

Ethiopia

International Medical Corps has worked in Ethiopia since 2003, with emergency programs in nutrition, primary healthcare, maternal and newborn health (MNH), HIV/AIDS, mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS), protection, treatment and prevention of violence against women and girls (VAWG), livelihoods and disaster-risk

reduction, and water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH).

We have provided humanitarian programs to Ethiopian communities, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and refugees 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 2024, we provided lifesaving services to more than 3.3 million people.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS OFFICES

- A** ADDIS ABABA
- B** ASSAYITA
- C** BOKOLMAYO
- D** HARAR
- E** HUMERA
- F** GONDAR
- G** JIGJIGA (AWUBERE AND SHEDER)
- H** MEKELE
- I** MELKADIDA
- J** NEGELE
- K** SHIRE

WHERE WE WORK

- ADDIS ABABA CITY**
- AFAR REGION**
- AMHARA REGION**
- OROMIA REGION**
- SOMALI REGION**
- TIGRAY REGION**



VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

We operate VAWG prevention and response programs in two refugee camps in southeastern Ethiopia, serving Somali refugees, in seven targeted woredas in the Tigray region and in four locations in Humera and Wolkayt Tegede woredas. Our VAWG-related services include psychosocial support and case management. We rehabilitate women's and girls' safe spaces (WGSS) to provide quality service to survivors. We also train service providers on basic case management skills, distribution of dignity kits, safety audits (to mitigate risk) and community network support.

We train refugee volunteers and influential elders in basic concepts of preventing and treating VAWG, preventing sexual exploitation and abuse, and providing referral pathways. To support community awareness of VAWG prevention, response and risk mitigation, we disseminate critical lifesaving information on available services, explain why it's important for survivors to report and seek services in a timely manner, and hold "coffee and tea" discussions, adolescent-girl-focused sessions and home visits to disseminate information.





WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

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 with environmentally friendly and reliable solar-powered energy sources, 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.

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. We also provided emergency response services to communities affected by the recent earthquake crisis in the Afar region.

MATERNAL AND NEWBORN HEALTH AND HIV/AIDS

Since 2013, International Medical Corps has implemented MNH- and HIV/AIDS-related emergency and development programming, and strengthened local capacity, providing lifesaving healthcare in the Afar, Gambella, Oromia, SNNPR and Somali regions.

We are currently implementing MNH and HIV/AIDS programs in three camps in Dollo Ado for Somali refugees,

improving the quality of—and access to—MNH and HIV/AIDS services to improve the health status of women of childbearing age, as well as adolescents and children.

We provide adolescents with programs that include peer-to-peer educational drama and music programs covering such topics as 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 for Somali refugees in Dollo Ado. The program continues to provide emergency mental health services and supports 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 well-being. We offer activities in line with the Inter-Agency Standing Committee MHPSS guidelines for emergency contexts. We also address a wide range of needs, including basic support, community and family support, and focused non-specialized and specialized services. We are an active member of the national and regional MHPSS Technical Working Group (TWG) Coordination forums, where we co-chair the national and Tigray TWG coordination platforms.

HEALTHCARE

Since 2015, International Medical Corps has supported local public health authorities in the Afar, Amhara, Oromia, Somali, SNNPR and Tigray regions in efforts to address emergency health issues caused by drought, conflict and other crises. We have 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 primary healthcare services; strengthen health systems; 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 outbreaks of emerging diseases.

NUTRITION

International Medical Corps supports efforts by the Ethiopian 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 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.

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. We also promote nutrition education and healthy pregnancies by promoting key IYCF practices. As a prominent emergency nutrition implementing organization,



we provide technical support to partners and members of the Strategic Advisory Group and TWG.

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. 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; general food distribution and meals at schools; entrepreneurship programs; vegetable, fruit and poultry production; and fresh-food vouchers. We also provide crop seeds and farming tools, and 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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