

NRC's operations in Ethiopia

Humanitarian overview

Ethiopia is currently one of the world's most complex and large-scale humanitarian crises. Armed conflict, political unrest, climate shocks, natural hazards, and economic instability have contributed to large scale displacements, and reduced living conditions in multiple regions across the country. The 2022 Humanitarian Response Plan identified 5.8 million people internally displaced due to conflict and natural hazards, and this number has only increased over the year due to additional conflicts and drought.

As of August, over 16 million people are drought-affected, and 10 million people are immediately food insecure. Livelihoods have been decimated, and displacement is being seen with limited resources to respond.

Ethiopia is Africa's third largest refugee hosting country, with nearly 1 million refugees from neighbouring Sudan, South Sudan, Eritrea and Somalia. These refugees face increasing food shortages due to increased demand and reduced supply chains.

NRC works across these groups and responses in six regions of the country.

NRC's operation

NRC is present in seven regions (Tigray, Oromia, Amhara, SNNP, Benishangul-Gumuz, Gambella, Somali region) and one city (Addis Ababa) in Ethiopia. We provide refugees, host community members and internally displaced people with emergency relief and help them to rebuild their lives.

NRC Ethiopia

Established	2011
International staff	6
National staff	132



NRC Ethiopia

Country office

Addis Ababa

Areas of operation

Addis Ababa, Amhara, Afar, Oromia, SNNP, Benishangul-Gumuz, Somali, and Tigray Regions



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Education

Displacement-affected children, adolescents and youth have access to quality education through:

- provision of safe, inclusive, protected and welcoming education spaces for formal and non-formal learning
- our capacity-building trainings to teachers, school administrators, school associations and community structures
- our marketable skills training

Information, counselling and legal assistance (ICLA)

Vulnerable refugees, IDPs and conflict-affected populations are able to claim and exercise their rights and attain durable solutions through:

- legal identity documentation
- housing, land and property (HLP) rights, including collaborative dispute resolution for HLP disputes
- employment laws and procedures to remove barriers to wage and self-employment opportunities
- access to basic services and referrals to other service and protection providers
- coordination of the HLP working group

Livelihoods and food security

We support hard-to-reach displacement-affected populations and vulnerable host communities through:

- support to meet their basic food needs and reduce harmful coping strategies.
- improving availability and access to food through production, processing, promoting self-reliance and cash support
- sustainable livelihood and income generation opportunities through employment/self-employment
- entrepreneurship and business skill trainings

Shelter and settlements

Given continued and often repeated displacement, NRC aims to respond fast through the Emergency team with shelter activities, as well as longer-term solutions such as:

- providing emergency/temporary shelter solutions and basic household items in the immediate aftermath of displacement
- improving access to transitional shelters for IDPs, and access support to permanent shelters for returnees
- improving access to basic settlement infrastructure service

Water, sanitation and hygiene promotion (WASH)

Refugees and IDPs have access to local and durable public health solutions, through:

- water provision in camps and community settings and improved management of water infrastructure
- appropriate, safe sanitation facilities
- increased durability of targeted positive hygiene behaviours and improved capacity of local governance structure and local community groups to widely promote safe hygiene practices

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