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ANNEX III

Protection and Assistance Support to Refugees in Ethiopia

UNHCR Ethiopia

June 2019

Project overview

Project Title:	Protection and Assistance Support to Refugees in Ethiopia
Total Budget:	EUR 2,000,000 (USD 2,275,312.86)*
Implementation Period:	The project will start after its approval by the donor for a duration of up to 12 months.
Number of Beneficiaries:	901,235 registered refugees in the 26 camps and urban areas and settings in Ethiopia ¹ .
Summary of Project and Expected Outcomes:	The project aims to contribute towards the provision of essential services for refugees in Ethiopia, notably through the support to primary health care, reproductive health and HIV services, and persons with specific needs.

* The exchange rate used is 0.879 (UN rate December 2018)

Country background and operational context

Ethiopia is Africa's second most populous country, with an estimated population of nearly 100 million people. It has achieved a considerable economic transformation over the last two decades, reducing poverty rates and expanding investments in basic social services. Nonetheless, millions remain food insecure.

Ethiopia has a long-standing history of hosting refugees. The country maintains an open door policy for refugee inflows and allows humanitarian access and protection to those seeking asylum on its territory. In 2004, a national Refugee Proclamation was enacted based on the international and regional refugee conventions to which Ethiopia is a party (1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, and its 1967 Protocol and the 1969 OAU Convention). Ethiopia's parliament adopted revisions to its existing national refugee law on 17 January 2019, making it one of the most progressive refugee policies in Africa. The Law provides refugees with the right to work and reside out of camps, access social and financial services, and register life events, including births and marriages.

Project objective

The projects aims to contribute towards the provision of essential services for refugees in Ethiopia.

¹ All population figures as of 31 August 2018. Following the conclusion of the country-wide verification exercise, consolidated refugee population figures will be released in 1 June 2019

Time frame

This Project will start after its approval by the donor for a duration of up to 12 months.

Activities

Health services in the remote areas of Ethiopia are often underdeveloped and provide a limited range of services. In 2018, UNHCR supported primary health care in a number of ways, including:

- Support for the recruitment and deployment of qualified health workers, including medical doctors, psychiatric officers, and other paramedical and support staff.
- Support for the procurement of essential medicines and medical supplies both internationally and locally.
- Provision of capacity building trainings on various topics including clinical coaching skill, prevention, multi drug resistant tuberculosis (TB) risk and management, malaria, clinical management protocol and related topics to improve service delivery and client satisfaction.
- Reinforcement and support to a roster for deployment of maintenance technicians, fuel, drivers and other administrative costs to run ambulances for referral cases to higher health facilities.

In 2019, UNHCR will continue to focus on enhancing access to primary health care services and strengthen referral services, by continuing and strengthening the above activities. To contribute to peaceful coexistence, health services are provided free of charge to host community members.

In line with the CRRF, a closer cooperation with the Ministry of Health (MoH) and respective Regional Health Bureaus will be established to benefit from national initiatives. Implementation of comprehensive primary health care services for refugees including curative care, inpatient admission and resuscitation, promotive and preventive packages will also be explored with the MoH.

The response in relation to ensuring optimal access to reproductive health and HIV services will be linked to the SDG 'ensure healthy lives and promote well-being at all ages'. Community based reproductive health and HIV awareness service and behaviour change communication will be strengthened with the aim of increasing family planning utilization in all the camps. In addition, under the prioritized response, health facilities will provide antenatal, postnatal, maternity services and family planning services through the existing health centers, as well as community based reproductive health and HIV awareness services. The participation of men and youth in reproductive health matters will be ensured through engaging them in community dialogue and providing awareness.

According to 2017 Participatory Assessment and the 2018-verification assessment conducted among South Sudanese refugees, Persons with Specific Needs (PSN) constitute 2.3% of total refugee population. PSNs continue to encounter various kinds of protection risks due to poor living conditions that require special attention. Limited mainstreaming and inclusion activities for Persons with Disabilities (PWD) and older persons in shelter, WASH and education sectors is a great challenge to UNHCR. More sensitizations and trainings are needed in this regard. UNHCR will continue the priority identification of persons with special needs and support them

through referrals pathways to various service providers. Assistance will mostly concern psychosocial support, medical and supportive appliances in order to ensure their needs adequately addressed.

In 2019, UNHCR will need to continue to provide operational support to the Government of Ethiopia's Agency for Refugees and Returnees Affairs and to the NGOs implementing the various activities in the refugee camps. It will include procurement of vehicles and equipment as well as a contribution to the running and maintenance cost of offices; furthermore the cost for the national and international staffs employed for the support of the operation will be covered.

Beneficiaries

At the start of 2019, Ethiopia was hosting 901,235 registered refugees in the 26 camps and urban areas and settings in Ethiopia. The majority of refugees originate from South Sudan (46.6%) followed by Somalia (28.4%), Eritrea (19.2%), Sudan (4.9%), Yemen (0.2%) and other nationalities (0.7%). Out of the total refugee population, 56% are children, and 78% are women and children. The Belgium government support will contribute to protection and lifesaving assistance of the total refugee population.

Logframe

Objectives	Outcomes	Activities
Population has improved health status amongst Sudanese Refugees in Western Ethiopia	Increased # of health facilities equipped/constructed/rehabilitated	Implementation of comprehensive primary health care services including curative care, inpatient admission and resuscitation, promotive and preventive packages
Population has optimal access to reproductive health and HIV services amongst Somali Refugees	Increased # of women receiving post-test counselling and testing in PMTCT	Community based reproductive health and HIV awareness service, behaviour change communication will be strengthened with the aim of increasing family planning utilization in all the camps
Services for persons with specific needs strengthened for south Sudanese refugees	Increased percentage of persons of concern with disabilities who receive services for their specific needs	UNHCR will continue to priority identification of persons with special needs and support them through referrals pathways to various Service Providers Assistance will mostly be psychosocial support, medical and supportive appliances in order to ensure their needs are addressed

Request for funds

Considering all of the above, the table below recapitulates the contribution requested by the UNHCR Ethiopia country operation in relation to the response of protection and assistance support to refugees in Ethiopia

	Requirements	Proposed Belgian contribution	
	USD	USD*	EUR
Population has improved health status	20,197,861	826,956.91	726,895.12
Population has optimal access to reproductive health and HIV services	7,154,646	354,410.10	311,526.48
Services for persons with specific needs strengthened	7,496,996	945,093.60	830,737.28
Activities sub-total	34,849,503.00	2,126,460.61	1,869,158.88
Project Support costs - 7%	-	148,852.25	130,841.12
TOTALS	34,849,503.00	2,275,312.86	2,000,000.00
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