

HIGHLIGHTS

- World Humanitarian Day commemorated in Addis Ababa under the banner “Give Blood, Save Lives” on 23 August and in with IDPs in Dilla Town on 19 August.



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Up to 150 people to benefit from the blood donation drive in commemoration of World Humanitarian Day in Ethiopia

UNOCHA in collaboration with the UN Health Care Centre and the Ethiopian Red Cross observed this year’s World Humanitarian Day under the banner “Give Blood, Save Lives”. The event, which was held on 23 August in Addis Ababa, sought to pay tribute to millions of men and women who dedicated their lives for the service of humanity: community members, Red Cross volunteers or Government, national and international humanitarian workers. The blood donation drive organized at the ECA compound will benefit up to 150 people. The event also sought to echo the global voice of condemnation of the killings and exploitation of civilians caught in conflict around the world, and to advocate for respect for international humanitarian law. “As I stand before you today, I call on us all to increase our resolve to ensure emergency needs are met effectively and efficiently and to also tackle the root causes of emergencies; every human being deserves a life in safety, dignity and free from harm,” said Ms. Gillian Mellsop, UNICEF Country Representative and interim UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Ethiopia, during her opening remark.

FIGURES

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



Figure 1 World Humanitarian Day in Ethiopia: Blood Donation Drive. Photo Credit: OCHA

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- WHD in Dilla Town was marked with a number of events, including cleaning of IDP shelters and its surroundings and distribution of TSF supplies by the event participants and a drama performed by IDP children under 12 years.



Figure 2 ChildFund team getting ready to donate blood. Photo Credit: OCHA

Earlier in the week on 19 August, The Dilla Emergency Operation Center (EOC)/Government and humanitarian actors overseeing the IDP response in Gedeo zone in the Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples region had celebrated World Humanitarian Day in Dilla Town to express solidarity with the IDPs and to show their commitment and adherence to national and international guidelines, protocols and legislations that govern the treatment of IDPs. The day was marked with a number of events, including cleaning of IDP shelters and its surroundings and distribution of TSF supplies by the event participants and a drama performed by IDP children under 12 years.



Figure 3 Humanitarian actors getting ready for a cleaning spree at one IDP site in Dilla Town. World Humanitarian Day, 19 August 2018. Photo Credit: UNHCR

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- A joint assessment of IDP sites in Bahir Dar, North Wollo (Gubalafto, Habru, Kobo) and South Wollo (Ambasel, Werebabu) to be conducted from 27 August to 5 September 2018.

An IDP assessment mission will commence on 27 August to gauge conditions and identify durable solution for IDPs in Amhara region

The Amhara region Disaster Prevention and Food Security Program Coordination Office (RDPFSPCO) convened an IDP consultative meeting with operational partners on 21 August in Bahir Dar to discuss the situation of IDPs in the region, including finding durable solutions. Meeting participants agreed to conduct a joint assessment of IDP sites in Bahir Dar, North Wollo (Gubalafto, Habru, Kobo) and South Wollo (Ambasel, Werebabu) from 27 August to 5 September 2018. At least 3,092 people displaced from Oromia (Buno Bedele, Jimma, and Kelem Wollega zones) and Benishangul Gumuz (Kemash zone) regions due to inter-communal violence have been living in temporary shelters and with relatives in various parts of Amhara region since October 2017.

The regional Government, the Ethiopian Red Cross Society, private sectors/Universities and hosting communities have been assisting (food and non-food) the displaced people to date. Some 60 IDPs have so far voluntarily returned to their areas of origin in Benishangul Gumuz region and were given livelihoods assistance consisting of 125 quintals of relief food for 4 months, 60 quintals of improved seed, 20 quintals of soya beans, and houses for 25 households.

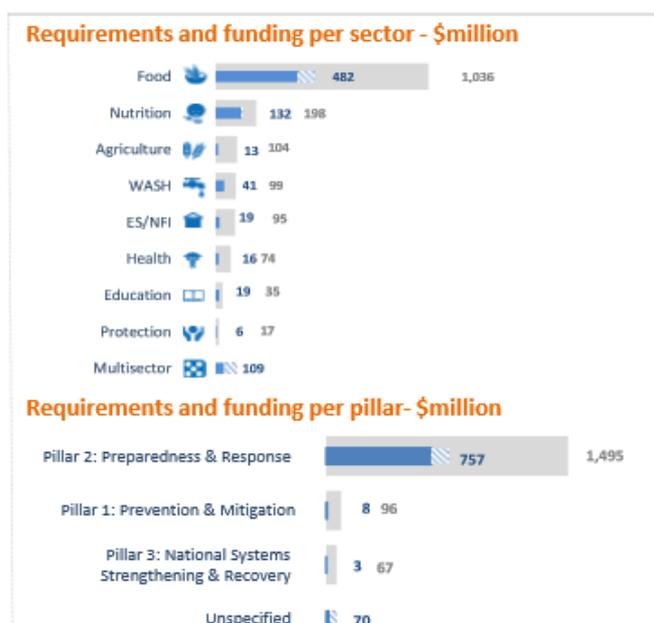
Ethiopia: 2018 HDRP Funding Update

The 2018 Humanitarian and Disaster Resilience Plan (HDRP) seeks US\$1.6 billion to assist 7.8 million people with food or cash and to implement life and livelihood-saving interventions in other non-food sectors. At least \$482 million was received for relief food assistance and \$133 million for nutrition response as of 10 August (please see graph for other sector contributions).

Contributions towards the \$117.7 million six months requirement for the Gedeo-West Guji conflict IDP response is being tracked separately.

A revised Ethiopia Immediate Humanitarian Funding Priorities document was released by humanitarian partners on 3 August in order to guide donor funding decisions. According to the document, \$277.5 million are urgently required to address prioritized humanitarian needs in the context of the HDRP, for the coming three months. Food (\$70.1 million), WaSH (\$62.5 million), Non-Food Items - NFIs (\$53.7 million) and Nutrition (\$45.5 million) are sectors with the highest needs.

Meanwhile, results of the 2018 national mid-year needs assessment are being consolidated. The mid-year review of the HDRP is expected in mid-September.



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