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The UN in Ethiopia has identified four interconnected outcomes that will guide its development cooperation over the next five years:

- All people in Ethiopia enjoy the rights and capabilities to realize their potential in equality and with dignity.
- All people in Ethiopia live in a cohesive, just, inclusive and democratic society.
- All people in Ethiopia benefit from an inclusive, resilient and sustainable economy.
- All people in Ethiopia live in a society resilient to environmental risks and adapted to climate change.



Peace is indispensable' says UN deputy chief in Ethiopia, hearing stories of conflict and hope

Following the African Union Summit held in February 2022, where she represented the Secretary-General, Amina Mohammed left on Sunday for Amhara, one of northern regions affected by the violence which erupted in November 2020, between Government forces and forces in Tigray.

She met with a range of people, including the Vice President of Amhara, and witnessed first-hand how the United Nations is trying to assist those most in need.

“There is a lot of work that has been done here for us to try to help the people of Amhara. But what is clear is that the price for conflict is too



high, and therefore, peace is indispensable”, she said, offering the Organization’s continued support.

Across all three conflict-affected regions of the north, more than nine million people now need humanitarian food assistance, the

highest number so far, since the conflict began.

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The 4th African Youth SDGs Summit underscores crucial role of young people in accelerating achievement of SDGs



The 4th African Youth SDGs Summit brought together several thousand young people, business and civil society leaders, and representatives from the United Nations to amplify the role of Africa's young people in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Summit was held at the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) under the theme "Youth Resilience in COVID-19 era; Pathways to accelerate actions towards achieving the SDGs".

The Summit served thousands of young people across the continent to share their views on the challenges and opportunities for enhancing their engagement in and contribution to achieving the SDGs.

Opening the Summit at the UNECA, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, Dr. Catherine Sozi, noted that the 2030 Agenda recognises children and youth as 'critical agents of change' in the SDGs platform and for the 'creation of a new world'. "We must ensure that you are not only heard but understood;

not only engaged but empowered; and, especially, not only supporting but leading the global efforts and processes to accelerate progress towards the SDGs," Dr. Sozi emphasised.

"We will not be able to end poverty, ensure gender equality, reverse climate change and, overall, achieve the SDGs by 2030, if we fail to equally empower all young people taking account of your diversity and the power of your differences in thoughts, ideas, cultures and traditions that you represent globally," said Dr. Sozi.

UNOPS Ethiopia procured 400,000MT of wheat on behalf of the Ethiopia government

It has been two years since the rapidly evolving pandemic has become a global crisis requiring a coordinated and coherent global response. In Ethiopia, the outbreak of COVID-19 has brought a tremendous pressure on the economy impacting the agriculture sector largely through disruption of the transport and logistics system that delivers vital agricultural inputs leading to reduced crop production.

The effects of the lockdown measures and the reduction in economic activity in the agricultural sector is having ripple effects on the entire economy and across the agriculture sector



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Climate smart agriculture empowering women in rural areas

It was 7:30 am, but for Talakua, a 40-year-old woman and her family members, the day has already started. They were busy working on their backyard 400m2 plot of land.

Talakua lives in Dugda, District of Oromia region.

About 15 years ago, Talakua's husband Tagese, who used to earn a living working as a daily laborer got sick. The task of feeding the family since then has fallen on her shoulder. With her new role as a breadwinner to the family, she started producing pepper

seedlings in the family's farm . But the income generated from this activity could not to cover the medical bills and that forced the family to transfer part its land to other farmers in return for money. Talakua also tried to produce marketable products using the family's backyard, but the income she got was not was insufficient for the family.

While struggling to meet ends, Talakua became one of the beneficiaries of the new Gender Transformative Climate Smart Agriculture and Agri-Business (CSAAB) Project in her locality. The project works to achieve integrated and inclusive economic empowerment of rural women/ female youths in Ethiopia. The project is being piloted by UN Women and SOS Sahel Ethiopia in Oromia Region.

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Presidential Leadership Program launched

The Presidential Leadership Program that aims to create able women leaders and decision makers in Ethiopia was officially launched on 1 February 2022 at the African Leadership Excellence Academy. The launch was attended by H.E Sahle-Work Zewde, President of Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, H.E. Alemitu Umed, State Minister, Ministry of Women and Social Affairs, Ms. Letty Chiwara, UN Women's Representative to Ethiopia, Africa Union (AU) and Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Dr. Mehret Debebe, the Director of the African Leadership Excellence Academy, and others participants.

In her opening remarks to the launch, Ms. Letty acknowledged



the continued effort of the Government of Ethiopia to increase women's participation in leadership and decision making including the leadership of the country by a female president as well as the increased representation in the recent general elections held in the

country.

Ms. Letty stated the program came at a critical juncture when filling the gender gap in leadership at lower levels is needed.

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Ethiopia PSEA Network conducts trainings for over 200 PSEA focal points



During the last two weeks of January 2022, the Inter-Agency Ethiopia Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Network conducted a PSEA training of trainers (ToT) for all PSEA focal points across Ethiopia.

The PSEA focal points are appointed to the Ethiopia PSEA Network by their respective organizations and agencies in line with the UNCT and HCT endorsed PSEA strategy and

workplan for Ethiopia.

The purpose of this training was to build the capacities of the 250+ PSEA focal points in Ethiopia, who are members of the inter-agency Ethiopia PSEA Network, which includes different United Nations (UN) entities, national and international NGOs, women-led CSOs, and government partners. With over 250 focal points attending from a range of sectoral backgrounds, across

three cohorts, the ToT featured five online modules providing foundational information on a range of aspects of PSEA, including risk assessments, frameworks, survivor-centered approach, community-based complaints mechanisms, gender analysis, and adult learning design.

