



Ethiopia

Assurance project

Executive Board update

2023 November



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WFP'S ASSURANCE PROJECT MILESTONES

2023

4 MAY
USAID and WFP pause general food distributions in the Tigray Region

8 JUNE
Expansion of pause of general food distributions country-wide

11 - 19 SEPTEMBER
Targeting and registration began in Afar, Amhara and Somali regions

6 October
Refugee Response resumed

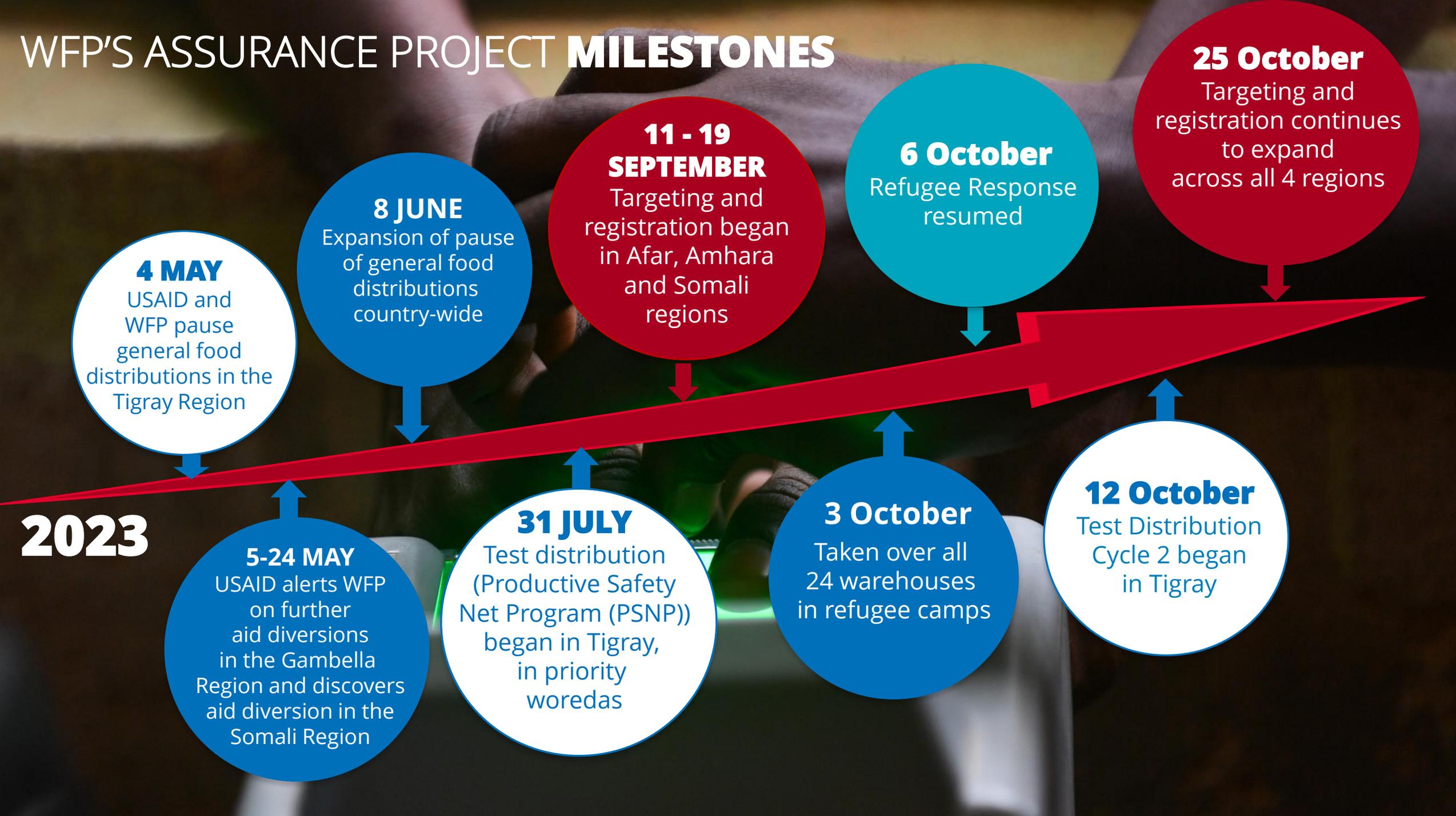
25 October
Targeting and registration continues to expand across all 4 regions

5-24 MAY
USAID alerts WFP on further aid diversions in the Gambella Region and discovers aid diversion in the Somali Region

