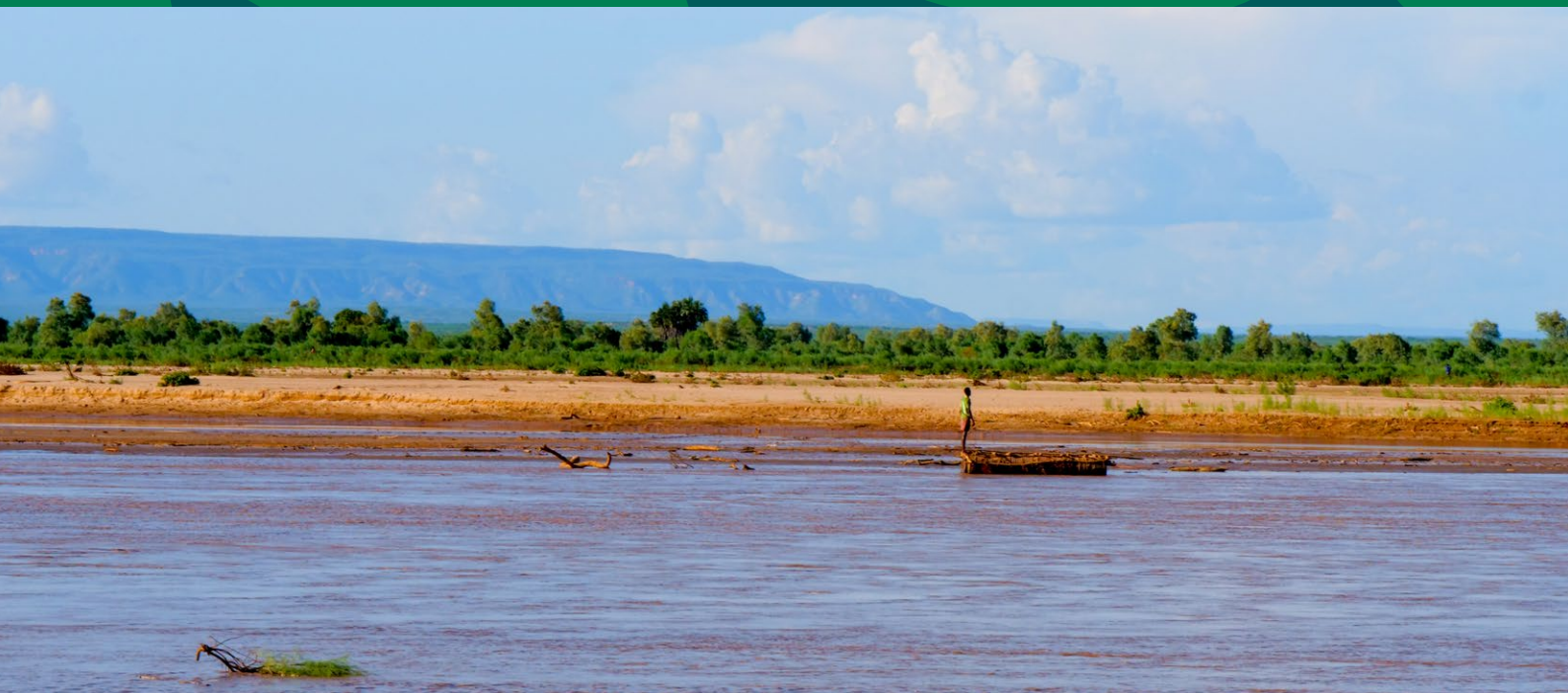


CONCERN IN ETHIOPIA – 2024

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Shebelle River in West Imi. Photo: Eugene Ikua/Concern Worldwide

Humanitarian Overview

In 2024, Ethiopia continued to face complex crises driven by a combination of armed conflict, climate extremes, economic shocks, and disease outbreaks. An estimated 21.4 million people needed humanitarian assistance, including more than 4.5 million internally displaced persons. Acute food insecurity remained widespread, with approximately 15.8 million people assessed to be in IPC Phase 3 (Crisis) or worse and nearly one million children under five were expected to experience acute malnutrition. Disease outbreaks—including cholera, measles, and malaria—continue to spread in regions where health systems have been damaged or destroyed. Many households have yet to recover from the extended La Niña driven drought in 2020–2022 and have remained vulnerable throughout 2024.

