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SITUATION REPORT

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Highlights

Renewed inter-communal conflict along the **Somali–Oromia border** displaced over **288,000 people**, leaving women and girls exposed to GBV and without access to reproductive-health or psychosocial services. Across flood-affected regions—**Amhara, Oromia, Tigray, Gambella and South Ethiopia**—more than **250,000 people** were impacted; health posts, WASH systems and maternity facilities suffered damage, heightening maternal-health and disease-outbreak risks. In **Afar and Oromia**, about **15,000 people** remain displaced after seismic evacuations, with urgent needs for SRH and mental-health support. Meanwhile, **over 54,000 South Sudanese refugees** in **Gambella** face dire shelter, health and protection gaps, with limited access to clean water and rising malnutrition among women and children ([OCHA, 2025](#)). Across all affected regions, strained local capacities, flooding, and disease outbreaks—including cholera risks—are compounding vulnerabilities and disrupting essential health and protection services, particularly for women and girls. UNFPA and partners are scaling up **mobile health, GBV case management and dignity-kit distributions**, but **funding gaps** persist, limiting coverage of women and girls' lifesaving services across crisis-affected areas.



5,513,541

Total people in need of GBV and SRH services².



877,679

People targeted with SRH services³



188,000

Estimated pregnant women required essential SRH services²



1,045,901

People targeted with GBV services²



1,923,580

People targeted w/ UNFPA Ethiopia humanitarian interventions.

¹ OCHA Ethiopia, 2025.

² [UNFPA Ethiopia Humanitarian Preparedness and Response Plan 2025](#).

Situation Overview

Between July and September 2025, Ethiopia faced multiple overlapping crises including conflict, floods, landslides, and seismic events, compounding the country's already fragile humanitarian context. Renewed inter-communal conflict along the **Somali–Oromia border** displaced over **288,000 people** across seven woredas, disrupting livelihoods, destroying infrastructure, and creating 81 spontaneous IDP sites with limited shelter, water, and services ([OCHA, 2025](#)). Local authorities and humanitarian partners launched multi-sectoral assessments and initiated limited assistance, but access constraints and insecurity continue to hinder relief operations.

Simultaneously, **flooding and climate shocks** affected over **250,000 people** across **Amhara, Oromia, Tigray, Gambela, and South Ethiopia**, resulting in loss of lives, displacement, and destruction of homes, cropland, livestock, and public infrastructure, including schools, roads, and WASH facilities. Amhara alone recorded more than 67,000 affected people and 11 deaths, while in Tigray approximately 142,000 people were impacted and 2,800 displaced ([OCHA, 2025](#)).

In **Afar and Oromia**, seismic activity triggered evacuations of about **85,000 people** in late 2024 and early 2025, with **15,000** still displaced due to persistent hazards and lack of durable relocation options. In **Gambela**, heavy rainfall displaced around **69,000 individuals** and affected nearly 48,000 others, while more than **54,000 South Sudanese refugees** remain in need of urgent food, shelter, and health assistance ([OCHA, 2025](#)).

Humanitarian operations are challenged by poor infrastructure, localized insecurity, and resource shortages. Disease outbreaks—including cholera risks in flood- and drought-affected zones—pose additional threats. Access limitations, overstretched regional capacity, and funding gaps continue to delay delivery of assistance, particularly in hard-to-reach areas. Overall, the cumulative impact of these crises underscores the need for scaled-up, coordinated multi-sectoral responses to address immediate and long-term humanitarian needs across affected regions.

UNFPA Response

UNFPA Ethiopia continues to advance its humanitarian response by strengthening access to sexual and reproductive health services, addressing protection risks, and ensuring the dignity and safety of crisis-affected populations.

UNFPA provided critical support in addressing needs in the areas of family planning, maternal and newborn health, and HIV prevention and treatment. In the third quarter of 2025, **UNFPA reached 258,799 individuals with lifesaving sexual and reproductive health (SRH) services**. This included 39,297 individuals who received family planning services, 45,674 who accessed maternal and newborn health care, and 20,711 who benefited from HIV and STI treatment and care. In addition, 71,028 community members were reached with awareness messages on GBV prevention, sexual and reproductive health information, and available services.

