



# Humanitarian Action for Children

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## Ethiopia

Some 8.39 million people in Ethiopia, including 4.53 million children, require humanitarian assistance; 7 million people lack access to safe drinking water; and an estimated 555,000 children need treatment for severe acute malnutrition (SAM).<sup>1</sup> In addition, 1.8 million people,<sup>2</sup> including 972,000 children, are displaced;<sup>3</sup> and Ethiopia is hosting over 735,200 refugees, making it the second largest refugee-hosting country in Africa.<sup>4</sup> In the context of the rapid social, economic and political transformation taking place in Ethiopia, children and women are extremely vulnerable to the impacts of inter-communal conflict, drought, flooding and disease outbreaks, including cholera and vaccine-derived polio. Food insecurity, lack of access to safe water, malnutrition and the high numbers of out-of-school children are expected to persist and compound existing needs. In addition, refugees and internally displaced people, particularly women and girls, require protection from gender-based violence, exploitation and abuse. Ethiopia's pivotal geographic position in the Horn of Africa and its established migration routes are amplifying the risk of disease outbreaks. The current resources to respond to the humanitarian needs are inadequate across all sectors, particularly education; and the limited number of partners, challenging topography, pockets of insecurity and access constraints are hampering the provision of humanitarian assistance.

### Humanitarian strategy

In 2020, UNICEF will deliver life-saving services for children and families displaced by conflict and affected by climatic shocks, disease outbreaks, natural hazards and malnutrition in Ethiopia. Given the chronic/protracted nature of the needs, UNICEF will apply multi-sectoral systems-building approaches and cash-based solutions using its extensive footprint in Ethiopia and its strong capacities for community outreach to build resilience and ensure durable solutions. Integrated services will be delivered through common platforms, cross-referrals and communication for development strategies, capitalizing on UNICEF's field presence and leveraging its sector co-leadership roles in water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), nutrition, education and child protection.<sup>5</sup> UNICEF will prioritize partner resources and target in an equitable manner. Resources will be invested in mitigating and preventing violence, including gender-based violence, abuse, exploitation and neglect; and all programmes will be delivered with consideration for gender. Protection will be mainstreamed across sectors to enhance systems for children and their families; and strengthen reporting mechanisms for the prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse. UNICEF will also establish mechanisms – including multi-agency community-based feedback and complaint mechanisms – to strengthen its accountability to affected populations. Efforts to meet the needs of people with disabilities in humanitarian action are currently limited.

### Results from 2019

As of 31 August 2019, UNICEF had US\$52.8 million available against the US\$143.5 million appeal (37 per cent funded).<sup>6</sup> In line with the 2019 Ethiopia Humanitarian Response Plan, UNICEF reached 2.1 million people, 53 per cent of them children, with life-saving interventions, focusing on those displaced by conflict or drought and those at risk of malnutrition, preventable diseases such as cholera, and violence, exploitation and abuse. Refugees from Eritrea, Somalia and South Sudan also received essential support. Overall, the year's results are on track, except in education – UNICEF-supported education services only reached 21 per cent of vulnerable children, mainly due to the 84 per cent funding gap. Lack of access to social services has also been a significant obstacle to child protection. UNICEF supported the treatment of nearly 182,000 children with SAM<sup>7</sup> and ensured access to safe water for 1.3 million people. UNICEF support also helped avert a potentially catastrophic cholera outbreak in Addis Ababa.<sup>8</sup> The child protection response contributed to strengthening case management systems and reunifying over 1,600 children. UNICEF also provided direct technical support to the National Disaster Risk Management Commission to conduct multi-agency seasonal assessments and prepare contingency and response plans.

### Total people in need

8.39 million<sup>9</sup>

### Total children (<18) in need

4.53 million<sup>10</sup>

### Total people to be reached

2.65 million<sup>11</sup>

### Total children to be reached

1.43 million<sup>12</sup>

### 2020 programme targets

#### Nutrition

- 459,565 children aged 6 to 59 months affected by SAM admitted for treatment
- 1,271,985 children aged 6 to 59 months receiving vitamin A supplementation in target regions

#### Health

- 160,000 children under 15 years vaccinated against measles<sup>13</sup>
- 10,000 people affected by cholera accessing life-saving curative interventions
- 460,000 people receiving medical consultations in target regions

#### WASH

- 2,650,000 people accessing a sufficient quantity of safe water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene<sup>14</sup>
- 2,650,000 people reached with key messages on hygiene practices

#### Child protection

- 96,250 children reached with mental health and psychosocial support services<sup>15</sup>
- 118,750 women and children accessing gender-based violence prevention and response interventions<sup>16</sup>
- 5,570 unaccompanied and separated children reunified and accessing family-based care or appropriate alternative services

#### Education

- 207,721 children accessing formal or non-formal education<sup>17</sup>
- 137,800 children receiving individual learning materials

#### Social protection

- 220,000 households receiving cash transfers<sup>18</sup>

#### Communication for development

- 1,450,000 people reached with key life-saving/behaviour change messages on diseases, immunization, nutrition practices and child care

