

### USD 22 million

Requested in Ethiopia under IOM Flash appeal for the Northern Ethiopia Crisis

### USD 7 million

Appealed by IOM in Sudan under the Inter-Agency Refugee Emergency Response Plan

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NFI distribution in Kebero Meda IDP site, Gondar, Ethiopia. © IOM 2020

## SITUATION OVERVIEW

On 28 November, the federal Government's military operation in Tigray Region was officially declared over by the Government after capturing the capital city, Mekelle. However, arrests of the leadership of the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) are ongoing. Consequently, localized fighting and insecurity reportedly continues, with fighting reported in Enda Baguna (south of Shire), Korem and Mahbere Tsige (west of Mekelle) during the reporting period.

Access to Tigray is still very constrained, impacting the ability to access areas for assessments and responses. Things are returning to normal in Mekelle city. Electricity, phone, and some services are partially restored. The Commercial Bank of Ethiopia has opened a few branches, with long queues and withdrawal restrictions up to ETB 3,000. Shortages of fuel, food, etc., remain, along with inflated prices in markets due to limited and slow resupply.

The Multi-Cluster/Sector Initial Rapid Assessment (MIRA) in Southern and Central Tigray was completed during the reporting period. While initial observations were released, the official report with findings are being finalised.

Internally displaced persons (IDPs) continue to arrive in North Amhara, but at lower rates. Nonetheless, IDP sites are becoming overcrowded. The Shire interim government disclosed that more than 45,000 IDPs displaced from Western

and North-western zones of Tigray are currently hosted in Shire city.

According to UNHCR, as of 30 December, a total of 55,128 individuals have fled Northern Ethiopia and entered Sudan through Kassala, Gedaref, and Blue Nile states. Based on the official figures from UNHCR and Sudanese Government's Commissioner for Refugees (COR), the current daily average number of new arrivals for December 2020 was 324 individuals with an estimated 43% female and 57% male refugees, including 31% children (aged 0-17), 64% adults (aged 18-59), and 5% elderly (aged over 60). Among those displaced by the conflict, it is estimated that 38,890 refugees are currently in Hamdayet Reception Centre in Kassala state; 14,805 in Lugdi and 1,002 in Abdrafi entry points in Gedaref state; and 431 in Algazira, Yagolo, and Yasbisher villages in Blue Nile state.

IOM is present in northern Ethiopia and eastern Sudan, and has been collaborating with other UN agencies on preparedness, initial response, and coordination activities, including through the Inter-Agency Refugee Emergency Response Plan for Ethiopian refugees in Sudan. IOM Ethiopia has also released a [Flash Appeal for the Northern Ethiopia Crisis](#), appealing for USD 22 million for the period of November 2020 - January 2021 in line with the Inter-Cluster Coordination Group's Humanitarian Preparedness Plan.

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## IOM RESPONSE



### SITE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

Between 29 December 2020 and 4 January 2021, IOM Ethiopia's SMS team established additional Complaints and Feedback Mechanisms (CFMs), and conducted IDP site safety auditing through surveys with the IDPs in Kebero Meda IDP Site. In addition, a field visit for service monitoring was conducted in Cafeteria (Dabat/Golmasa) IDP site.



### HEALTH

In Ethiopia, IOM's health team conducted a total of 141 medical consultations in Kebero Meda IDP site during the reporting period. Furthermore, 203 individuals were reached through health promotion activities which and focused on COVID-19 prevention, environmental and personal hygiene, and communicable disease prevention. All children 6-59 months of age (24 in total) received nutrition screenings, with no MAM and SAM cases identified.

In Dabat/Cafeteria IDP site, a total of 127 medical consultations were conducted and health promotion activities reached 211 individuals. All children 6-59 months of age (76 in total) in the site received nutrition screenings, with one SAM and six MAM cases identified and referred to a nearby health centre. Top five major morbidities in both IDP sites include: intestinal parasites, upper respiratory tract infections, lower respiratory tract infections, watery diarrhoea, skin disease, and eye infections.



Staff from IOM Mobile Health and Nutrition teams conducts medical consultations in Kebero Meda IDP site, Ethiopia © IOM 2020



### WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE (WASH)

In Ethiopia, IOM is scaling up its response to meet the additional needs of the newly displaced. This response includes the construction of six partitioned communal shelters, two blocks of emergency latrines, one block of showers, and increasing the supply of water as needed every two days for one month.

IOM is also supporting the local authorities in setting up a new site for IDPs displaced from Tigray who are currently settled in

the Cafeteria Collective Centre in Dabat town. The new site will be located in Dabat town, in the North Gondar Zone. To date, 20 latrine stances are completed, water tank foundation and latrine super structure are ongoing, and water trucking truck support from Dabat local government was confirmed by government counterparts.

In Sudan, IOM is constructing latrines and a water pipeline in Um Rakuba Camp to meet refugees' WASH needs. The water network is 35% complete and a total of four emergency water supply points have been established in the camp. To date, IOM has contributed to the construction of 90 household latrines, 67 shower rooms, and the ongoing construction of the two ventilated pit latrines for the two clinics managed by Mercy Corps and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF).



Installation of the water pipe for the Um Rakuba Camp, Sudan © IOM 2020



### SHELTER AND NON-FOOD ITEMS (NFI)

On 1 January, IOM Ethiopia distributed NFIs for 304 households (224 female, 80 male) at Kebero Meda IDP Site. To date, IOM has distributed multi-sectoral NFI kits for a total of 497 households (841 Individuals) including 595 females and 246 males at the distribution site in Kebero Meda, Dimaza Kebele, Central Gondar Zone, Amhara region of Ethiopia.



### DISPLACEMENT TRACKING

IOM Ethiopia's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) team has been collecting monthly data on the situation in northern Ethiopia through the Emergency Site Assessment (ESA) tool. IOM's teams joined an OCHA convoy and managed to conduct the ESA in Dansha, Raya Alamata, Chercher, Raya Azebo, Enderta, and Mekelle City. Logistical arrangements have been made for ESA round 2, which will span from 4 to 14 January 2021 in three zones in Amhara, two zones in Afar, and in zones where access and security allow in Tigray.