# ES/NFI Cluster Ethiopia Coordinating Humanitarian Shelter

#### Overview

For the year 2022, the ES/NFI Cluster has targeted a total of 4.5 million people in need including IDPs, returnees and affected communities, out of which 28% are from Tigray region. Halfway into the year, Cluster partners have been able to reach 287K individuals in Tigray. Thus, with completed, ongoing and planned activities, the Cluster will be able to reach only 41% of its overall target for the region, with a huge gap of 863K individuals.

## Need Analysis

The second quarter of 2022 experienced even more displacements compared to the first, the highest being observed in the month of May. With fights in the West intensified, 10,355 individuals were displaced from Western Tigray and woredas bordering Eritrea to Endabaguna, Mai Tsebri, Tselemti, Tsimbala, Embasneiti and Enticho woredas. In addition, 10,000 IDP households were received in Mai Tsebri and 8,000 in Stadium (Dedebit) Site in Sheraro, with the displaced families living in unfinished buildings, warehouses, stadiums, and open areas and are in dire need of shelter and NFI assistance. During this time, 10,000 IDPs also joined the different sites in Shire. On the other hand, 5,794 IDPs previously displaced due to volatile security situation in Erob from Zalambesa to Fatsi town (15 km from Adigrat) host community has moved to Fekadi Primary School due to social cohesion issues, while IDPs from Afar continue to arrive in Quiha (near Mekelle). These people are living in classrooms taking turns sleeping or in industrial sheds and immediate shelter solution is required.

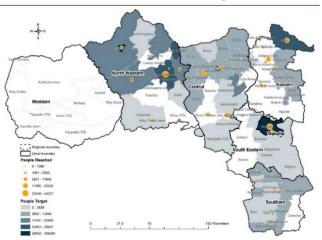
In addition, the rainy season has exacerbated the living conditions of the IDPs and host communities alike, with extensive shelter damage reported in Mekelle and Shire IDP sites. Selekleka town experienced heavy flooding which resulted in 5 houses being totally destroyed and 98 partially damaged, while flooding in Sheraro caused damage to 73 houses, indicating the need for shelter repair kits as well as replacement of NFIs that are swept away. With even heavier rains predicted in the coming 3 months, massive preparations need to be in place by all parties to be able to respond effectively and prevent further damages.



Shelter damage in SC-4 site following heavy rains



IDPs from Afar coming to Quiha



## Key Dates/Highlights

- **April 01 -** First road convoy arrives with ES/NFI since mid-December last year
- **April 29 -** The first heavy round of rain damages over 70% of emergency shelters in Sebacare 4
- May 07 Relocation to Adigrat Ex-UNMEE site takes place
- June 23 Mekelle airport is closed
- **June 25 -** Flash flood in Selekleka kills 12 people, destroys 103 houses

#### Key Documents/Links

Shelter Cluster Ethiopia Website

ES/NFI Cluster Response Monitoring Dashboard as of June 2022 for Tigray Region

ES/NFI Cluster Two-Unit Temporary Shelter Package

ES/NFI Cluster 2021 Annual Report



IDPs from Zalambesa residing in Fekadi Primary School in Fatsi









Airlifted ESNFI Cargo Distributed in Adigrat and Hintalo, Tigray Region



IOM's Rapid Response Fund (RRF) worked closely with the ES/NFI Cluster to organize the airlift of essential items into Tigray region, with those not available in the local market being prioritized for the airlift. Between April and May 2022, the RRF transported 140 metric tons of cargo into the region through cargo flights. National

NGO Development for Peace Organization (DPO) was ready to receive some of the cargo as soon as it arrived in Mekelle. DPO complemented the airlifted items with locally procured NFIs and arranged immediate transportation to Adigrat and Hintalo woredas, where recently displaced households had not yet received assistance. DPO distributed NFI kits to 3,400 households during June 2022.

#### Supplies into Tigray



**224K** people received ESNFI assistance



**304K** people worth of supply have entered Tigray



**271K** people worth of supply have entered Tigray

# Fuel allocation



**40K** liters of fuel requested by the Cluster



**16K** liters of fuel allocated to partners to date

Through airlifting and by road, ES/NFI stock for a total of 224,000 individuals have entered Tigray Region, while 16,238 liters of fuel have been allocated to ES/NFI Cluster partners and as a result a total of 202,246 individuals received ES/NFI support.

