



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, services related to 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) across nine regions: Afar, Amhara, Benishagul-Gumuz, Gambella, Oromia, Sidama, Somali, South Ethiopia and Tigray, as well as the Humera, Maitsebri, Tegede and Wolkayit areas. In 2025, we provided lifesaving services to nearly 3.2 million people.

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WHERE WE WORK

- ADDIS ABABA CITY
- AMHARA REGION
- OROMIA REGION
- SOMALI REGION
- SOUTH ETHIOPIA REGION



Healthcare

Since 2015, International Medical Corps has supported local public health authorities to address health emergencies caused by disease outbreaks, drought, conflict and other crises. We have strengthened the government's capacity to prepare for, investigate, and respond to emergency health needs during crises. We deploy mobile health, nutrition and surge teams to provide essential primary healthcare services; support routine and catch-up immunization campaigns; strengthen health systems including referrals; procure and distribute medicines, medical equipment and medical supplies; and provide logistical assistance for last-mile delivery.

We have extensive experience in responding to outbreaks of cholera, malaria and measles—and we were a key partner responding to the Marburg virus disease (MVD) outbreak in Ethiopia, where we strengthened local and national capacity on case management, infection prevention and control, surveillance and risk communication and community engagement.

To build local healthcare capacity and strengthen coordination, we provide training in public health emergency management, integrated disease surveillance and response, and related topics. We also conduct multi-sectoral rapid assessments, helping to design evidence-based health programs while maintaining the capacity to deploy mobile health and nutrition teams (MHNTs) to remote areas.





Maternal and Newborn Health and HIV

Since 2013, International Medical Corps has implemented MNH- and HIV-related emergency and development programming and strengthened local capacity, providing lifesaving healthcare in areas across the country.

We provide adolescents with programs that include peer-to-peer education covering such topics as adolescent and maternal nutrition, prevention of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, early marriage, cervical cancer screening and management, female genital mutilation and life-skills training.

We integrate lifesaving MNH services into emergency health response through the provision of antenatal and postnatal care, counseling and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, and care for survivors of violence against women and girls through MHNTs and surge teams, including midwives and obstetrician/gynecologists supporting basic and comprehensive emergency obstetric and neonatal care.

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

International Medical Corps is one of the few emergency response organizations addressing immediate and long-lasting MHPSS needs in Ethiopia. Since 2014, we have implemented MHPSS programming for refugees, IDPs and host communities with pre-existing and emerging mental health conditions in multiple areas across the country.

We provide comprehensive services to reduce suffering and improve well-being. Our approach to MHPSS facilitates accessible, non-stigmatizing, culturally acceptable and high-quality mental health services. Our psychosocial activities promote the capacity of the affected population by teaching life skills, offering recreational outlets and building social support networks. We strengthen the national health system by integrating MHPSS services and by training general healthcare staff and specialized providers. We strengthen

coordination forums and co-chair the national and Tigray MHPSS technical working groups.

Nutrition

International Medical Corps supports the Ethiopian Ministry of Health's nutrition programs in conflict- and drought-affected parts of the country to address food insecurity and malnutrition. We help refugees and host communities provide community-based management of acute malnutrition through health systems and mobile health and nutrition clinics.

We provide a combination of nutrition screening, growth monitoring, nutrition counseling and micronutrient supplements, and management of acute malnutrition, working through available health facilities and community nutrition centers, and provide routine mother and infant consultations and other outpatient visits. We also promote nutrition education, proper child feeding, and healthy pregnancies by promoting key infant and young-child feeding practices. We provide technical support to partners and members of the Strategic Advisory Group, Nutrition Technical Working Group and Emergency Nutrition Coordination Unit.

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 to help build the resilience of 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.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

International Medical Corps improves access to WASH services both in conflict- and drought-affected communities 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.

We implement comprehensive emergency WASH programs to meet the emergency response, recovery and developmental needs of local communities, IDPs and returnees. In the North Gondar and Tigray areas, we have supported response activities that reduce the risk of a cholera epidemic. We provided emergency response services to communities affected by drought in Oromia region. We also delivered comprehensive WASH services for communities affected by MVD in South Ethiopia region.

Violence Against Women and Girls

We implement VAWG response, prevention and risk mitigation programs in areas across the country. Our VAWG services include psychosocial support and case management. We rehabilitate women's and girls' safe spaces to provide quality services to women and girls. We also train service providers on basic case management skills to support quality service provision.

We train community network groups, volunteers and influential elders on basic concepts of VAWG, referral pathways, and prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse. To support community awareness on prevention, response and risk mitigation, we disseminate critical lifesaving information on available services, the importance of timely reporting, hold "coffee and tea" discussions, conduct adolescent-girl-focused sessions and home visits. To mitigate the risks of VAWG, we conduct safety audits and distribute dignity kits for women and girls.



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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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