IOM has been supporting the Ethiopian government’s Site Management programmes since July 2018 to respond to internal displacement due to inter-communal violence. The Gedeo and West Guji response was the first crisis area to receive SMS support, followed by Dire Dawa, East Harerge and the Wellegas.

IOM started SMS operations in Ethiopia in response to inter-communal violence of 2017. The SMS team currently operate in 76 collective sites in Oromia, SNNPR and Dire Dawa Regions. The total number of IDPs reached by SMS is 221,347 with 35,267 household. Currently, SMS has deployed 58 staff to support the IDP crisis in the country, coordinating with over 15 partners across the country, both local and International NGOs, and UN agencies.

Key Figures

- Total Number of IDPs Supported by SMS: 221,347
- Total Number of IDPs HH Supported by SMS: 35,267
- Total Number of Collective Sites Supported by SMS: 76
- Total Number of SMS Staff deployed to support the Ops: 58

Demographics

- Male: 52%
- Female: 48%
- 0 - 5 years: 11%
- 6 - 17 years: 24%
- 18 - 59 years: 19%
- 60+ years: 1%

Vulnerabilities

- Unaccompanied children: 0%
- Orphaned children: 0%
- Pregnant and lactating Women: 8%
- Elderly people: 3%
- People with disabilities: 0%

Gaps and Challenges

In Dire Dawa, East Harerge and East Wellega, their is limited number of operational partners, to respond to the urgent needs of the displaced population and thus they are less covered.

Restricted access to IDP Collective sites in East Wellega, Sasiga Woreda, which potentially leads to lack of service provision to the IDPs.

Lack of adequate financial resources to respond to the huge influx especially in Gotiti IDP sites in Gedeo Woreda, Gedeo Zone of SNNPR. When putting the governance structure it has to be: 1st Site/Kebele, 2nd Woreda, 3rd Zone & 4th Region

Lack of coordination between partners and government on the IDP return plans and processes especially in West Guji, East Wellega and Dire Dawa zones.