



# Response-Resilience- Recovery

## For Conflict-Affected Communities in Ethiopia (3R4CAGE) - Tigray Region

### 1st Quarter Snapshot

Jan-April, 2024

#### “Response-Recovery-Resilience for Conflict Affected Communities in Ethiopia Project”

is a Government of Ethiopia owned initiative to provide basic services and support for GBV survivors in Tigray Region. The project is funded by the World Bank and implemented by the Ministry of Women and Social Affairs with the support of UNOPS and UNFPA, as the global technical lead agency for GBV programming and coordination.

**UNFPA received USD \$15 million** for GBV prevention and response component over a two-year period (2023-2024) In Tigray region. This snapshot outlines key achievements during the project's first quarter of 2024 focusing on addressing the needs of women and girls impacted by gender-based violence and conflict.

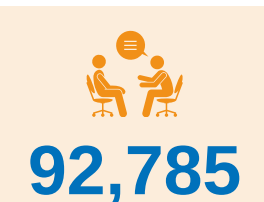
### Results and Achievements



Individuals (79,889 females, 11,755 males) enhanced their knowledge on GBV, SRH, and available services through awareness-raising activities.



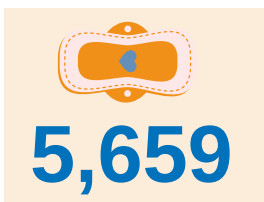
Number of women and girls who accessed the WGFS and attended different services



Women and girls who received focused psychosocial and psychological care at WGFSs.



Community members participated in social mobilization and behavior change communication activities, engaging women, girls, and religious leaders.



Women and girls were provided with menstrual hygiene products and dignity kits.



Women and girls at risk, including PWD, received cash assistance after accessing GBV services for referral transportation costs.



OSCs upgraded/supported according to SOPs and survivor-centered minimum standards.



WGFS established and operationalized to offer multi-sectoral services to survivors



OSC, health facilities, and WGFS equipped with supplies, drugs, and commodities for GBV service provision.



*“Coming here was life-changing and refreshing. I have been through a lot during the conflict and when I first came here I was broken. Now I am much better. I even brought 20 other women from my village so that they can get the service.”*

**Birtukan\***  
Women and Girls Friendly Space,  
Mekelle



## Supplies and Commodities

**47.97MT metric tons** of medical supplies, including Inter-Agency Reproductive Health (IARH) kits, medication, dignity kits, medical equipment, and other supplies were delivered to Tigray in this reporting quarter to ensure the continuation of SRH and GBV services and to strengthen/restore the conflict-affected health facilities. These supplies helped to equip around **33 health facilities** estimated to service **12,527 beneficiaries** across Tigray to provide lifesaving SRH services.

In response to the cholera outbreak in Southern Tigray, UNFPA provided Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies, including a total of 2,086 examination gloves, to mitigate the disease burden in selected health facilities.

## Capacity building and Coordination

Seven bi-weekly GBV AoR coordination meetings took place at the regional level in Mekelle and Shire, with additional monthly GBV coordination meetings held at the zonal level in Adigrat, Adwa, and Hintalo.

This quarter, a total of 34 GBV partners attended these meetings. The GBV AoR revised and shared GBV referral pathways with all them, providing orientation sessions to ensure partners understood the importance of secure and prompt survivor referrals.

Additionally, 50 government and non-government health service providers were trained in line with the protocols and standards of survivor-centered care as well as GBV standard care.

Service and partner mapping were also conducted in 57 Woredas.

## Embarking on a journey of hope



Asqual Hailay, a 36-year-old mother from Hawzen Woreda in Tigray, faced immense challenges. Before the northern conflict in 2020, she and her husband worked, their children were well-fed and attended school. But the conflict changed everything. Her husband joined the army and never returned, leaving Asqual to care for their five children alone.

The stress of finding food for her children led to a mental breakdown. "Every morning and night, I took my three-year-old son to Hawzen Primary Hospital for soup prepared by local support groups," she recalls. Desperate, Asqual frequently visited the Woreda Social Affairs Office, where she learned about Maedot Aid's economic support program.

Supported by UNFPA, Maedot Aid trained Asqual and 99 other women in 2024, equipping them with skills to support themselves. At the training center, Asqual completed a course on preparing 'Baltina and Mitten' (spices and flour) and received a business license. Maedot Aid provided a startup kit and facilitated loans through microfinance institutions.

"Walking three kilometers to the training center was worth it," Asqual says. She and her fellow trainees became friends and started a legal business. As the chairwoman of her group, Asqual now feels proud and hopeful. "This is a second chance at life and a fresh start," she expresses, urging for more support for conflict-affected women.

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