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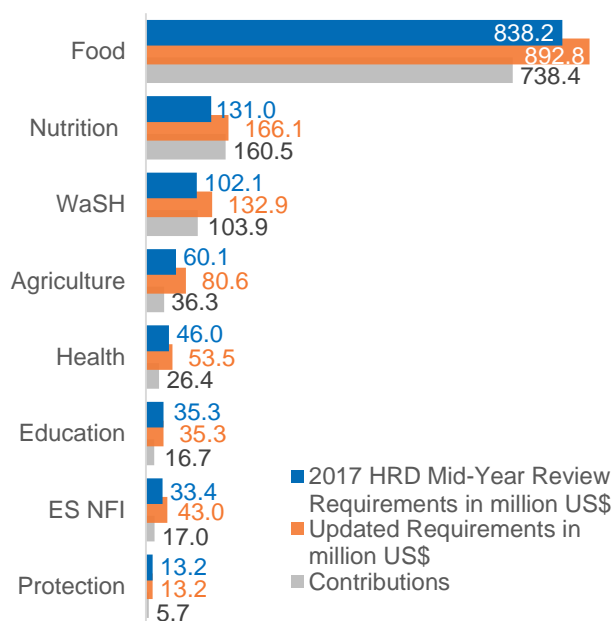
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HRD sector requirements adjusted based on the changing humanitarian context

Humanitarian partners, together with Government, have been scaling-up the humanitarian response, flexibly adjusting sector requirements, programs and staffing in line with the rapidly changing humanitarian context since the release of the Humanitarian Requirements Document Mid-Year Review (HRD MYR) in early August.

Accordingly, the Government and partners developed an 'HRD Status Update', highlighting all outstanding 2017 HRD MYR requirements against the revised sector requirements. The revision took into account new needs since August, including A) the increase in internally displaced people, which increased the risk of acute watery diarrhea outbreak and the need for ES/NFI and WaSH interventions among others. B) the deterioration of the nutrition situation necessitating the introduction of Blanket Supplementary Feeding Program in 45 critically drought-affected districts in seven zones of Somali region. C) reports of crop failure in eastern Amhara, most parts of



Oromia and SNNP regions due to frost and failed rains necessitating seed support for replanting, and D) funding for the prevention and control of Fall Armyworm infestation. In the health, agriculture, nutrition, NFI/Emergency shelter and WaSH sectors, needs were revised upwards by \$103.5 million to enable partners to respond to the new needs. The updated requirements in the food sector are lower than anticipated due to the compromises made in the National Integrated Food-Cash Relief Plan. Taking into account all pipelines, there remains a funding gap of US\$248.7 million against the revised requirements of \$1.4 billion (up from \$1.259 billion).

FIGURES

Affected pop.	8.5 m
MAM	3.6 m
SAM	375,000

While this update adjusts the overall requirements, the strategic objectives and other contents of the HRD Mid-Year Review remain the same, and the HRD is still the common

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- Cluster continues providing ES/NFI and cash-based assistance to displaced households, but needs surpass the ongoing response.
- Some 110,000 displaced school children in 305 schools in Oromia and Somali regions are in dire need of assistance.

plan and implementation framework to address humanitarian needs in Ethiopia in 2017. (please go to: <http://bit.ly/2z9Lfoq> to find the full document)

Cluster providing shelter/NFIs and cash-based assistance to IDPs, gap remains high

Following clashes along the Oromia and Somali border in early September 2017, 43,587 displaced households (23,507 in Oromia region and 20,080 in Somali region) are in urgent need of shelter/NFI assistance. In line with the response plan set by the National Disaster Risk Management Commission (NDRMC), the Shelter/NFI Cluster continues to map the needs in both regions, and respond accordingly using limited resources available where access allows. As of 13 October 2017, the cluster mobilized assistance in-kind and in cash for 22,000 households, leaving 21,500 households unassisted (valued at US\$3 million). Response activities are ongoing following recent verification exercises. To date, IDPs in Bale, East and West Hararge zones of Oromia region; Fafan, Fik, and Mieso zones of Somali region as well as in Harar have been assisted with NFIs while there are ongoing verifications of needs in Dawa and Liben zones.

A cash-based response by IOM, NRC, IRC, Care and UNHCR, targeting 10,000 households is also underway. The most recent cluster need prioritization exercise conducted at the end of September 2017, categorized households in need of shelter/NFI assistance across the country and due to multiple drivers, including the current border conflict, into priority 1 and priority 2. With nearly 48,000 kits or equivalent in cash grants and vouchers available against the 231,000 kits needed, there is a gap of 183,000 kits (valued at \$25.6 million, including \$13.6 million for the priority 1 response and \$12 million for the priority 2 response).

Some 110,000 displaced school children in 305 schools need immediate assistance

The Education Cluster revealed that some 110,000 school children have been affected by the recent border clashes and need emergency education assistance. In Oromia region, 65,228 school children are affected in 195 schools in 5 zones (East Hararge, West Hararge, Bale, Borena and Guji), while in Somali region 44,350 school children are affected in 110 schools in 5 zones (Erer, Dawa, Fafan, Liban and Siti).