As part of the ToT, the PSEA focal points also attended five follow up online workshops, where case studies, group discussions, creative team activities, and thought-provoking questions were used to promote dialogue and learning among participants. The facilitated workshops aligned with the modules and were designed to further familiarize participants with their roles and responsibilities as PSEA focal points and as members of the Ethiopia PSEA Network.

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Responding to increased protection risk caused by drought through PSEA awareness raising

The Inter-Agency Ethiopia Network for Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) delivered 22,700 copies of information, education and communication (IEC) materials on PSEA, including the GBV Pocket Guide - a step-by-step guide on how to support survivors of gender-based violence, to its members in the Somali Region PSEA Sub-Network, as part of the humanitarian response to the drought in the region.

The purpose of delivering and distributing the IEC materials and GBV Pocket Guide is to address

the heightened risks of SEA related to the ongoing drought. This includes raising awareness, and strengthening knowledge of SEA among local communities and humanitarian stakeholders through providing a dedicated source of information about what constitutes SEA and how to safely report it. The IEC materials and the GBV Pocket Guide will also work to build capacity among stakeholders to ensure context-sensitive, intersectional, gender-sensitive and coordinated SEA responses and awareness raising efforts.



UNIDO, Government Representatives Visit Bure Integrated Agro-Industrial Park



Ms. Aurelia P. Calabrò, UNIDO Representative and Director of the Regional Hub, Ms. Semereta Sewasew, State Minister for International Cooperation at the Ministry of Finance and other senior Ethiopia government officials from different sectors visited the Integrated Agro-Industrial Park (IAIP) in Bure, West Gojam, Amhara Regional State.

The visiting team also interacted with regional stakeholders on the conducive business environment being created and challenges that require policy and administrative support at the Federal level.

The Bure IAIP occupies an area of 1000 ha including three provinces in West Gojam, East Gojam, and Awi. Out of 1000 ha, 160 ha have been developed.

The team noted that the major facilities have been completed with the exception of the power sub-station (only 29%) that is a work to be carried out by the Federal Government. Similarly, the wastewater treatment plant is almost completed (95% civil works finalized) and the mechanical equipment procured and being manufactured. The plant is expected to be finalized by June/July.

A total of 500,000 people are expected to benefit directly or indirectly from the Bure IAIP. This also includes 200,000 farmers and 28,000 workers at factory level.

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Cash transfer to returnee migrant workers promote entrepreneurship in Ethiopia



Migration is increasingly perceived by many as the only way out of poverty in Ethiopia, especially for the rural youth.

Tigist Endalamaw, 28, is a mother of an 8-year-old daughter from West Gojam, Merawi Woreda,

Amhara Region, Ethiopia.

Tigist married at the age of 20 and her marriage sustained only for two years. She was forced to divorce as her husband was not happy with her after giving birth to a girl child. As a result, Tigist started living

together with her eight family members, including her brothers, sisters and mother.

Lack of employment opportunities back in her village, limited income generating opportunities and burden of keeping her family members alive including her daughter become quite difficult for her. Tigist then decided to go to Lebanon to work as domestic worker. She had a schoolmate working in Lebanon and from whom she received the information she needed and learned to know about the opportunity. They used to communicate through Facebook and that opened her a door to go to Lebanon.

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Additional funds urgently required to prevent loss of lives, rebuild livelihoods in Somali Region



The Ethiopia Humanitarian Country Team led by the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, Dr. Catherine Sozi, conducted a field visit to Somali Region.

The Ethiopia Humanitarian Country Team (EHCT) led by the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, Dr. Catherine Sozi, conducted a field visit to Shabelle Zone of Somali region from 29 - 31 March.

The team interacted with the President of Somali Region and with regional and local authorities, affected populations and other partners on the humanitarian situation in the area as well as on the ongoing response, gaps and challenges in the region.

The delegation conducted site visits to Higlo and Gabcas sites as well as Gode Hospital.

The United Nations, along with partners on the ground, is supporting affected families with food, water, nutrition and other non-food needs. However, more funding is urgently required to address the growing needs of the affected population, including internally displaced persons and the host community. An ensuing flood that could occur during the upcoming rainy season will also require a coordinated response and immense resources to prevent and protect the communities already being severely impacted by the drought.

Meanwhile, much-needed

preparations to enable and support timely response to the ongoing dire humanitarian situation, to activities on resilience building and to climate adaptation are critical for alleviating the impact of the drought.

Three consecutive below average rainy seasons have resulted in the deterioration of the humanitarian situation in ten zones of the region, affecting an estimated 3.5 million people (55% of the regional population). At least one million livestock deaths have already been reported in the Somali region due to lack of animal feed and water.

The UN is working to enhance coordination among all actors to scale up the response in the region.

UNHCR seeks US\$205 million to deliver life-saving assistance to over 1.6 million people affected by the northern Ethiopia conflict

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is appealing for US\$205 million to deliver life-saving assistance and protection to over 1.6 million people displaced due to the conflict in northern Ethiopia.

Sixteen months of conflict in northern Ethiopia has created a humanitarian crisis. Civilians, including refugees and internally displaced people (IDPs) have been

displaced, amid widespread reports of gender-based violence, human rights abuses, loss of shelter and access to basic services, and critical levels of food insecurity.

More than 2 million Ethiopians have fled in search of safety within the country, and almost 60,000 across the border into Sudan.

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