocation by the UN's Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF¹) to Ethiopia humanitarian response in 2018. The latest allocation will enable humanitarian partners to scale up life-saving assistance in support of the Government-led response to the Gedeo-West Guji displacement crisis since April this year. More than 36,600 people will receive urgent nutrition assistance, some 600,000 people will be supported with water, sanitation and hygiene service, 71,200 households will receive non-food item kits and 175,000 people will benefit from health-care service.



“Under the leadership of Dr. Abiy Ahmed, new measures to bring unity and reconciliation have spurred great enthusiasm within the country and high international praise,” said UN Secretary-General António Guterres. “However, the impact of inter-communal tensions presents a challenge for the new leadership. Nearly one million people are displaced and require urgent help, especially

during this rainy season. It is critical to act immediately and that is why CERF is releasing \$15 million to enable urgent aid. The fund is one of the fastest ways to ensure aid reaches those who need it the most and I thank all donors to CERF for making this possible,” he added.

FIGURES

Affected population	7.88 m
MAM	3.5 m
SAM	350,000
# of people displaced due to conflict	1.1 m
# of people displaced due to climatic shocks	0.5 m

FUNDING

US\$1.658 billion

Requirement for 2018 Ethiopia Humanitarian and Disaster Resilience Plan

US\$117.7 million

Requirement for the Gedeo-West Guji conflict IDPs assistance for six months.

¹ Established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2005 as a global fund ‘by all, for all,’ CERF is a critical enabler of effective, timely and life-saving humanitarian action, helping frontline partners on the ground to kick start or reinforce emergency activities.

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- Emergency Operation Center (EOC) set up for coordinated IDPs Response.

Historical tensions between communities in southern Ethiopia escalated in April 2018 and led to large-scale displacements, damage of properties and loss of life. Close to a million displaced men, women and children are currently being sheltered with already food insecure relatives or residing in cramped public buildings without adequate food and water and substandard sanitation and hygiene facilities.

New Zealand committed US\$3.5 million humanitarian assistance for South Sudan, Ethiopia and Somalia

New Zealand has committed \$3.5 million to address significant humanitarian needs in South Sudan, Ethiopia and Somalia. For Ethiopia, \$1.05 million will be committed to the World Food Programme to deliver food, nutrition and livelihoods assistance. “Working with trusted partners like ICRC and WFP enables us to support responses by the Government of Ethiopia and the international community to address the region’s humanitarian needs,” said Mark Ramsden, New Zealand’s Ambassador to Ethiopia and the African Union.

The ongoing conflict in South Sudan, and prolonged drought, recent heavy rains and pockets of violence in Ethiopia and Somalia, have deepened the scale and complexity of the humanitarian situations in all three countries.

Emergency Operation Center (EOC) set up for coordinated Gedeo-West Guji IDP Response

In response to the growing humanitarian needs of the people displaced by inter-communal violence in Gedeo and West Guji zones, the Government and partners have established Emergency Operation Centers in Dilla town of SNNP region and Bulle Hora town of Oromia region. The operational hubs will enable Government and partners to provide a coordinated and prioritized life-saving food and non-food assistance to nearly one million people displaced across Gedeo zone and West Guji zone. The National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC) and humanitarian partners are deploying staff to the EOC and are



Figure 1 IDPs sheltered in a church in Kercha town, West Guji. Photo credit: OCHA Ethiopia

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currently engaged in registration, site management, hygiene and sanitation activities as well as provision of emergency food and non-food supplies to the displaced population. After visiting the EOCs on 14 July 2018, the Minister of the Federal and Pastoralist Affairs, the Commissioner of the National Disaster Risk Management Commission, the Deputy Minister of Water, Irrigation and Electricity and the Head of Agriculture and Natural Resources Bureau of SNNP region stated that they are working on finding a lasting solution to the IDP crisis in Gedeo and West Guji zones.

Meanwhile the outgoing Humanitarian Coordinator, Ms. Ahunna Eziakonwa-Onochie, will be convening the Ethiopia Humanitarian Country Team meeting in the EOC in Dilla town on 17 July 2018. Moving the meeting from Addis Ababa to Dilla will enable heads of humanitarian agencies and donor partners to first-hand experience the magnitude of the crisis, gage the ongoing response and urgently act on identified gaps.

Critical food insecurity in some *woredas* of Amhara region

For spring/*belg*-benefiting highlanders in Amhara region, food security depends on the performance of the seasonal *belg* rains. The preliminary report of the 2018 Food Security and Agriculture Assessment revealed that the performance of the *belg* (February to May) rains was normal to below normal in most *belg*-producing areas of Amhara region. This has led to harvest loss and to the deterioration of livestock body conditions (leading to reduction of income from livestock sell and livestock product), particularly in Delanta (South Wollo zone), Angot, Gazo Belay and Wadla (North Wollo zone) *woredas* where complete loss of *belg* harvest and livestock were reported. The food and nutritional status of the population in these areas is critically poor, necessitating urgent support.



Figure 2 Poorly performed barley harvest as a result of late planting and moisture stress in Tsehay Mewucha kebele, Delanta *woreda*.

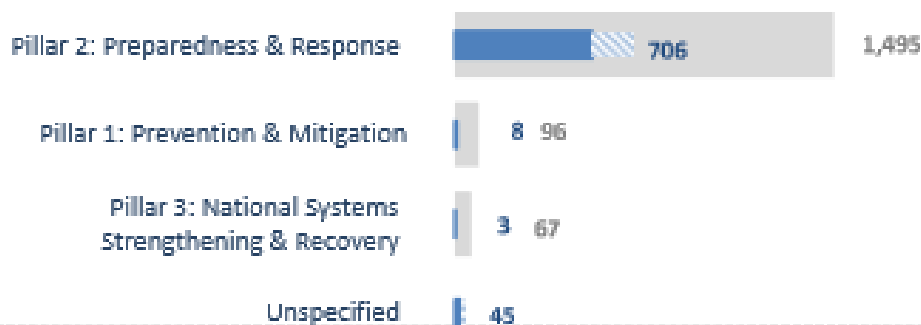
One community elder in Tsehay Mewucha *kebele* of Delanta *woreda* said “in the past, Delanta was known for its ‘heavy *belg* season’ and its herd of sheep, but this year, we don’t have both. As a result, several people including women and the elderly are facing hunger.” Community informants also stressed that the delay of the second round emergency food assistance has exacerbated the food security status of the very poor and poor households in the above mentioned *woredas*. Relief food beneficiaries in Amhara region received their last allocation of food/cash and PSNP support in February 2018.

Ethiopia: 2018 HDRP Funding Update (as of 12 June 2018)

Requirements and funding per sector - \$million



Requirements and funding per pillar- \$million



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