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Ethiopia: Landslide in Gofa Zone, South Ethiopia Region Situation Report

July 26 2024

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15,515

Affected
Population*



257

Dead bodies identified



38

Total injuries and
treatment
provided



\$1.6 million

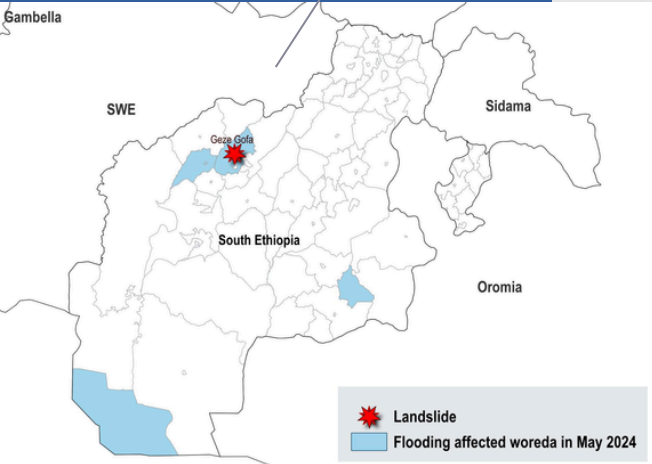
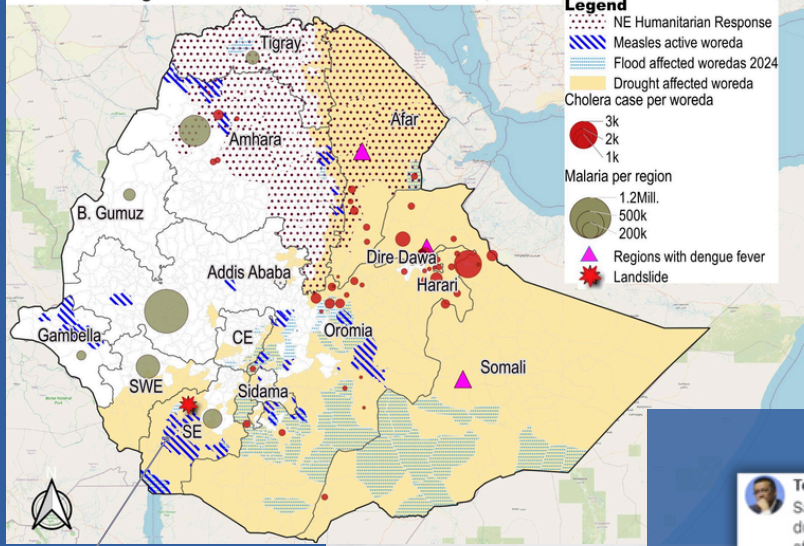
Funding Request



Highlights

- Landslide in Geza Gofa Woreda, Gofa Zone, Southern Ethiopia on 21-22 July 2024.
- At least 257 were reported dead, and over 15,000 were affected.
- Immediate needs: food, Emergency Shelter/Non-Food Items (ES/NFI), Water, Sanitation, Hygiene (WASH), and health supplies.
- Ongoing search and rescue operations; death toll expected to rise.
- Multiple emergencies in the area including malaria, measles, communal conflict, drought, and floods.
- The Ethiopian Disaster Risk Management Commission (EDRMC), together with regional and woreda governments has established and Emergency Coordination Center at woreda level to coordinate the humanitarian response. Senior EDRMC team deployed to the area, including the Commissioner of EDRMC, are providing leadership. United Nations and partners-deployed teams are supporting the ECC.

