

WFP El Nino response

WFP is working with the Government of Ethiopia to provide emergency food assistance to 7.6 million people in drought affected areas. More than ten million people are in need of assistance according to the Government and humanitarian agencies.

WFP is currently funded at 26% and urgent contributions are required in order to reach the most affected. Humanitarian needs in Ethiopia have tripled since the beginning of 2015 as severe drought in some regions, exacerbated by the strongest El Nino in decades, caused successive harvest failures and widespread livestock deaths.

WFP needs about US \$ **350 million** for the first six months of 2016. This includes relief assistance for 7.6 million people, as well as nutrition support for 1.5 million women and children and seasonal safety net support for 1.6 million people.



In late 2015, working with the Government, WFP assisted 5 million people with relief food assistance as well as 650,000 malnourished children with specialized nutritious food. So far, the Government has led the relief efforts, devoting close to US\$300 million to food assistance and other emergency relief, including water and livestock interventions.

The number of mothers and children admitted to WFP's treatment programmes for moderate malnutrition has risen sharply in the last several months. WFP and the government plan to assist 2.2 million women and children suffering from moderate acute malnutrition in 2016 (1.4 million in the first six months), more than double the number last year.



Facts & Figures

- 10.2 million people in Ethiopia are in need of food assistance due to the drought.
- Out of this, WFP – together with the government – has been tasked with assisting 7.6 million people. A consortium of NGOs (Save the Children, CARE, CRS, World Vision) will assist the remaining 2.6 million.
- Under the Productive Safety Net Programme, or PSNP, nearly 8 million people will receive seasonal assistance through cash or food transfers from January until June 2016.
- 672,000 students to be covered by WFP's school feeding programme
- WFP supports more than 270,000 farmers in Ethiopia through the P4P programme.
- 560,000 refugees from neighbouring countries, including 289,000 South Sudanese. Other refugees assisted by WFP include Somalis in the east, Sudanese in the west, and Eritreans in the north.