In **Amhara region**, the conflict that escalated in 2023 has resulted in large-scale displacement, widespread damage to health and education infrastructure, severe food insecurity and prevalent Gender Based Violence (GBV). Cholera and malaria remain active in many zones. In **Somali Region**, the legacy of one of the worst droughts in four decades continues to impact livelihoods, nutrition, and WASH conditions. Though rains have returned, and some signs of recovery are emerging, but much of the population remains highly vulnerable. In **Tigray**, over two years after the peace agreement was signed, the

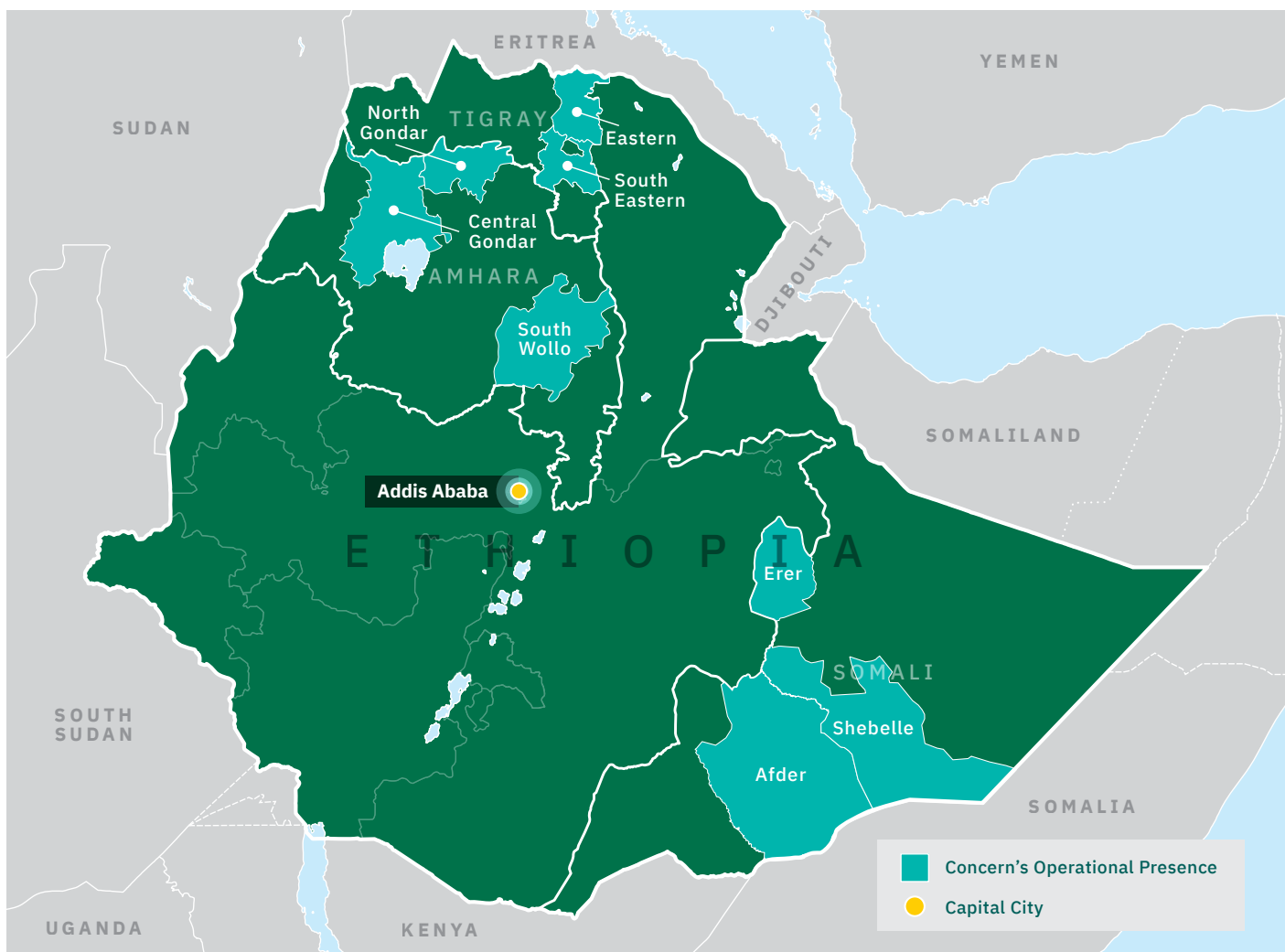
cessation of hostilities has enabled a slow and partial recovery, but the peace is fragile, and the region still faces significant humanitarian needs. Health and WASH systems are damaged, acute malnutrition is widespread, and millions remain at high risk of food and nutrition insecurity.

Our work in Ethiopia in 2024

Total number of programme participants in 2024:
2,213,705

Concern has been working in Ethiopia since 1974, when it first responded to the famine in Wollo and reducing hunger has remained a cornerstone of our work in the country over the past 50 years. Today, in line with its dual mandate, our programming in Ethiopia spans from emergency response to long-term development and resilience initiatives and is delivered in partnership with local communities, civil society, and the Government of Ethiopia.

Concern currently operates in Amhara, Tigray, and Somali Regions. In these regions, areas with significant needs are targeted—often remote, challenging to access, and affected by ongoing crises driven by conflict and climate change. Programmes address Health, Nutrition, Food Security, Livelihoods, Water and Sanitation, with gender and protection incorporated as



crosscutting approaches. An urban programme is also implemented in Addis Ababa, supporting marginalized young people and women to gain employment.

Through these programmes this year, Concern reached over **two million people**. Our work is made possible through partnerships with donors, including the governments of Ireland, the United States, the Czech Republic, South Korea and Austria, as well as the EU, UN agencies, and the generous support of the public.

child healthcare, tackle malnutrition, and access clean water and safe sanitation. We work closely with Ethiopia's Ministry of Health and its local health centres to strengthen systems and ensure services continue in the long term.



