

Alliance2015 Tigray RESPONSE



Emergency response to the **Tigray crisis**: supporting short and long-term recovery efforts

In the aftermath and continuing challenges brought about by conflict in the Tigray region, Alliance2015 members in Ethiopia – ACTED, Ayuda en Acción, Cesvi, Concern Worldwide, Helvetas, PIN and Welthungerhilfe - are committed to jointly support and assist communities hardest hit to cope with and overcome the immediate effects of the crisis. Most of the Alliance2015 members have a long-consolidated presence in Ethiopia.

Others have recently joined, bringing their expertise to the portfolio of Alliance2015 in Ethiopia.

As a network operating throughout Ethiopia, Alliance2015 members have extensive expertise in the fields of **emergency response, Site Management Support (SMS), health, nutrition, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), education, economic development, agriculture and food and nutrition security**. Alliance2015 members are uniquely placed because we jointly work on the nexus principle and have experience to respond to crises by addressing immediate humanitarian needs and longer-term development challenges. In 2020 alone, Alliance2015 members have

implemented programmes in Ethiopia representing an **annual budget of over 28.5 million euros**, targeting local communities and displaced person **reaching more than 5.5 million people.**

Situation in Tigray

Starting in November 2020, the Ethiopian Defense Forces led a military operation against forces linked to the Tigray Regional Security Forces (TRSF). The conflict exacerbated an already fragile context marked by COVID-19, desert locust and the ongoing lean season and resulted a tense and volatile humanitarian situation.

Thousands of people have sought refuge in Sudan, internally within the Tigray Regional State and beyond into the neighboring regional states of Amhara and Afar.

Overall, **the humanitarian situation remains extremely concerning with reports of limited or no access to food and healthcare, increasing levels of acute malnutrition and reports of sexual violence.** While basic services are gradually being restored in the region, such developments are for the most part limited to major towns, and large swathes of Tigray have had no access to telecommunications, electricity, cash and fuel. Many local markets are still



reportedly not functioning, exacerbating an already critical situation. Insecurity is hampering access to many rural areas of the region.

Priority action is needed now to support food, nutrition, water, health and hygiene, shelter, psychosocial services and education for the local population and IDPs.



IDPs from Tigray, currently in Amhara region



Alliance2015's approach and priorities to the Tigray crisis

Alliance2015 members are prepared with their own resources to contribute for an initial response; we call upon institutional donors to complement these efforts to reach vulnerable conflict-affected population with relief activities and short and long-term recovery programmers.

Following the conflict in Tigray Regional State on 4th of November 2020, Alliance2015 members already present on the ground committed to respond



to the urgent humanitarian needs and mitigate the severe long-term consequences of the crisis. To date, the **Alliance2015 members have secured a total of €800,000 for food items, nonfood items and cash transfers for the people of Tigray.**

Alliance2015 members meet regularly to ensure the highest level of coordination amongst the members and with different sectoral clusters and working groups. **Alliance2015 focus on an intersectoral, interdisciplinary approach and working towards durable solutions,** which is urgently required to

respond the current crisis in Tigray region. Moreover, Alliance2015 will ensure accountability for affected communities through implementation in accordance with commitments of the Core Humanitarian Standard. Alliance2015 members will ensure communities and other stakeholders are adequately informed about the interventions and aware of their entitlements; setting up complaint response mechanisms; encouraging community/beneficiary participation in designing interventions and engaging them in decision making processes.

The response priorities set by Alliance2015 members, resulting from internal and external needs assessments and existing technical capacity, are:



PROVISION OF BASIC ASSISTANCE

to respond to immediate needs, such as in-kind or cash-support to enable access to food and non-food items and cover household needs.



SUPPORT TO IMMEDIATE AND MID-TERM FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY,

through the provision of food assistance (Cash), as well as technical and financial.



HEALTH AND NUTRITION:

to increase access to nutrition and health services through functionalizing health facilities and through mobile health nutrition teams.



SHELTER SUPPORT:

engage Site Management Support (SMS) to identify gaps in service provision and support coordinated delivery of assistance, information and site management for IDPs (internally displaced people).



LIVELIHOODS:

providing emergency cash-assistance for most vulnerable groups; support micro, small and medium enterprises and facilitating access to financial services for farmers and small businesses.

About Alliance2015

Alliance2015 is a **strategic partnership** of eight European non-governmental organisations founded in 2000 with a shared commitment to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. The Alliance2015 members are: ACTED (France), Ayuda en Acción (Spain), Cesvi (Italy), Concern Worldwide (Ireland), HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation (Switzerland), Hivos (The Netherlands), People in Need (Czech Republic), and Welthungerhilfe (Germany). Alliance2015 aims to fight poverty more effectively by cooperation on various levels, working together in the least developed countries and influencing and campaigning together at EU-level. Alliance2015 members and their partners are operational in more than 80 countries globally.



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