Emergency Nutrition Response in Ethiopia: Afar
As of 10 December 2018

Context

23 out of 32 woredas classified as hotspot 1 (severely affected districts)*
Population estimated to be 1.8 million (CSA projection)
254,000 children and PLW with MAM expected in 2018**
19,800 children with SAM expected in 2018*

UNICEF is supporting the Government of Ethiopia for emergency response.

*Latest updated figures from the Mid-Year Review of the Humanitarian and Disaster Resilience Plan (August 2018). **As per January estimated caseload. The Revised figure was discussed during the August Mid Year Review and still pending official endorsement.

Hotspot Priority 1 Woredas, 2015-2018

Coordination

• UNICEF is supporting Regional Emergency Nutrition Coordination Unit (R-ENCU)
• UNICEF is participating in relevant regional and zonal level coordination meetings

To Facilitate Rapid Response

2 UNICEF staff supporting emergency
5 CMAM monitors deployed

Overview of Region

• In Afar, sugum rain (February-April) is critical for water replenishment and pasture regeneration, especially after long dry jīlaal season (September-December). Due to the rain delays, north and north eastern part of the region is experiencing serious water shortage.
• In Jan-Oct 2018, 6% of total admitted children received SAM treatment in Afar similar as same period last year.
• In this period, 19% of OTP admissions were managed by the MHNTs.
• Recent screening activity done in the region show a proxy GAM of 16.9% and SAM at 0.8%.

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