

SITUATION UPDATE



Trucks carrying non-food items (NFIs) and generators waiting to be offloaded after reaching Shire town.

More than 3.9 million people in Tigray and more than 10 million people in Amhara have been affected by events in these regions and need health services and interventions. In Afar, only 94 of 414 health facilities (23%) are functional, including two hospitals and 31 health centers. In Amhara, more than 500 health facilities and 1,706 health posts need to be rehabilitated, renovated and supported with equipment and supplies to be operational.

Despite these challenges, International Medical Corps has continued to offer services and support to those affected by the current events in Tigray. After the signing of the Cessation of Hostilities Agreement on November 2, our teams have joined ongoing assessments in newly accessible areas to evaluate emerging needs and plan responses.

International Medical Corps Response

International Medical Corps continues to provide vital nutrition, health, gender-based violence, mental health and psychosocial support, and water, sanitation, and hygiene services to 26 internally displaced persons sites in the Afar, Amhara and Tigray regions, hosting 800,000 people. We operate 22 mobile medical units in the regions (including five in Afar, seven in Amhara, five in Tigray and five in West Tigray) providing a range of services, including outpatient consultations, nutrition screenings, perinatal consultations, family planning services and health education. We also operate a surge team consisting of two medical officers in the Dansha region. In the past two weeks we have provided 13,581 outpatient consultations, screened 5,284 people for malnutrition and provided 75 people with MHPSS services.

From the last week of November 2022, International Medical Corps restarted services at nine IDP sites in Shire town, with a plan to resume services as soon as possible in the other project sites in Tigray. In the meantime, our teams have delivered 6.67 metric tons of medicines and medical supplies to Shire, in addition to two truckloads totaling 80 metric tons that included generators, and hygiene and other program supplies. The team is sending pre-positioned supplies from Addis, including hand pumps that we sent to Shire to enable expansion of the response as needed within the region, given that air and road transport have resumed. In addition, in the last week we dispatched one mobile team to Adiarkay week to provide screening, health and nutrition services.

Since the beginning of our response, International Medical Corps MMUs have provided 511,247 outpatient consultations, with 240,208 in Shire, Tigray; 140,748 in Dansha (in Kafta, Tegede and Wolkait humeras); 77,398 in Amhara (Dabat, Debarck Dessie and Kombolcha); and 52,893 in Afar.

Our MMUs have screened 327,538 children under 5 and pregnant and lactating women (PLWs) for acute malnutrition. Of the children and PLWs screened, 88,798 were in Dansha, 139,914 were in Tigray, 37,314 were in Amhara and 61,512 were in Afar. The proxy prevalence of moderate acute malnutrition for children under 5 and PLWs is 13.9% and 34.8% respectively, while the prevalence of severe acute malnutrition is 2.22%. Over the past two weeks, International Medical Corps' emergency response teams in North Gondar (Amhara), Semera (Afar) and Shire (Tigray) provided 13,581 healthcare consultations and screened 5,284 children under 5 and PLWs for malnutrition.

FAST FACTS

- International Medical Corps is operating 22 mobile medical units (MMUs) that have provided services to more than 810,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) settled in 26 IDP sites, as well as to affected host communities in the Afar, Amhara and Tigray regions.
- International Medical Corps' MMUs are providing integrated health, nutrition, gender-based violence (GBV), mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services.
- We have resumed services in Shire town and transported supplies already pre-positioned in Addis to Shire.
- We are conducting assessments in newly accessible areas.
- We launched mobile health and nutrition team (MHNT) services in Adiarkay.

International Medical Corps has resumed WASH activities in Shire town, and has delivered clean water via trucks daily, with 18,084 cubic meters delivered in its ongoing WASH response to date. In the past two weeks, we reached more than 10,040 people through hygiene promotion sessions, covering topics such as handwashing, proper use of latrines, safe household water handling and prevention of COVID-19.

In response to the region's supplies and logistical hurdles, International Medical Corps is working closely with United Nations clusters and relevant authorities to obtain air-freight approval and road convoy space with the resumption of access. In the meantime, we also are keeping our teams in Afar and Northern Amhara supported and supplied with essential items for a comprehensive response.

International Medical Corps continues to explore all options to continue the procurement and transportation of drugs to our MMUs and supported health facilities, in an ongoing effort to maintain medical services and a continuity of healthcare.