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Situation in Tigray (per 13 October)

- Ethiopia Food Cluster, led by the World Food Programme, has released a new food distribution update for Tigray. From 29 September to 5 October 2022, 414,474 people were assisted with 6,535 metric tons of food in Tigray. Around three-quarters of those received only partial food baskets, with some only receiving wheat, or wheat and oil, due to shortages.
- As of 10 October, food partners remained with around 11,600 litres of fuel and 34,900 metric tons of food (12,500 metric tons for round 1 and 22,400 metric tons for round 2) in the region.
- The Food Cluster report said an additional 192,000 litres of fuel is urgently needed to ensure continuous dispatch and complete the first round of distribution (12,500 metric tons).
- The report added that some woredas in Northwestern, Central and Eastern zones are either partially or fully inaccessible for food partners due to ongoing insecurity.
- The BBC is reporting that Tigrayan commanders have issued a new call for people to join the Tigray Defence Forces. Many people, including women, continue to join the TDF.
- A journalist has told the BBC that many people in Mekelle feel insecure, due to the unpredictable nature of the airstrikes. They are not sure what the targets of the bombings are, with playgrounds and residential areas being hit. He adds that the strikes convince new people to join the TDF.
- Internet and banking services in Tigray are still down. According to the journalist in Mekelle, many people go to the border with Amhara to make calls and receive money. Prices in Mekelle have also continued to increase. The price of bread has almost tripled since the war began.

Situation in Ethiopia (per 13 October)

- Ethiopia Insider reports that an armed group killed six people, including the woreda administrator, in the Benishangul Gumuz region on 11 October.
- A regional official told Ethiopia Insider that the attack took place on leaders travelling to Tuni Kebelle. The killed officials were accompanied by ENDF and Federal Police officers at the time of the attack.

Situation in Eritrea (per 13 October)

- Yesterday, the BBC reported that the Eritrean call up of men to join the army has “intensified”. Eritrean authorities are aggressively pursuing those that have “ignored the call up”. Many Eritreans have ignored the call up and are hiding.
- The BBC added that women and elderly men have not been spared. Many have been detained to force their children and husbands out of hiding. Checkpoints have been set up to verify the identities of travellers. In the countryside the army has “sealed homes, confiscated cattle and harassed relatives”.

- One person told the BBC that hiding a relative is considered “treason”. The Eritrean government has threatened to take the people it has detained away and put them in “harsh conditions”.

Regional Situation (per 13 October)

- The Forces for Freedom and Change (FFC) said that it has not yet reached an agreement with the Sudanese military government for a transition of power. They have been holding meetings with the QUAD powers to reach an agreement.
- Reuters has seen a report which indicates that malnutrition rates among children in Somalia are surging. Of more than 98,000 children screened between 19 and 24 September 2022, 59% were suffering from acute malnutrition. This is up from July 2022 when 24% were acutely malnourished.
- The IPC famine Review Committee report predicts that 6.7 million people in Somalia “face crisis-level food insecurity”. 300.000 people face “catastrophic hunger” conditions.
- The report also adds that 1.8 million children are expected to face acute malnutrition between August 2022 and July 2023.
- The report adds that the WFP doubled its food distribution assistance, going from 1.8 million people in April to 4.4 million in August.

International Situation (per 13 October)

- Diplomats have told the Wall Street Journal that they are unsure whether Ethiopia will be able to “rein in” Eritrea. The US envoy to the Horn said that “Eritrea’s re-entry into Ethiopia has made matters significantly worse”, adding that it is fueling the conflict.
- The Wall Street Journal says that the reason the AU talks were delayed in South Africa is due to the “logistical groundwork” not being laid to get Tigrayan representatives to South Africa.
- Australia, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, the UK and the US said they are “profoundly concerned” by the escalating conflict in Tigray. They also condemn the Eritrean involvement.
- They call for an immediate halt in hostilities and they call on both sides to participate in the AU peace initiative.
- US special envoy to the Horn has reportedly played an important role to ensure that both parties met. He facilitated negotiations between Ethiopia and Tigray three times.
- Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Sudan abstained from a UN General Assembly resolution condemning Russia for the annexation of Ukrainian land.

Links of interest

- [Ethiopia Food Cluster update on Tigray crisis response](#)
- [በቤኒሻንጉል ጉሙዝ ማኅበራዊ ወረዳ በደረሰ ጥቃት የወረዳ አስተዳዳሪን ጫምሮ ስድስት ሰዎች ተገደሉ: Ethiopia Insider](#)
- [Ethiopia's civil war: Inside Tigray's capital Mekelle](#)
- [Eritreans hunted down as military call-up intensifies over Ethiopia's Tigray war](#)
- [No agreement yet on civilian transition in Sudan with military component : FFC](#)
- [Child malnutrition soars in central Somalia area on verge of famine](#)
- [WFP Somalia: Famine Prevention Response Situation Report \(August 2022\)](#)
- [Joint Statement on Resumption of Hostilities in Northern Ethiopia](#)
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