



Action for the Needy in Ethiopia (ANE)

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Report on COVID-19 Emergency Responses

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Introduction

In light of the ongoing integrated interventions led by Ethiopian Government to combat the rapid proliferation of COVID-19, Action for the Needy in Ethiopia (ANE) has continued its commitment on social responsibilities, by allocating large portion of budget of more than ETB 1,000,000 from its own internal resource and also by using the funding resources mobilized through the partnership it established from UN Agencies, to tackle the social and economic impacts leaving on the daily condition of refugees, internal displaced persons (IDPs), returnees and vulnerable host communities in Ethiopia. ANE's COVID-19 Prevention Programs cover identified settlement areas of refugee, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and returnees from internal displacement in Oromia, Somali, Gambella, Benishangul Gumuz Regional States and Addis Ababa City Administration.

ANE strongly believes that COVID-19 has serious posed a series of threats on daily living conditions of vulnerable people leading them to encounter crisis associated with health,

social and economic. COVID-19 can disrupt the ongoing humanitarian assistance and can worsen the poverty level conditions unless otherwise it is mitigated through application health advisory notes alerted by the Ethiopian Ministry of Health to contain its transmission. Below extracts brief report on ANE COVID-19 plans and achievements obtained between the months of April and May 2020.

ANE's COVID-19 Response Plans and Priorities

- Support Preventive Measures to stop the Spread of COVID-19 among Vulnerable People
- Support Health Systems, Health Workers, other Public Institutions at risk
- Provide Vulnerable families, Children, Women and Girls with Hygiene and Sanitation Services, WASH NFIs, Food Assistance and Personal Protective Equipment during COVID-19 Pandemic
- Collaborate with Youth Volunteers, Community Members, and Government Offices to Raise Public Awareness and Sustain Relevant Programs helping to Contain Coronavirus Pandemic

Primary Direct Beneficiaries

- Refugees, IDPs, Targeted Post-Conflict Returnee, Vulnerable Host Community Groups and High-Density Town Villages known to have sever lack to Access Public Hand-Washing Facilities ,Hygiene Kits and Food Packages;
- WASH Committees, Hygiene Promoters and Youth Volunteers trained On COVID-19 Prevention, Community Awareness Sensitization Sessions;
- Health Workers, Frontline Caregivers and At Risk Public Institutions' Civil Servants needs to be benefited from the distribution of Personal Protective Equipment (PEP).

Major Achievements



Provision of Emergency Food Assistance for People Extremely Vulnerable

- On the mid of May 2020, ANE was able to allocate a budget from its internal sources and therefore food parcels like 25 kg rice, 25kg flour wheat and 3 liter of edible oil delivered to 424HHs extremely vulnerable people in Negele Borena town and different places in Guji Zone, Oromia to shield the community from COVID- 19. The food package support is directly financed from ANE's own resource and finance.



Provision of Water Supply/Source

- Established 8 Hand Washing Points through the installation of 8 water tankers of each with 200 liters capacity and currently functional in Bule Hora Town, West Guji Zone of Oromia Regional State;
- Established 6 Hand Washing Points through the installation of 6 water tankers of each with 200 liters capacity and currently functional in Mega Town, Borena Zone of Oromia Regional State;
- 75 barrels with 40 liter capacity of each and 225 hand soaps distributed to all the five refugee camps in Assosa Refugee Operation(Tongo, Tsore, Bambasi,Sherkole , and Gure Shobmola);
- A total of 7 water points with 32 faucets are installed in Jewi refugee camp through the support gained from UNHCR. Additionally, three hand washing buckets have been placed for host communities in Jewi Refugee Camp area, Gambella Region;



Provision of Sanitizers ,WASH NFIs ,and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- COVID-19 related items distributed including gloves, face masks and 20 jerry cans of 20L capacity each for 12 youth volunteers who primarily facilitated the management of hand washing points established in Bule Hora Town, West Guji Zone of Oromia Region
- Bule Hora District Police Station, Bule Bora Town Police Station, Defense Force and Bule Hora Hospital were provided with 20L hand sanitizer, 20L alcohol and 1,500 bar of soap;
- In partnership with UNHCR, 1,911 Jerry cans, 78 plastic sheet, 409 blanket, 825 mate and 154 kitchen sets were donated to West Guji Zone(Oromia) Health and Women and Children Affairs Office;
- In partnership with UNHCR, 1,029 Jerry cans, 42 plastic sheet , 220 blanket , 444 sleeping mate and 88 kitchen sets were donated to Gedeo Zone(SNNPR) Women and Children Affairs Office;
- In partnership with UNHCR, 37,170 bar of soap (each 250 gm) were provided to IDP Returnees and host communities residing in Suro Barguda Woreda, West Guji Zone of Oromia Region.



Community Sensitization and Provision of Hygiene Messages



- 12 youth volunteers identified and organized which was provided a training by ANE to work on COVID-19 Community Awareness Activities
- 31 hygiene promoters, 28 WASH Committee, 9 HEWs, 4 Woreda water and energy desk experts in Suro Barguda Woreda, West Guji Zone, were trained for community sensitization and coordination for COVID-19 prevention and response measures which was supported by RRF/IOM Ethiopia;
- In Suro Barguda Woreda, West Guji Zone 8,356 people (779 HHs, 2,290 Male, 2,345 Female, 3,721 children) were reached and sensitized on COVID-19 through with hygiene messages and community sensitization. This activity was supported by RRF/IOM Ethiopia.

Activities under Action Plan and in Progress

- ANE has a plan recently to distribute additional different hygiene kit materials like jerry can, washing basin and to rehabilitate four shallow wells to improve access to clean and safe water as part of COVID-19 response in Suro Barguda Woreda of West Guji Zone Administration.
- One quarantine, isolation and treatment center is under construction by ANE in Melkadida Refugee Camp and the progress is about 50% so far. This intervention is implemented through the funding supports obtained from UNHCR.
- 3 flospan (storage units) of each 82mx64m area and one mass-storage of 32mx40m capacity have been constructed to support Ethiopian Public Health Institute Support (EPHI) COVID-19 response through the support of World Food Program (WFP) Ethiopia.

The overall ANE COVID-19 emergency response was achieved through the strong cooperation and partnership achieved mainly with Ethiopian Government, UNHCR, IOM and Beneficiary Communities. Therefore, special thanks go to all of the Government line offices participated in the coordination and collaboration for the emergency response.

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Food Items Distribution for Economically Affected 424 HHs at Negele Town, Guji Zone



Flowspan construction to support Ethiopian Public Health Institute Support (EPHI)



Hand Washing Station at Bule Hora Town



Provision of barrels with 40litter and of hand soaps for all refugee camps in Benishangul Gumze Region .



Hand washing facility in food distribution site at Gambella