The response trend in the second guarter has seen an upward curve mostly due to the opening of the humanitarian corridor and airlifting. During this quarter, relocations were conducted to Adwa Industrial Park and Adigrat Ex-UNMEE site following completion of construction of Emergency Shelters. Construction at Mai Dimu in Shire has been ongoing with relocation planned to take place from 13 schools in mid-August, while the same has started in Adi Abay in Sheraro which was on hold for months due to security issues. Shelter repairs of damaged emergency shelters have been ongoing in Sebacare 4 site in Mekelle following heavy rains, while the same was conducted in Shire sites through the distribution of plastic sheets as well as ES kits and cash. Hitsats site, which is particularly susceptible to damage has also seen upgrades through repair works and ES kit distribution. Partitioning works were conducted in Mai Tesbri and Quiha to provide accommodation to the new IDPs. Although insufficient compared to the needs, NFI kits for 165K individuals were also distributed to the newly displaced in several accessible zones. With the cash threshold being increased in the last quarter, cash for rent schemes were also successfully implemented by partners in Shire and Sheraro. Returns continued from different corners of the regions, supported by NFIs and subsequent Shelter Repair Kits in selected areas. The cluster also organized trainings on Rental Assistance and co-organized training on Site Planning and Disability Inclusion.



IOM carrying out emergency shelter repairs in Sebacare 4 in Mekelle



Emergency shelters constructed by UNHCR partner DEC in Adi Abay Relocation Site in Sheraro

# Shelter Maintenance



Almaz Nega is a mother with 5 children, hosting another IDP from Dessie in Sebacare 4 in Mekelle. Originally from Kafta Humera, West Tigray, they came to Mekelle at the end of 2020 after the conflict broke out. The family rejoined at different times after they separated at the start of the war. After many challenges during traveling to Mekelle, with the help of one international organization at Zerbabit, she registered and reached Mekelle safely. As to Almaz, she is very happy now that she is staying with her family in the camp by taking support from different partners, very small farming land in front of their shelter and selling coffee and tea with her young daughter. According to her and the remaining family, they are happy to be together, and they feel that they are still in their home. They always try to manage and protect their shelter.

# Challenges

Despite the opening of the humanitarian corridor and the arrival of some ES/NFI cargo through airlifting, the operational challenges of not having fuel, cash, means of communication, etc. continue to hinder the response capacity of ES/NFI Cluster partners, especially in the light of the growing needs resulting from the ongoing conflict compounded by the heavy rains. The temporary closure of Mekelle airport and cancellation of several UNHAS flights, along with rejection of several rounds of cash shipment approvals have affected all partners alike in terms of running operations and made commitments related to Cash Based Interventions uncertain. Through Rounds 1-5 of fuel allocation, ES/NFI Cluster was not prioritized for fuel with partners receiving only 40% of the requested amount, leading to fuel being one of the major causes of not being able to dispatch items received in Mekelle. The number of trucks able to enter Tigray has also reduced over time. On the other hand, once the remaining items from Addis Ababa are transported, there are no further items in the pipeline to support those who have not been reached with critical shelter and NFI assistance. With such a huge number of people in need not covered and with over 800,000 to be affected by the rains, Tigray needs urgent attention from the humanitarian and donor communities.

# From a classroom with strangers to a rented house of their own



Mrs. Rahwa Berhe Alemayo, aged 25, is a mother of a child and taking care of a 72 years old grandmother with chronic disease. Rahwa and her grandmother fled from Western Zone of Tigray following the conflict that erupted back in November 2020. She remembers that time as one of most terrible times in her life as she was also pregnant during the run.

When Rahwa and her grandmother arrived at Shire town, the only choice they had was to reside in a collective center with many other people in a small classroom. Rahwa didn't find it comfortable for her grandmother whose mental illness was worsening. This put Rahwa in great stress, her being the only caretaker of her grandmother, while being unable to get due to her pregnancy. She resorted to begging for money in order to move to a cheap rental house.

Fortunately, she learned that she is screened under the **DPO** Cash for Rent program donated by SWAN, based on criteria that included female-headed household, lactating mother, and having dependent elder. Rahwa expresses her gratefulness saying, "Now, thanks to DPO's CFR program I have no worries of rental fees, no worries of privacy, no worries of dignity, no worries of child disease, and no worries of grandmother discomfort," adding the assistance was a lifesaver at the right time. DPO assisted 833 HHs (2834 male and 2590 female members) from Western and Northwestern Tigray, with cash for rent scheme, selected from the most vulnerable groups.