	Sector 2019 targets	Sector total results	UNICEF 2019 targets	UNICEF total results
<b>NUTRITION</b>				
Children under 5 years with SAM admitted for treatment to therapeutic care programmes	487,696	178,211 <sup>i</sup>	503,696	181,949 <sup>ii</sup>
Children who received vitamin A supplementation			1,029,497	1,243,070
<b>HEALTH</b>				
Medical consultations in priority locations (Afar and Somali regions)			441,000	294,923 <sup>iii</sup>
People affected by acute watery diarrhoea with access to life-saving curative interventions			15,000	1,120
Children immunized against measles			760,270	601,334
Insecticide-treated bed nets distributed in malaria-endemic areas			400,000	135,000
People with access to health care facilities stocked with emergency drugs and supplies for three months			320,000	137,500
<b>WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE</b>				
People accessing sufficient water of appropriate quality and quantity for drinking, cooking and maintaining personal hygiene (>1 million through permanent infrastructure)	5,500,000	3,752,320	1,850,000	1,306,724
People reached with key messages on hygiene practices	5,000,000	1,779,743	1,750,000	1,102,617
People have access to emergency non-food items (including household water treatment chemicals)	5,000,000	3,737,626	3,000,000	2,101,082
<b>EDUCATION</b>				
School-aged children, including adolescents, accessing quality education	2,346,922	275,504	370,017	77,707
<b>CHILD PROTECTION</b>				
Vulnerable children provided with psychosocial support, including access to child-friendly spaces with multi-sectoral programming interventions	42,000	29,068	77,000	74,962
Children and women provided with risk mitigation, prevention or response interventions to address gender-based violence	52,000	84,158	95,500	89,630
Unaccompanied and separated children reunified with their families and/or placed in appropriate alternative care	5,000	2,196	4,400	1,612

\* Results are as of 31 August 2019 unless otherwise noted.

<sup>i</sup> Result is as of June 2019 due to the lengthy data collection and verification process from the kebeles to the federal level.

<sup>ii</sup> This includes SAM treatment for refugee children.

<sup>iii</sup> While this result is as of August 2019, the results are reported with one month delay.

#### Funding requirements

UNICEF is appealing for US\$139.4 million to reach children in Ethiopia with humanitarian assistance in 2020. The cost per sector incorporates the needs on the ground, as well as the integration of gender-based violence in emergencies activities, and considers UNICEF and partner capacities to deliver. Cluster coordination costs for nutrition, WASH and education and the child protection area of responsibility are included in these calculations, in line with lessons learned and agency commitments to ensure sustained cluster leadership.

Sector	2020 requirements (US\$)
Nutrition	45,994,917
Health	11,997,504
Water, sanitation and hygiene	47,262,404
Child protection	9,378,579
Education	15,589,281
Social protection	9,158,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>139,381,085</b>

<sup>1</sup> Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, 'Ethiopia: 2020 Humanitarian Response Plan', OCHA, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, 'Ethiopia: 2020 Humanitarian Needs Overview', OCHA, 2019.

<sup>3</sup> This was calculated using the breakdown that children make up 54 per cent of the population, as per 'Ethiopia: 2020 Humanitarian Needs Overview'.

<sup>4</sup> United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 31 December 2019.

<sup>5</sup> In addition, UNICEF will provide cash and/or voucher assistance to communities affected by crisis through its shock-responsive productive safety net programme.

<sup>6</sup> Available funds include US\$40.9 million received against the 2019 appeal and US\$11.9 million carried forward from the previous year.

<sup>7</sup> This result includes SAM treatment for refugee children.

<sup>8</sup> This also prevented further spread from the capital to other regions.

<sup>9</sup> 'Ethiopia: 2020 Humanitarian Needs Overview'.

<sup>10</sup> This was calculated using the breakdown that children make up 54 per cent of the population, as per 'Ethiopia: 2020 Humanitarian Needs Overview'.

<sup>11</sup> This figure is based on the highest programme coverage for WASH emergency non-food items, including household water treatment chemicals – 2.65 million (1,298,500 female (49 per cent) and 1,351,500 male (51 per cent)). This also includes 318,000 people with disabilities (12 per cent). 'Ethiopia: 2020 Humanitarian Needs Overview'.

<sup>12</sup> This figure is calculated based on 54 per cent of 2.65 million targeted as per 'Ethiopia: 2020 Humanitarian Needs Overview'. This also includes 171,720 children with disabilities based on 'Ethiopia: 2020 Humanitarian Needs Overview'.

<sup>13</sup> This total represents UNICEF's contribution to the Health Cluster target (that is proportional to the total number of children aged 6 months to 15 years) that are expected to be at risk. UNICEF's contribution is to emergency needs (reactive) and complements its regular contributions to regular national immunization campaigns.

<sup>14</sup> This includes 1,060,000 people to gain sustainable access to safe water, including through durable, long-lasting infrastructural investments and 2,650,000 people provided with life-saving household water treatment chemicals. To prevent double counting, the two targets are not consolidated.

<sup>15</sup> This includes various strategies, including access to child-friendly spaces with multi-sectoral programming interventions.

<sup>16</sup> This includes specific programming where prevention and response are combined in line with existing referral pathways and services.

<sup>17</sup> This includes early learning, informal and non-formal education, which includes accelerated learning opportunities for out-of-school children.

<sup>18</sup> The provision of cash and/or voucher assistance, either as a one-off or regular payment, in the form of money (either physical currency/cash or e-cash) to beneficiaries affected by a crisis.

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