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The Northern Ethiopian Response Plan: Humanitarian Activities in Tigray

The Ethiopian Government is allowing unfettered access to all relief organizations and International NGO's to undertake humanitarian assistance in the Tigray region. A total of over six NGO's are currently providing help. These include WFP, World Vision, CARE, REST, and Food for the Hungry.

Independently, the government has also carried out massive relief operations worth over 40 billion Birr (US\$1 billion) from its own resources to alleviate the emergency need in Tigray. The government of Ethiopia had previously restored services such as telephone, electricity, and internet access. Missions to rebuild infrastructure destroyed by the TPLF are ongoing.

4.5 million people have been aided during first round humanitarian work, about 70 percent by the government. Through second and third round aid, 5.2 million people have been assisted. Over 166,000 metric ton of food aid has been distributed to people in need in the region. 93 Woredas or counties are being supported by the humanitarian aid involving international partners. Seventy percent of the humanitarian aid to the Tigray region is provided by the Ethiopian Government and 30% from international donors.

UN Resident Coordinator Dr. Catherine Sozi said during her June 9, 2021 briefing that the agency is working closely with the Ethiopian government to provide humanitarian aid including food, water, medicine, health supplies, and shelter. She confirmed that the Ethiopian government communicates with the aid agencies and addresses the difficulties they are facing when trying to deliver help. She said there is one plan, the "Northern Ethiopia Response Plan," to help the people of Tigray by working together with the government and the international community to repair the damage done during the war.

In contrast, some TPLF remnants have hampered food and aid from being delivered to those affected in the Tigray region. They have ambushed trucks, killed drivers, and confiscated food and medicine designated for the people of Tigray. According to

Indian News, in April and May, 2021, TPLF rebels have killed 22 officials and government workers in the Tigray region, with another four wounded and hospitalized. Fighters loyal to TPLF are engaged in destruction of property, kidnapping, and killing of members of the provisional administration that are tasked to bring stability to the region. The TPLF continues to torch houses and fire ammunitions into residences of peaceful citizens.