

# NORTHERN ETHIOPIA EMERGENCY RESPONSE SITUATION REPORT

## Situation Report No: 37



Date: September 11 – September 17, 2023 Photo: Adigrat team assessing Cholera preparedness in IDP site in Adigrat, Tigray

### Key Figures

: **8.3 M** People in need

: **4.8M** People Targeted

: **2.64M** Internally displaced

: **0.6m** people in IDP sites

: **2.0 M** People reached

: **956 M.Tons** Medical Supplies provided

### Key Achievement Highlights

- WHO Mekelle Office dispatched 1.27 Metric tons & 1.18 Metric tons of medical equipment and medical supplies, to Quiha General Hospital and Hewo Primary Hospital, respectively.
- WHO supported the launching of OCV mass vaccination campaign on Sep 16, 2023, in nine cholera-affected districts located in eight zones of Amhara. The campaign will continue up to September 18, 2023.
- WHO Afar office expedited the dispatching of requested and approved 6 MT of cholera supplies to four health facilities in the region.
- This week, 281, cumulatively 3,842, confirmed and epi-linked cholera cases were reported from Amhara region, with 71 deaths (CFR = 1.85%).
- In collaboration with Tigray RHB, WHO provided RRT training for 220 participants from 37 weredas of central and northwest zones of Tigray.
- Cholera surveillance and response training was provided for 30 health workers from Gondar City and Janamora Woreda health offices in Amhara region.
- PRSEAH orientation was provided to 202 health workers and Tigray Bureau of Industry staff during RRT and MHPSS training in Adigrat, Tigray

### Epidemiologic situation

- Malaria remains the highest cause of morbidity. Malaria cases decreased by 7.5% in Afar and increased by 14.7% in Tigray compared to the previous week.
- Measles outbreak: 9 & 2 suspected cases from Tigray and Afar, respectively, are under investigation.
- Dengue fever outbreak in Afar region: 30 cases in week 36.
- A total of 6 Suspected meningitis cases were reported from Afar and Tigray regions in week 36.
- A total of 80 new Cholera cases were reported from Afar region in week 36.

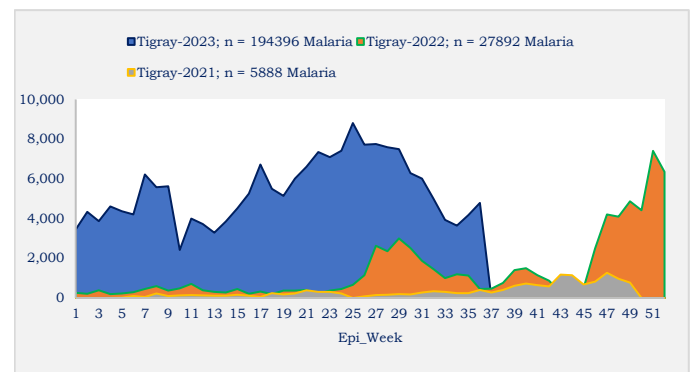
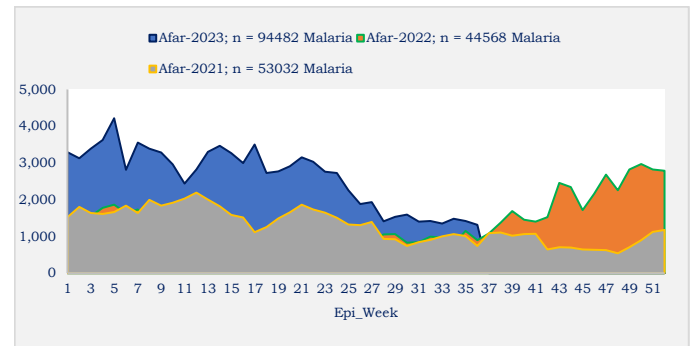
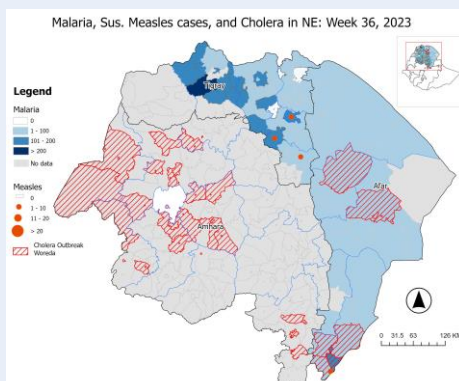


Figure: Trends of Malaria in Northern Ethiopia: as of week 36, 2023



## WHO Response

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- The WHO Afar office expedited the dispatching of 6 MTs of requested and approved cholera supplies to four health facilities in the region.
- A total of 71,312 people received different life-saving health services from health cluster partners in Tigray and Afar.
- In Collaboration with Afar RHB, WHO is deploying 6 Mobile Health and Nutrition Teams in the region.
- In collaboration with Tigray RHB, WHO provided RRT training to 220 participants from 37 weredas of central and northwest zones of Tigray.
- Cholera surveillance and response training was provided to 30 health workers from Gondar City and Janamora Woreda health offices in Amhara region.
- PRSEAH orientation was given to 202 health care providers and Tigray Bureau of Industry (TBI) staff during RRT and MHPSS training in Adigrat, Tigray
- WHO, in collaboration with RHB, APhi, and UNICEF, facilitated OCV advocacy workshop, which includes RCCE orientation, for 140 participants in Amhara.
- WHO delivered 11 boxes of cholera RDT (Crystal VC - Dipstick) Stool test to Amhara region.
- Onsite mentoring conducted for 16 health workers in seven health facilities on Management of SAM in children in Tigray.
- Technical and logistic support for outbreak preparedness and response for Cholera, Measles, Malaria, COVID-19, Rabies, and Dengue is ongoing across the 3 regions.
- Technical support on Nutrition, RCCE, MHPSS, WASH, Surveillance, PRSEAH, GBV, and other health services is ongoing.



## Gaps and challenges

- The new conflict in Amhara continues to disrupt the critical humanitarian response. WHO is working with implementing partners such as the Ethiopia Red Cross Society to cover gaps in emergency healthcare services.
- Limited internet connectivity and security issues in parts of Amhara and Afar regions, affecting report completeness.
- Limited partner involvement in Amhara to respond to the complex emergencies in the region.
- Critical gaps in WASH supplies in health facilities with stabilization centers for malnourished children in Afar and Tigray; WASH cluster partners engaged to remedy the gap.
- Inaccessible areas in North-west and southern Tigray Region affecting humanitarian response
- Continued influx of IDPs in Tigray, creating high demand for health services and stretching the available capacities.
- Gaps in the availability of equipment in tertiary hospitals, including theatre, radiological, and laboratory equipment in conflict-affected zones.

## Next steps

- Closely monitor the performance of ongoing OCV campaigns in the Amhara region and solve identified issues.
- Advocate for partners to support in responding to the complex humanitarian emergencies in Amhara region
- Follow up and expedite the handover of cholera supplies to weredas and hospitals in Afar.
- Facilitate the distribution of IPC/WASH supplies to Health Facilities in the southern zone, Tigray.
- Continue the ongoing assessment on Cholera preparedness and response on selected cholera hot spot weredas in Tigray.
- Support RHBs and Woreda health offices to strengthen Cholera outbreak preparedness and response
- Strengthen active and passive surveillance of cholera, measles, and other outbreak-prone diseases in all regions
- Continue technical and coordination support on Nutrition, RCCE, MHPSS, WASH, Surveillance, PRSEAH, GBV, and other health services.

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