



Armed conflict is forcing hundreds of thousands of people to flee to neighbouring countries. The deteriorating situation has been marked by multiplying civilian deaths, destruction of health, water and communication facilities, shortage of supplies, and poor conditions at border points.

Since April 21, over 23,000 Ethiopian migrants and Third Country Nationals (TCNs) arrived in Ethiopia at the remote border crossing point in Metema, Amhara. About 800 arrivals have been recorded so far in Kurmuk, Benishangul Gumuz Region. Based on current arrival trends, IOM is estimating that over 100,000 Ethiopians and 30,000 TCNs may return to Ethiopia in the coming months, with the majority of arrivals expected in through Metema. Arrivals at other border points will be monitored to scale up assistance if required.

IOM Ethiopia is requesting USD 25 million to provide assistance to 100,000 vulnerable returning migrants, 4,000 TCNs and 85,000 refugees in the coming six months. There is a high need to scale up immediate assistance at the border crossing point in Metema to accommodate the large influx. Without assistance, arrivals risk being stranded in a small, remote border town.



Duration **6 Months**
(May – October 2023)

Target population **100,000** vulnerable returnees
4,000 third country nationals
85,000 refugees

Financial requirement **USD 25 million**



Displacement Tracking

IOM's Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) has a Flow Monitoring Point (FMP) in Metema and is currently monitoring arrivals from Sudan as part of regular operations. In light of the increase in movements, IOM is scaling up presence at the FMP in Metema to ensure that IOM can provide regularly updated figures to partners and the Government of Ethiopia to inform preparedness and response. IOM has activated an additional FMP in Kumurk, Benishangul-Gumuz region, to track arrivals that may come in through this border point. Potential arrivals in Gambella and Tigray regions will be monitored to scale up assistance if needed.



PEOPLE TO REACH
N/A



TARGET POPULATION
Government; Humanitarian Actors



FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT (USD)
300,000



Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene

IOM will significantly scale up immediate Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) assistance at the border, focusing on Metema and potential expansion to other crossing points as needs arise. IOM's assistance includes provision of emergency sanitation assistance (emergency latrines and emergency showers) and provision of safe drinking water through water trucking services at the border crossing point. WASH services for most vulnerable individuals in transit centres/collective sites will be provided through pipeline extension connections and rehabilitation of existing boreholes. In addition, IOM will ensure distribution of basic hygiene kits and cleaning kits upon arrival in communal places and hygiene promotion to ensure cleanliness and safe disposal of waste.



PEOPLE TO REACH
90,000



TARGET POPULATION
Returnee Migrants and TCNs



FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT (USD)
700,000



Shelter - NFIs

IOM will install transitional seating shades to serve as waiting areas at the Metema border crossing. For returnee migrants or third country nationals that are not able to travel onwards immediately from Metema, IOM will construct emergency communal shelters and provide Non-food Item (NFI) kits. In addition, cash for rent assistance will be considered for ensuring temporary accommodation and multipurpose cash assistance will address needs of most vulnerable households. IOM will establish Complaints and Feedback Mechanisms (CFMs) and Accountability to Affected People (AAP) and utilize tools to advance equitable and accessible service delivery, while ensuring that gender-based violence (GBV), and housing land and property (HLP) protection services will be made available to beneficiaries.



PEOPLE TO REACH
40,000



TARGET POPULATION
Returnee Migrants and TCNs



FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT (USD)
1.8 Million



Health

IOM is working in collaboration with the Ethiopian Public Health Institute (EPHI) and Federal Ministry of Health (MOH) to support readiness and response activities at Metema point of entry. IOM will deploy a mobile health and nutrition team to provide medical screening of arrivals and emergency medical support including medical consultations and treatment, mental health and psychosocial support, nutrition screening, and referrals for secondary care. In addition, IOM will support on the job training on point of entry surveillance, infection prevention and control, standard operating procedures, and others. IOM will also ensure availability of information education and communication materials on morbidities including communicable diseases and reporting of gender-based violence.



PEOPLE TO REACH
104,000



TARGET POPULATION
Returnee Migrants and TCNs



FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT (USD)
1.3 Million



Humanitarian Transportation

IOM will provide Onward Transportation Assistance (OTA) from the Metema point of entry (and other points of entry as needs arise) to 100,000 Ethiopian returnees to reach their home communities. Upon arrival in Addis Ababa, IOM will provide accommodation for vulnerable Ethiopian migrants awaiting further transportation to return to their home communities at its Transit Centres.



PEOPLE TO REACH
100,000



TARGET POPULATION
Returnee Migrants



FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT (USD)
10.3 Million



Movement Assistance TCNs

IOM will provide transportation support for 4,000 vulnerable third country nationals, including road transportation from Metema to Gondar or Bahir Dar and onward flights to Addis Ababa. Where needed, IOM will provide accommodation at hotels before onward travel to Addis Ababa. Vulnerable third country nationals will be supported with Assisted Voluntary Return to their home countries (estimated at 5% of targeted caseload), including accommodation at its Transit Centre in Addis Ababa prior to departure.



PEOPLE TO REACH
4,000



TARGET POPULATION
Third Country Nationals



FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT (USD)
1 Million



Protection

IOM will establish protection desks to support identification and vulnerability assessments at targeted entry points. Individual and immediate tailored assistance to those in vulnerable situations will be provided by dedicated protection teams in Migration Response Centres and through referral to Government and civil society organizations, especially for family tracing and reunification for returning Unaccompanied and Separated Children (UASC), assistance to GBV survivors, potential victims of trafficking, and persons with medical needs.



PEOPLE TO REACH
100,000



TARGET POPULATION
Returnee Migrants



FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT (USD)
1.4 Million



Humanitarian Border Management

IOM will support Ethiopian Immigration and Citizen Services at the border crossing point in Metema with equipment to increase efficiency of processing the high influx of arrivals and ensuring referrals of vulnerable migrants.



PEOPLE TO REACH
100,000



TARGET POPULATION
Returnee Migrants and TCNs



FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT (USD)
200,000



Refugee Transportation

IOM will provide protection related transport and pre-travel health screening assistance for a targeted 85,000 refugees that are expected to arrive in Ethiopia fleeing clashes in Sudan. This assistance will ensure their safe and secure transportation from the border to the designated location/camps. IOM will work in close coordination with Ethiopia's Agency for Refugees and Returnees Services (RRS) and the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR).



PEOPLE TO REACH
85,000



TARGET POPULATION
Refugees



FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT (USD)
8 Million