

Ethiopia

International Medical Corps has worked in Ethiopia since 2003, with emergency programs in nutrition, primary healthcare, community health, sexual and reproductive health, HIV/AIDS, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), gender-based violence (GBV), livelihoods and disaster-risk reduction, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).

We have provided humanitarian assistance to Ethiopian communities, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees in Addis Ababa city, and in Afar, Amhara, Gambella, Oromia, Somali and Tigray regions.

We have provided programs in more than 60 woredas (districts) in nine regions: Afar, Amhara, Benishagul-Gumuz, Gambella, Oromia, Sidama, Somali, Southern Nations Nationalities and Peoples' Region (SNNPR) and Tigray. In 2023, we provided lifesaving services to more than 3.2 million people.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS OFFICES

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| A ADDIS ABABA | I HARAR |
| B ASSAYITA | J JIGJIGA (AWUBERE AND SHEDER) |
| C BOKOLMAYO | K MEKELE |
| D CHIRO | L MELKADIDA |
| E DANSHA | M NEGELE |
| F DIMA | N SHIRE |
| G GAMBELLA | O WOLAYITA SODO |
| H GONDAR | |

WHERE WE WORK

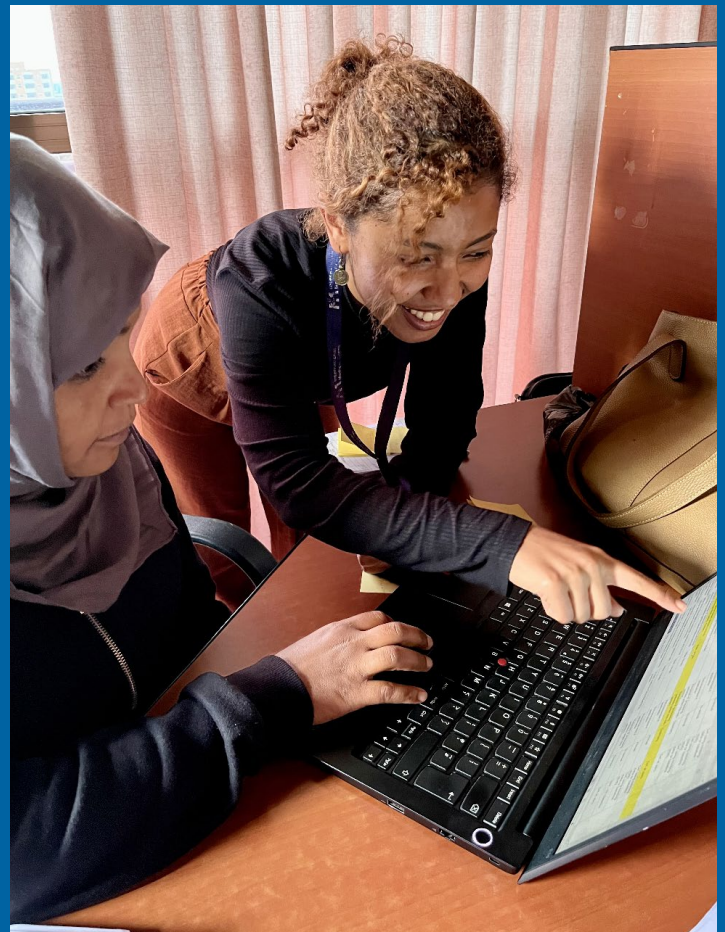
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GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

We operate GBV prevention and response programs in 15 refugee camps, serving Somali refugees in southeastern Ethiopia, South Sudanese refugees in the west (Gambella) and IDPs in four targeted woredas in the Oromia region. Our GBV-related services include psychosocial support and case management, and construction and rehabilitation of women's and girls' safe spaces (WGSS). We offer programming to community members, including psychosocial and case management services to survivors, and train providers on basic case management skills, distribution of dignity kits, safety audits (as a means of risk mitigation) and psychosocial support. In response to the conflict in northern Ethiopia, we extended our GBV programming to the Afar, Amhara and Tigray regions.

To promote confidential, competent and compassionate care to survivors of rape and other forms of sexual assault, our staff trains healthcare providers on clinical management of rape. The program also trains service providers, refugee volunteers and influential elders on basic concepts of GBV, prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse, case management and GBV referral pathways. To support community awareness of GBV response, International Medical Corps disseminates information on why it's important for survivors to report and seek services in a timely manner. To support GBV prevention, we hold informal, curriculum-based "coffee and tea" discussions, strategy sessions on SASA! (an evidence-based community mobilization approach to prevent violence against women), home visits and campaigns that challenge the social norms that enable violence against women and girls.





WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

International Medical Corps has implemented comprehensive emergency WASH programs in the Afar, Amhara, Oromia, SNNPR, Somali and Tigray regions. Currently, we implement programming to meet the emergency response, recovery and developmental needs of vulnerable local communities, as well as the immediate needs of refugees, IDPs and those returning to conflict-affected communities. In the Dollo Ado and Afar refugee camps and the Guji, Jigjiga, North Gondar, and East and West Hararghe areas, we have supported response activities that reduce the risk of a cholera epidemic in those communities.

