



## HIGHLIGHTS

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- In order to avoid further delays in relief food assistance to displaced population, the first-round relief food distribution will proceed using already existing beneficiary list, pending the verification exercise.

## FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

**US\$1.001 billion**

Requirement for 2020 Ethiopia Humanitarian Response Plan.

## KEY FIGURES

	People in need	People targeted
Food/Non-food	8.4 M	7 M
SAM	544K	444K
MAM	3.9 M	3.1 M
IDPs	1.01M	1.01M
Returns	1.78 M	1.78 M

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## 11 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ethiopia

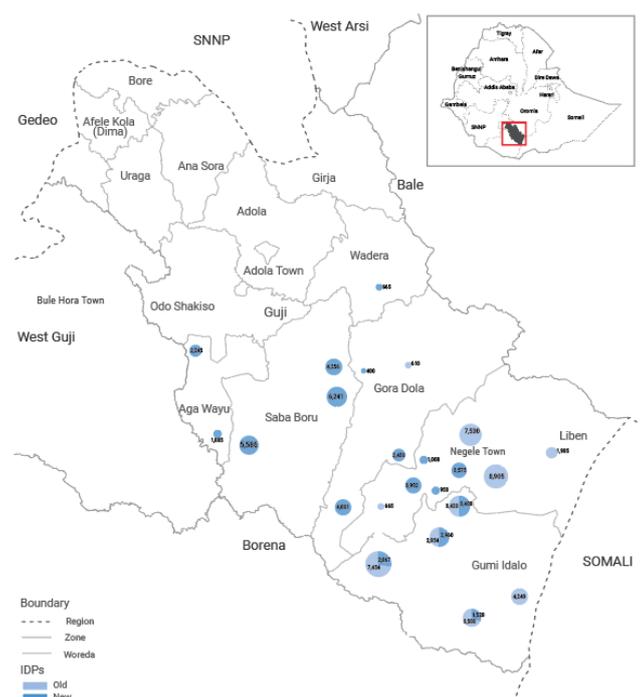
Ethiopia counts 11 cases as of 23 March since the first COVID-19 case was confirmed in the country. Following Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's public announcement of the two-week school closure, as well as a ban on all sports events and large gathering, ECA Executive Secretary Vera Songwe and the Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator Catherine Sozi issued a joint communiqué on 18 March asking UN agencies to put in place alternate working arrangements to contain the spread of the virus. The arrangements will be in line with the business continuity plan to ensure the delivery of key mandates to the Government and the people of Ethiopia. This measure was effective as of 19 March until further notice.

## Joint verification exercise in Guji zone suspended due to COVID-19

On 19 March 2020, the head of the Guji zone disaster risk management office (DRMO), together with other government officials and humanitarian partners met and agreed to suspend the joint verification exercise until at least the two-week Government ban on public gatherings ends on 30 March; a measure taken in a bid to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19.

The Guji zone DRMO communicated the decision to all government sector offices, including the zone administrator, along with the tentative resumption date (6 April 2020).

The joint Government and partners' verification exercise was



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- The workshop aimed at bringing together key humanitarian CMCoord stakeholders to facilitate the rolling-out of CMCoord guidance and to sensitize the MoP and NDRMC as well as military on key CMCoord concepts.
- The European Union launched a €26 million decentralized risk management project that aims to strengthen households, communities and local authorities to manage and adapt to disasters and risks.

rolled out on 16 March in three (Goro Dola, Liben and Wadera *woredas*) out of the six targeted *woredas* in Guji zone, with the aim to verify the beneficiary list of nearly 80,000 reported new IDPs in the zone for relief food distribution purpose.

In order to avoid further delays in relief food assistance to displaced population, the meeting agreed that the first-round relief food distribution will proceed using already existing beneficiary list, pending the verification exercise. NDRMC food dispatch is currently ongoing in all six targeted hosting new IDPs *woredas* (Aga Wayu, Goro Dola, Gumi Eldelo, Liben, Seba Boru and Wadera). The Food Cluster was asked to fast-track the dispatch and distribution of the food to affected population. Advocacy is also ongoing to ensure the continuation of food dispatch and distribution for the duration of the suspension of the verification exercise.

## OCHA organizes a UN-CMCoord workshop to partners and the defense forces

In 2019, the Government of Ethiopia and the humanitarian community committed to develop communication and coordination channels with security forces at the federal and field levels to reinforce understanding of humanitarian principles and ensure sustained access to people in need. From 9 to 12 March, OCHA Ethiopia facilitated the United Nations Humanitarian Civil-Military Coordination (UN-CMCoord) workshop to humanitarian partners in Addis Ababa, and to the Ethiopian Defense Forces (EDF) at the EDF Peace Training Center.

