Since April 2018, continued insecurity and localized conflict between communities in Ethiopia’s Gedeo Zone (Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples’ Region – SNNPR) and West Guji Zone (Oromia Region) have led to the rapid displacement of nearly 960,000 people. Assets have been lost, livelihoods disrupted and basic services and infrastructure damaged. Now August, the violence and unpredictability of the situation continues to drive communities from their lands and prevents those uprooted from being able to safely return home. In the past month, IOM’s Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) team has conducted 173 site assessments of locations where affected populations have fled. These assessments located 791,383 displaced individuals in Gedeo Zone and 166,792 in West Guji Zone. Of the displaced, 63% have taken refuge with local host communities while 37% remain scattered in internally displaced persons (IDP) sites ranging from schools and hospitals to exposed fields and forests.

On 23rd July, IOM launched a humanitarian appeal for $22.2 million for humanitarian operations in Gedeo and West Guji. The appeal aims to reach 400,000 individuals from displaced and host communities with humanitarian assistance in the form of Non-Food Items (NFIs) and Emergency Shelter (ES) support; Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) assistance; Site Management Support (SMS) and Displacement Tracking; as well as primary health care. Services are coordinated alongside local authorities, humanitarian partners, and affected populations. To date, over 80,000 people in ten collective sites have been reached with direct support.
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**DISPLACEMENT TRACKING MATRIX (DTM)**

958,175 PEOPLE REACHED

IOM has conducted targeted DTM assessments in Gedeo and West Guji zones, with a new round of data collection planned for 11-18 August to update on the movements and needs of the affected populations.

**KEY FIGURES TO DATE**

In **Gedeo**, the IOM DTM team assessed 130 out of 134 known sites where IDPs have fled. Assessments were carried out between 12-18 July and published on 1st August.

**791,383**

Internally displaced persons located

| 276,939 | 514,444 |
| in collective sites | in host communities |

In **West Guji**, the IOM DTM team assessed 43 out of 48 known sites where IDPs have fled. Assessments were carried out between 23-28 July and published on 7th August.

**166,792**

Internally displaced persons located

| 82,174 | 84,618 |
| in collective sites | in host communities |

**SITE MANAGEMENT SUPPORT**

81,987 PEOPLE REACHED (DIRECT SUPPORT)

IOM is supporting the Government in site management at both the site and woreda (council) level. 25 sites have been identified for Site Management Support (SMS) services in Gedeo and West Guji, and IOM is currently providing direct support in 10 of these locations.

Primary support activities include management coordination with partners and government authorities, supporting the establishment and training of community committees to partner in key decisions and messaging, and conducting site assessments and infrastructural upgrades.

**KEY ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE**

- Community committees and gender-equitable block leader systems established at 10 sites
- 22 communal kitchens constructed of target 40
- Majority of site construction and improvement work carried out by hired IDPs
- Fire safety training for 55 IDP representatives
- Site management training for local authorities

**EMERGENCY SHELTER/NON-FOOD ITEMS**

80,127 PEOPLE REACHED

IOM is providing critical supplies such as blankets, tents, mattresses and household items to meet the basic needs of IDPs who have fled their homes with often little or no belongings. IDPs in both collective sites and host communities are in serious need of resources to survive the crowded living conditions and cold rainy season.

**KEY ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE**

- 42,441 blankets and 5,943 shelter kits donated by UKAID distributed in Gedeo and West Guji
- 5,000 blankets distributed in partnership with USAID and ECHO
- Sub-Cluster Coordinator deployed to Gedeo and regular meetings are being conducted
- 22 communal shelters completed of target 40

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

46,748 PEOPLE REACHED

IOM is concentrating its WASH response in 17 sites across Gedeo and West Guji. The intervention focuses on comprehensive WASH packages to tackle the most urgent needs of adequate access to water, sanitation, and hygiene awareness.

**KEY ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE**

- 405 gender segregated latrines fitted with hand washing station completed
- 12 child friendly latrines fitted with hand washing facility completed
- 54 hygiene promoters trained and mobilized
- 5,048 dignity kits distributed to women and girls in menstrual age
- Installation of 4 water tanks, 3,000 litres each, for water distribution at collective sites

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