International Medical Corps improves access to WASH services both in conflict- and drought-affected communities and in refugee camps by developing water sources; rehabilitating and upgrading existing water systems, including at health facilities; constructing and rehabilitating emergency sanitation facilities; providing lifesaving WASH supplies, water trucking and environmental health services; and promoting safe hygiene and capacity building through training and by providing equipment and tools.

SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND HIV/AIDS

Since 2013, International Medical Corps has implemented emergency and development programming and strengthened local capacity that is focused on sexual and reproductive health (SRH), providing lifesaving healthcare in the Afar, Gambella, Oromia, SNNPR and Somali regions.

We currently are implementing SRH and HIV/AIDS programs in four refugee camps in Gambella to support South Sudanese refugees, three camps in Dollo Ado for Somali refugees and two camps in Afar for Eritrean refugees. We are improving

the quality of, and access to, SRH and HIV/AIDS services at these facilities to improve the health status of women of childbearing age, as well as adolescents, youth and children.

SRH services that we make available to adolescents include peer-to-peer educational drama and music programs covering such topics as family planning, adolescent and maternal nutrition, prevention of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, premarital sex, early marriage, cervical cancer screening and management, female genital mutilation and life-skills training. Our community outreach services raise awareness and mobilize the community through house-to-house visits, tea-talk sessions and group training.

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

International Medical Corps has implemented MHPSS programming at five camps in Dollo Ado for Somali refugees, and in seven camps in Gambella for South Sudanese refugees. The program continues to support government efforts to integrate MHPSS services into existing primary healthcare services. In 2021, in response to the Tigray conflict, International Medical Corps expanded our MHPSS programming through mobile teams in Afar, Amhara and Tigray. We also extended MHPSS services to Oromia in response to internal conflicts and drought.

We provide comprehensive services to reduce suffering and improve MHPSS well-being. We offer activities in line with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) MHPSS guidelines for emergency contexts. We also address a wide range of needs—from basic support, to community and family support, to focused non-specialized and specialized services. We are an active member of the national and regional MHPSS TWG Coordination forums, where we co-chair the Gambella and Tigray platforms on a rotating basis.

EMERGENCY HEALTHCARE

Since 2015, International Medical Corps has supported local public health authorities in the Afar, Amhara, Oromia, Somali, SNNPR and Tigray regions in addressing emergency health issues caused by drought, conflict and other catastrophes. We have also strengthened the government's capacity to prepare for, investigate and respond to disease outbreaks and emergency health needs in crisis situations. We deploy mobile health, nutrition and surge teams to provide essential basic health services; procure and distribute medicines, medical equipment and medical supplies; and provide technical and logistical assistance.

To build local healthcare capacity and strengthen coordination between government-operated healthcare units, we provide training on public health emergency management and related topics. We also conduct multi-sectoral rapid assessments, helping to design evidence-based programs while maintaining the capacity to deploy mobile health and nutrition teams to remote areas. We support routine immunization campaigns for measles and other illnesses, and respond to emerging disease outbreaks.

NUTRITION

International Medical Corps supports efforts by the Ethiopia Ministry of Health's nutrition programs in conflict- and drought-affected parts of the country to address food insecurity and malnutrition. We implement nutrition programming at five camps and one reception center in Dollo Ado for Somali refugees, as well as in the Afar, Amhara, Dansha, Oromia and Tigray regions.

We help refugees and host communities provide community-based management of acute malnutrition through health systems, and through mobile health and nutrition clinics. Our capacity-building training sessions focus on infant and young-child feeding practices in emergency contexts, quality screening and treatment of acute malnutrition in children under 5, and pregnant and lactating women.

We provide a combination of growth monitoring, nutrition counseling and micronutrient supplements, working through available health facilities and community nutrition



centers, and provide routine mother and infant checkups and other outpatient visits. To ensure healthy growth at the fetal stage, infancy and early childhood, we also promote nutrition education and healthy pregnancies by promoting exclusive breastfeeding and appropriate introduction of complementary food.

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

We provide integrated nutrition and food security services to reduce mortality and morbidity associated with severe acute malnutrition across four drought-affected regions, including Oromia, Somali and Southern Ethiopia. To address the impact of conflict and drought, we support a range of activities that promote and protect local agriculture and livestock, and that build the resilience of vulnerable families. Our activities include multi-purpose cash transfers, blanket supplementary feeding; entrepreneurship programs; vegetable, fruit and poultry production; fresh-food vouchers; providing crop seeds and farming tools; and supporting livestock vaccine supplies and equipment.



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A pre-eminent first responder since 1984, International Medical Corps delivers emergency medical and related services to those affected by conflict, disaster and disease, no matter where they are, no matter what the conditions. We also train people in their communities, providing them with the skills they need to recover, chart their own path to self-reliance and become effective first responders themselves.

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