Oromia						Ethiopia Somali					
Zone	# of Woredas	# of schools	Boys	Girls	Total	Zone	# of Woredas	# of Schools	Boys	Girls	Total
East Hararge	4	68	15,528	11,057	26,585	Erer	4	16	7,205	4,825	9,390
West Hararge	2	31	10,899	7,966	18,865	Dawa	2	30	5,585	3,688	9,273
Bale	6	43	6,874	4,247	11,121	Faafan	3	31	5,631	3,468	9,099
Borene	5	40	3,773	2,716	6,489	Liban	4	19	5,020	3,497	8,517
Guji	2	13	1,245	923	2,168	Siti	4	14	4,657	3,414	8,071
Total	19	195	38,319	26,909	65,228	Total	17	110	28,098	18,892	44,350

Zones, Woredas, School and School Children Affected by Conflict in Oromia and Ethiopia Somali
Source: Education Cluster

According to the Education Cluster, the conflict disrupted the livelihood of affected families, many are displaced and their properties are looted. Families could therefore not afford to provide their children with basic schooling requirements such as food, stationary and uniform/wear. Close to US\$1million is required to provide affected students with learning stationary, school feeding, school uniform and establish temporary learning blocks where schools were totally destroyed.

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Ethiopia piloted for ECHO ERC-funded multi-purpose grant

- Ethiopia, specifically Fafan zone in Somali region, has been selected as the next location for piloting of the work of the ECHO ERC-funded Consortium for the uptake of quality, collaborative, multi-purpose grants (MPGs).
- The Protection Mobile Teams that have been established with the support of EHF funds and hosted by Oxfam and DRC are now operational in Liben, Dawa, Jarar and Doolo Zones of the Somali Region.

Ethiopia, specifically Fafan zone in Somali region, has been selected as the next location for piloting of the work of the ECHO ERC-funded Consortium for the uptake of quality, collaborative, multi-purpose grants (MPGs). The Consortium is led by Save the Children and consists of the Cash Learning Platform (CaLP), the Danish Refugee Council (DRC), Mercy Corps, and the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

The Consortium pilot is intended to have an indirect, positive impact on affected populations lives by means of influencing humanitarian actors to design better quality, more collaborative MPG programmes. Through an 'MPG Toolkit' the Consortium provides technical and strategic support to country-based humanitarian organisations and government agencies, enabling them to engage in collaborative assessments and decision making.

In addition to these Consortium-developed guidance and tools, the Consortium will deploy existing tools: the Multi-sector Market Assessment Companion Guide and Toolkit developed by UNHCR, and the feasibility assessment tools developed by the DfID-funded Cash-Feasibility Consortium.

The Consortium's proposed approaches build on existing approaches; improving them by ensuring a more structured and logical flow between the identification of needs and the most feasible and desirable responses. Ultimately, it is hoped that the Consortium's approach will produce analysis of humanitarian response options that is better structured, more robust, transparent, and people-centred, and that make more effective and wider use of MPGs, if and when appropriate and feasible. This is in line with what many humanitarian donors are now looking for, hopefully making participating stakeholders better placed to seize existing and upcoming funding opportunities.

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Cluster sends out protection mobile teams to address protection concerns of IDPs

The Protection Mobile Teams that have been established with the support of Ethiopia Humanitarian Fund (EHF) and hosted by Oxfam and DRC are now operational in Liben, Dawa, Jarar and Doolo zones of Somali region. The mobile teams have significance mainly for protection monitoring that will address the existing gap in protection information. The teams are composed of personnel with child protection, gender based violence, general protection background as well as staff from the Bureau of Women and Children Affairs/Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Bureau. Some of the key identified protection concerns include lack of access to basic services such as specialized services for the elderly and disabled and limited information on available services.

The Protection Cluster with the support of the different clusters in the country have compiled protection concerns within the context of the overall humanitarian situation as well as the recent clashes between the Oromia and Somali regions. The Protection Cluster had a meeting with NDRMC senior management personnel on Thursday 26 October with the objective of presenting some of the protection key issues captured by different assessments within the context of the ongoing Oromia-Somali border conflict and the resulting displacement. Accordingly, NDRMC requested the Protection Cluster to develop a one pager on key protection related issues that need to be addressed and responded to rapidly. This document will be used by NDRMC to advocate for the basic rights of IDPs with relevant humanitarian partners as well as government bodies both at federal and regional levels.

Ethiopia begins civil registration for refugees

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- Ethiopia begins civil registration of refugees for the first time in history as the number of refugees in country nears the one million mark.

The Government of Ethiopia began a country-wide program for accepting applications from refugees for civil registration. The program enables refugees to have vital life events, such as birth, death, marriage and divorce, recorded within the national registry regardless of their nationalism or status. Refugees will also receive a certificate to document the event, identical to those issued to nationals. On 27 October 2017, eleven refugees registered birth, marriage and other life events today at the office of ARRA in Addis Ababa. Similar launch was held in each of the 26 refugee camps in the country, as well as in seven zonal offices.



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Ato Zeynu Jamal, the Deputy Director of the Administration for Refugee and Returnee Affairs (ARRA) reconfirmed the continuing commitment of the Government to refugee protection, but also reminded the international community of their shared responsibility to support. The Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Ethiopia, Ms. Clementine Nkweta-Salami, applauded the Government of Ethiopia for its commitment to make civil registration accessible to refugees and thanked all those who contributed to the successful launch of the registration.

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