Gender-based violence (GBV) continues to pose a serious threat to the safety, health, and dignity of women and girls in crisis-affected areas. With community protection systems weakened and services disrupted, UNFPA is scaling up integrated GBV and SRH interventions to better reach those most at risk. **In addressing protection needs UNFPA reached a total of 127,190 individuals during the third quarter**. This includes over 3,283 women and girls reached with health, legal, MHPSS and other essential services through One-Stop Centres; 1,840 reached with holistic GBV care through safe houses; 2,565 women and girls supported with dignity kits and sanitary pads for menstrual health management in crises; and 71,087 reached with critical information and life skills through the awareness raising sessions of Women and Girls' Friendly

Spaces. Additionally, UNFPA trained over 766 professionals during this second quarter in a variety of GBV and SRH-related topics to strengthen health and protection outcomes in countrywide emergencies.

Results Snapshot



258,799

People reached with **SRH services**
99% female, 10% male



222

Health facilities supported



127,190

People reached with **GBV prevention, mitigation and response** activities
73% female, 27% male



115

Safe spaces and other service delivery points for women and girls



2,565

Non-food items (such as dignity kits) distributed to individuals



48

Youth spaces supported by UNFPA



598

Reproductive health kits provided to service delivery points to meet the needs of over 210,000 crisis-affected people.



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Mobile Health Clinics/Teams providing GBV and SRH services across regions

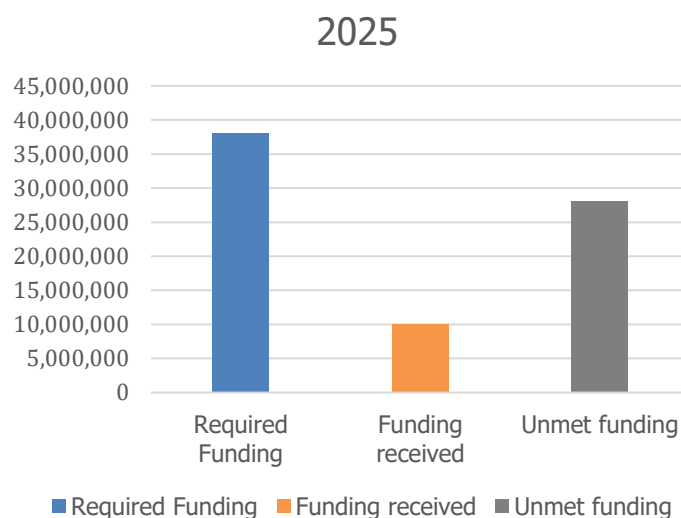
Coordination Mechanisms

Between July and September 2025, significant milestones advanced Ethiopia's GBV prevention and response systems. The Ministry of Women and Social Affairs (MoWSA) established a 15-member GBVIMS+ Steering Committee, co-led with UNFPA, to ensure nationally owned, multi-sectoral coordination in GBV data management. On 17 September 2025, **UNFPA handed over** ICT equipment worth USD 250,000 to **MoWSA** to support the **GBVIMS+ rollout across 96 sites** in Amhara, Benishangul-Gumuz, and Tigray, strengthening digital infrastructure for ethical, evidence-based programming. Shortly after, Ethiopia launched its first **National GBV Case Management Guideline**, a historic framework developed by MoWSA, UNFPA, NCA, and EngenderHealth to standardize survivor-centered care. These initiatives together mark a decisive step toward institutionalizing coordination, accountability, and quality service delivery for GBV survivors nationwide.

As a leading agency in youth empowerment and peacebuilding, UNFPA plays a pivotal role in advancing the **Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) Agenda** both globally and within Ethiopia. During the reporting period, the **Amhara Regional YPS Taskforce** was established to strengthen youth-led peacebuilding initiatives. At the national level, the **YPS Technical Committee** convened to develop the first draft of Ethiopia's **National Action Plan on YPS**, while the **National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security** was officially validated, reinforcing the country's commitment to inclusive and sustainable peace.

Funding Status

The UNFPA Ethiopia Humanitarian Preparedness and Response Plan for 2025 requires resources amounting to US\$ 38,132,081 ([UNFPA Ethiopia HPRP, 2025](#)). As of October 1, 2025, **UNFPA Ethiopia has secured \$10,052,594 USD from different development partners**. UNFPA Ethiopia extends sincere gratitude to the Governments of Canada, Denmark, Spain, KOICA, the Gates Foundation, Japan and the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) administered by OCHA. Their contributions are vital in advancing our mission to ensure rights and choices for all in humanitarian crises across Ethiopia.



“When survivors access mental health care, peer support, and critical information in our safe spaces, they begin to heal and regain control over their lives. UNFPA’s support gives them the tools, confidence, and dignity to move forward after experiencing violence.”

— Tinos Kebedetekleyes, GBV Team Lead, UNFPA Ethiopia.

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