Health Programmes

Total number of programme participants in 2024:
2,043,285

Concern has over four decades of experience in Ethiopia's health sector. We help communities prevent and treat common illnesses, improve maternal and



Sabir Rashid Adan (10 months) has her upper arm measured in Suftu, Dollo, Ethiopia. Photo: Adan Mohamed Afar/Concern Worldwide

Example Projects:

Multisector Emergency Response in Somali, Tigray, and Amhara Region (2024–25): A \$4 million project supported by the US Government, reaching over 170,000 people through more than 200 health facilities. The project provides life-saving treatment for malnourished children and pregnant women, treats communicable diseases, supplies essential medicines, and restores water and sanitation services in health centres.

The Emergency Lifesaving Health and Nutrition Response (2023–2024): This project aimed to support conflict and drought affected vulnerable communities of Amhara and Somali regions. The specific objective action was to increase efficiency and effectiveness of humanitarian preparedness and responses for primary health care and nutrition. The focus was on behavioural change to improve infant and young child feeding practices and support food security and other basic needs. The response adopted a protection mainstreaming approach and strengthened the knowledge and the capacity of the staff to conduct risk analysis and safe referral.

“Before Concern, the access was very low and scarcity was there, but after this intervention started, the access of medical supplies and nutrition services increased, and we also received a lot of health education.”

– Ardo, mother to eight children

Looking into the future, Ardo is keen on putting into practise the knowledge that she has gained from these training sessions as well as attending school after being motivated by her children.



Ardo Dafe is a 35-year-old mother to eight children. She was born and raised in West Imi. Her eldest child is 22 years old and her youngest is 9 years old. Ardo visits the West Imi health centre, Beyeda, Amhara. Photo: Eugene Ikua/Concern Worldwide

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

- 272,325** outpatient consultations and 52,569 childhood illness treatments delivered.
- 6,058** pregnant women accessed ANC, and 6,031 newborns received postnatal care.
- 594,232** people screened and 221,140 treated for acute malnutrition.
- 208,384** individuals reached with hygiene and sanitation education.
- 2,986** people in Somali region gained access to clean water through a solar-powered water system.



Food Security and Livelihoods

Total number of programme participants in 2024:
168,997

Helping families earn a living and access a sufficient and diverse diet is a major part of our work. In 2024, Concern supported households living in poverty to improve their access to finance, credit, and markets, and to increase their income, with a particular focus on women's economic empowerment. In rural areas, we also support farming and pastoralist communities through watershed and land rehabilitation, small-scale infrastructure like dams, and market access. In towns and cities, we focus on job training and employment, especially for young people and women.

Example Projects:

REGRADE II (2023–2027): A €5 million, five-year project in the conflict affected Amhara Region supported by Irish Aid. This project provides a comprehensive package of support to help households lift themselves out of poverty. In 2024, over 20,000 people were supported through cash transfers, access to credit, start-up capital for micro-enterprises, and other measures. A total of 157 hectares of land were rehabilitated through soil and water conservation activities.

Improving Livelihood for Urban Poor (2024–2026):

This project in partnership with the Korean government is focused on providing access to livelihoods for women and youth experiencing poverty in Addis Ababa. Through the project 600 people are being supported to access technical and vocational training and enter employment. The project is implemented in partnership with the private sector.



Sisay Asmara Belay at his vegetable garden at his home in Beyeda, Amhara. Photo: Eugene Ikua/Concern Worldwide

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

- 6,485** individuals received monthly conditional cash tied to watershed work, improving food security.
- 1,294** received capital for income-generating activities.
- 4,574** crisis-affected individuals received emergency cash; through a crisis modifier.
- 14,243** m³ of stone check dams were repaired, and 69,449 seedlings planted by community members.
- 419,585** livestock vaccinated; 2,000 households accessed treatment services to protect livelihoods.
- 3,360** households received cereal and vegetable seeds and were provided with 5,172 farming tools.



Emergency Response

As a dual mandate organisation, Concern Worldwide's mission is to respond to humanitarian crises and work towards long-term poverty reduction. In Ethiopia, Concern responded to crises driven by flooding, drought, disease outbreaks and conflict. In 2024, we delivered emergency support to communities across three regions in Ethiopia while also helping affected communities recover and rebuild.

Example Project:

Emergency Cholera Outbreak Response, Somali Region (2024): Delivered in partnership with the Ministry of Health in Raso Woreda of arid Somali Region, this response supported 85,000 people. Activities included training local health staff, providing logistical support, distributing non-food items, and conducting community mobilisation and awareness raising.



Frehiwot Tesfaye (L) and Martha Tesfaye (R) attending to a patient at Atintmesberia mobile health clinic. Pic: Eugene Ikua/Concern Worldwide

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2024

- >40,000** individuals reached through humanitarian multi-purpose cash support across all interventions.
- 70%** of the population of Raso Woreda reached with cholera prevention messaging.
- >200** health professionals in Somali and Amhara regions trained on cholera and measles case management and the treatment of malnutrition.

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