31 JULY
Test distribution (Productive Safety Net Program (PSNP)) began in Tigray, in priority woredas

3 October
Taken over all 24 warehouses in refugee camps

12 October
Test Distribution Cycle 2 began in Tigray





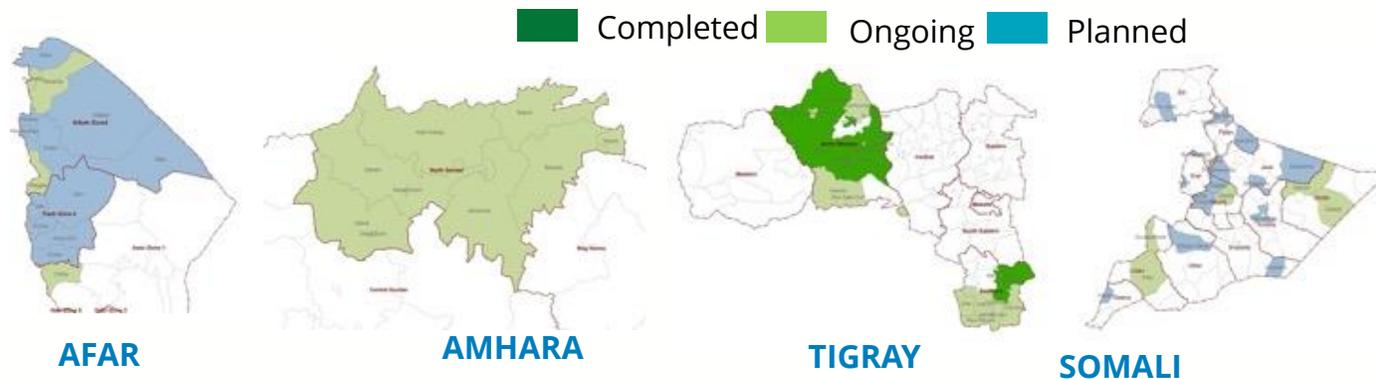
WFP ETHIOPIA **ASSURANCE PROJECT - AIM**

Specifically, WFP is aiming to augment its assurance measures and controls to ensure that only the intended beneficiaries receive the assistance. Some of these actions include:

- **Implementing real-time food security** and needs assessments to prioritize those most in need;
- **Strengthening targeting and management** of beneficiary lists and identity checks;
- **Reinforcing commodity tracking** to follow food movements from warehouses through to beneficiaries;
- **Increasing monitoring and community feedback and reporting mechanisms** to unearth and quickly escalate issues on misuse, including full transparency with all stakeholders.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS - UPDATE

RELIEF: REGISTRATIONS



Region	# of woredas with ongoing Targeting and Registration Exercises	# of Households Targeted	# of Households Registered
Tigray*	31	644,910	266,929
Somali	15	181,902	13,627
Amhara	6	175,140	28,910
Afar	4	66,322	1,604
Total	56	1,068,274	311,070

**Includes contested woredas*



DISTRIBUTION (IN-KIND TEST DISTRIBUTION IN TIGRAY)

Cycle 1 (Complete)



11,831 Mt
of food distributed



788,723
Beneficiaries reached

Cycle 2 (ongoing)



6,839 Mt
of food distributed



455,915
Beneficiaries reached

REFUGEES

Cycle 1



606,243
Beneficiaries reached



10,622 Mt
of food dispatched

Cycle 2 (ongoing)

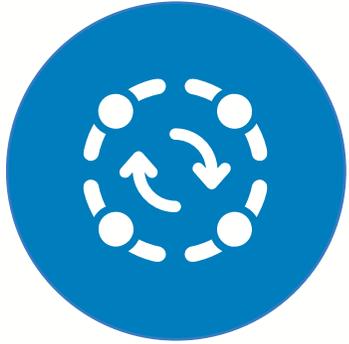


12,451
Beneficiaries reached



2,510 Mt
of food dispatched

ASSURANCE PROJECT STEP BY STEP



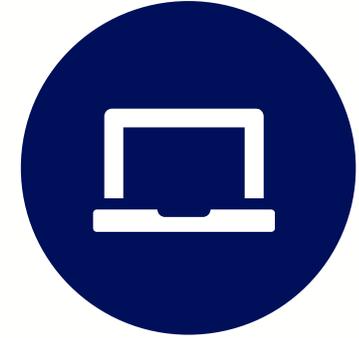
Sensitization



Targeting



Validation/
Verification



Digital registration GDT



Distribution



Monitoring



Community Feedback and
Response Mechanisms



 **Tigray**

A sensitization session under the tree- WFP and partners sensitize the community on the targeting and registration process.



Sensitization





Tigray

Community led targeting exercise in progress- an appeals committee reads records of appeals from the community.