The workshop was organized as part of OCHA's global mandate to coordinate civil-military interactions in humanitarian emergencies. The ultimate goal of CMCoord is to ensure sustained dialogue between humanitarian partners and security forces to avoid any disruption in the delivery of humanitarian assistance to the affected population.

The objectives and structure of the workshops were two-fold. The first two days aimed at bringing together key humanitarian CMCoord stakeholders to facilitate the rolling-out of CMCoord guidelines approved by the Ethiopia Humanitarian Country Team (EHCT) in March 2019, with 16 Agencies from UN and NGOs represented. The last



day aimed to sensitize Ethiopian security forces on key CMCoord concepts and to contribute to establishing regular CMCoord mechanisms for interaction and information sharing between humanitarian and security forces. Four successive workshops are to be held at the field level, which have been temporarily put on hold due to COVID-19.

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- ‘I am forever grateful for the the services provided for my child and all other children in the area. I never thought that I would see my child healthy again this soon,’ said Jilani’s father.
- Funded by the Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund (EHF) and implemented by Mercy Corps, the program supports Government efforts to fight malnutrition in the area.

## EU launches a €26 million project to strengthen decentralized disaster risk management in Ethiopia

On 9 March 2020, the European Union (EU) launched a €26 million (\$27.8 million) decentralized risk management project that aims to strengthen the capacity of households, communities and local authorities to manage and adapt to disasters and risks. The four-year project will be implemented in Amhara, Oromia, SNNP and Somali regions.

The project will support the regional governments to enhance their capacities to help and protect communities from disasters. Given the increase in frequency and intensity of natural disasters in Ethiopia, disaster prevention and mitigation require multi-sectoral and multi-hazard interventions with multi-year planning and financing. For more on this: <https://www.fanabc.com/english/eu-launches-e26m-disaster-risk-management-project/>

## The story of Jilani Abdiaziz

Jilani Abdiaziz and his family had lost all their livestock due to recurrent drought in the south-eastern lowlands of Somali region. With their livelihood eroded, Jilani’s family, along with the community in drought-hit Dig *woreda* of Jarar zone suffered from severe food shortage, and malnutrition spiked as a result. Jilani, a two-year old boy, was amongst the 2,831 severely malnourished children (SAM) who needed emergency nutrition intervention to survive.

Jilani was admitted to the Dig Stabilization Centre where he was treated for malnutrition and other medical complications. It was a long hard battle for survival, but Jilani gradually recovered. Seeing his progress, the Mercy Corps emergency staff and the Government Health Extension Workers admitted him to the Targeted Supplementary Program for moderately malnourished people where he was given supplementary feeding.

The health workers following Jilani’s case also provided nutrition counselling to his parents, ensuring proper child feeding to prevent the of severe acute malnutrition (SAM). Jilani was finally discharged from the program, healthy and happy.

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# ETHIOPIA

## Overview of funding towards the Humanitarian Response Plan

As of 15 March 2020

### In-country 2020 HRP Funding Update

#### FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

HRP



**US\$ 1.001**  
BILLION

#### FUNDING RECEIVED

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS



**US\$ 110.6**  
Million

#### LEVEL OF FUNDING



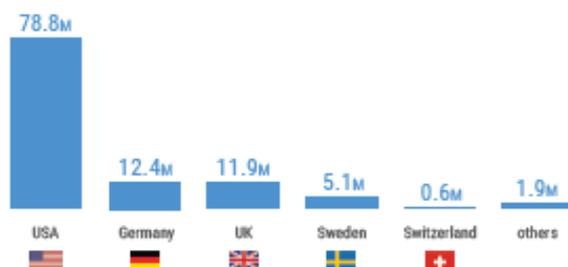
#### UNMET REQUIREMENTS



**US\$895.6**  
Million

Sector/Cluster	Funding Received	% Covered	Requirements	FOOD
Food	83.2M	21%	399.5M	<p>21%</p> <p>US\$ 316.3M Unmet requirements</p>
Nutrition	-	0%	193.4M	
ES/NFI	-	0%	95.8M	<h4>NON-FOOD SECTORS</h4> <p>5%</p> <p>US\$ 574.3M Unmet requirements</p>
Health	1.3M	1%	94.3M	
WASH	5.9M	7%	79.7M	
Agriculture	0.4M	1%	54.0M	
Protection	-	0%	42.4M	
Education	-	0%	30.0M	
Coordination	0.7M	6%	12.0M	
Sector not specified	17.5M	-	-	
Multiple sectors (breakdown not specified)	1.7M	-	-	

#### FUNDING PROVIDED BY DONOR



All data is provided by the Financial Tracking System (FTS): <https://fts.unocha.org>, which records all humanitarian contributions, (cash, in-kind, multilateral and bilateral) to emergencies. FTS reflects funding flows received against HRP as reported by donors and/or partners.

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