Health emergencies and outbreaks as of week 28, 2024



Situation

- Southern Ethiopia is a flood-prone region already affected by multiple emergencies, including malaria, measles, and cholera. The warm atmosphere caused by climate change has led to extreme rainfall, increasing the risk of such incidents. These challenges underscore the gravity of the situation.
- Heavy rains on 21 and 22 July 2024 in the mountainous area in two kebeles of Geza Gofa Woreda in Gofa Zone, South Ethiopia Region, resulted in a landslide. As of 25 July, at least 257 people were reportedly dead, and more than 15,000 had been affected. The situation is urgent and requires immediate attention.
- Among the deceased are the kebele chairperson, a member of the local police, health extension workers, and personnel from the Bureau of Agriculture who were on-site providing support after the initial incident on Sunday, 21 July.

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus @DrTedros · Jul 23
Saddened by the news from #Ethiopia and the deaths of dozens of people due to the landslides. I'm thinking of all the families who have been affected.

[@WHOethiopia](#) team is deployed to support the immediate health needs.

Over 100 people killed in twin Ethiopia landslides

From aljazeera.com

Dr Matshidiso Moeti @MoetiTshidi · Jul 23
Very saddened by the loss of lives in Ethiopia due to devastating landslides. My heartfelt condolences to the affected families.

[@WHOethiopia](#) is deploying a team to carry out rapid assessment of needs & provide assistance.

BBC News Africa @BBCAfrica · Jul 23
Authorities in Ethiopia are searching vigorously for survivors of the two landslides caused by heavy rains in the Gofa region on Sunday and Monday.

So far, rescue teams have retrieved the bodies of over 150 people... [Show more](#)

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Ministry of Health ETHIOPIA @FMoHealth · 4h
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Response Needs

- Food, Emergency Shelter/Non-Food Items (ES/NFI), Water, Sanitation, Hygiene (WaSH), and health including medical supplies.



WHO staff on the ground providing vital support to communities affected by recent floods and landslides in Ethiopia

WHO Response Activities

Coordination

- As part of WHO Coordination mechanism for emergencies, a teleconference between WHO Ethiopia, WHO Regional Office, and WHO HQ was conducted on 24 July to review the ongoing emergency, strategize how to respond, and mobilize funds for the response. An initial draft proposal and budget of approximately \$1.6M have been developed for submission to various donors for consideration. WHO has started engaging various donors.
- WHO joined a joint team led by OCHA for a rapid assessment to gauge needs and inform response and resource mobilization.
- Seven (7) multidisciplinary surge teams from WHO were deployed to the affected area. (Health cluster coordinator, public health officer, health information officer, logistics officer, surveillance, and Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS))
- Rented two vehicles to support field operations.
- The Ethiopian Public Health Institute (EPHI) mobilized the National Emergency Medical Team (EMT), in collaboration with WHO, deploying a team equipped with a trauma kit and basic ambulance consisting of a General Surgeon, Emergency Physician, General Practitioner, and two Nurses.

Additionally, the national EMT is also mobilizing a team of MHPSS professionals as a specialized care team.



Leadership and regional coordinators meetings.

Medical supplies

Dispatched medical supplies worth over \$50,000 from its contingency warehouse. The total weight of the shipment is approximately 10 metric tons, aimed to reach around 10,000 individuals.

1. Interagency Emergency Health Kits
2. Cholera Treatment Kits
3. Trauma and Emergency Surgical Kits
4. Pneumonia Kits
5. Anti-Scabies Ointment (Permethrin)
6. Medical Devices and Equipment
7. Personal protective equipment (PPEs)

Partners on the Ground

- Disaster Risk Management Commission (DRMC): Mobilized emergency shelters for 500 people. Established and operational, led by EDRMC and OCHA.
- United Nations Agencies: WHO, OCHA, UNICEF, WFP, IOM. UNICEF dispatched WASH NFIs 96,000 water treatment chemicals, 17,000 jerricans and 17,000 laundry soaps
- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs): SWAN consortium comprised of Save the Children, WVI, Hunger against Action, NRC: dispatched 18 modules of emergency medical kits, CRS
- Red Cross: Arrived with four trucks of life-saving supplies (18 modules).

Resources

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South Ethiopia Regional Health Bureau



WHO staff on the ground providing medical supplies

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