Targeting



Tigray

WFP and cooperating partners read out selected beneficiaries in front of the community for validation



Validation





Somali

WFP and partner conducting household verification of beneficiary registration



Verification





 **Tigray**

A woman has her photo taken for digital registration



**Digital
registration**





Tigray

A beneficiary collects her food entitlements with her ration token card in hand.



Distributions





Somali

A Somali refugee collecting her food after having been digitally verified by UNHCR's Global Distribution Tool supported by WFP's IT Infrastructure



Distribution





Tigray

WFP, Third Party Monitors and partners monitoring the community led targeting process and capturing household feedback



Monitoring





 **Tigray**

WFP and CP Helpdesks receive complaints from community members



**Community
Feedback and
Response
Mechanisms**



NEXT STEPS – TARGETING AND REGISTRATION

REGION	TARGETING AND REGISTRATION				
	NOV DEC	JAN FEB MAR	APR MAY JUN	JUL AUG SEPT	OCT NOV DEC
AMHARA AND TIGRAY WILL BE COMPLETED	BY END OF 2023				
AFAR	BY Q1 OF 2024				
24 PRIORITIZED WOREDAS IN SOMALI REGION	BY Q1 OF 2024				
THE REMAINING WOREDAS IN SOMALI WILL BE COVERED DEPENDING ON THE FORTHCOMING FOOD SECURITY ASSESSMENTS.			BETWEEN Q2		Q4 2024

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

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Dr. Ramiz Alakbarov @RamizAlakbarov

Today @UNEthiopia & humanitarian team are in Shire w/@WFP_Ethiopia to witness new robust food distribution & quality assurance system. All steps, beneficiary identification, digital registration & distribution are transparent, accountable & compliant w/ humanitarian principles 1/5



UNICEF Ethiopia and 5 others
 4:19 PM · Nov 9, 2023 · 4,620 Views

3 replies, 16 retweets, 49 likes

Dr. Ramiz Alakbarov @RamizAlakbarov · Nov 9
 Locally elected committee uses clear criteria to identify most vulnerable, followed by independent community led validation. Heard local voices of appreciation for transparency of selection process. Layers of public validation include relig. leaders, women, youth & disabled 2/5



1 comment, 1 retweet, 2 likes, 226 views

Dr. Ramiz Alakbarov @RamizAlakbarov · Nov 9
 Innovative technologies w/ use of digital IDs, QR codes and centralized real time data base, safeguards identity & benefits of recipients. At the registration points we witnessed cases of malnourished children and women. They are first in priority line waiting for assistance 3/5



On 19 October, a donor delegation including ambassadors visited a digital registration in progress



On the 25 of October, The State Minister for Finance travelled to Tigray to meet with the communities participating in a targeting and registration exercise.

STORIES FROM THE FIELD



"The targeting process is clear, we were able to identify who needs assistance the most together. It wasn't like this previously."

Bisharo Abidurahiman, 50 a mother of 8 during QR code distribution and identification at Qoloji IDP camp, Somali region of Ethiopia.

"We thank God, without the support, we were down to our last meal. Now I received this wheat, who knows about the future, what I know is today, my family will have something to eat."

Abadit Siyum, 26 a mother of 4 seen carrying an aid food received from WFP in Tigray Region.



STORIES FROM THE FIELD



To reach communities for targeting and registration WFP used every means of transport including donkeys and camels to meet with communities in their homes.



“Few households were excluded from the assistance who fulfilled the eligibility criteria, except some who were not present at the time of registration. The process is the fairest I have experienced in the past 30 years, which were previously very corrupt. This assistance is much more in favor of women and gives priority to women headed households. It also provides additional support for poor, lactating and pregnant women.” –

Female Respondent, Southern Zone,
Raya Azebo Woreda, Adi-Methan FDP

**Source: TRIAS, Third Party Monitor-
World Bank**



Worsening food security conditions in several regions

INSUFFICIENT FOOD CONSUMPTION (PREVALENCE)

ADMIN 1	Population	Current Prevalence (Population)	30-day change	Total % change since July
AFAR	2,033,002	33.6% (683k)	+25.0%	+113.0%
AMHARA*	22,876,991	13.2% (3.0M)	-8.0%	-10.0%
OROMIA*	39,987,194	52.6% (21.0M)	+14.0%	+222.0%
SOMALI	6,637,799	78.1% (5.2M)	+3.0%	+54.0%
SNNPR* [Southern]	13,763,888	46.6% (6.8M)	-16.0%	+27.0%
TIGRAY	5,738,996	49.9% (2.6M)	+13.0%	+10.0%

CRISIS OR ABOVE FOOD-BASED COPING (PREVALENCE)

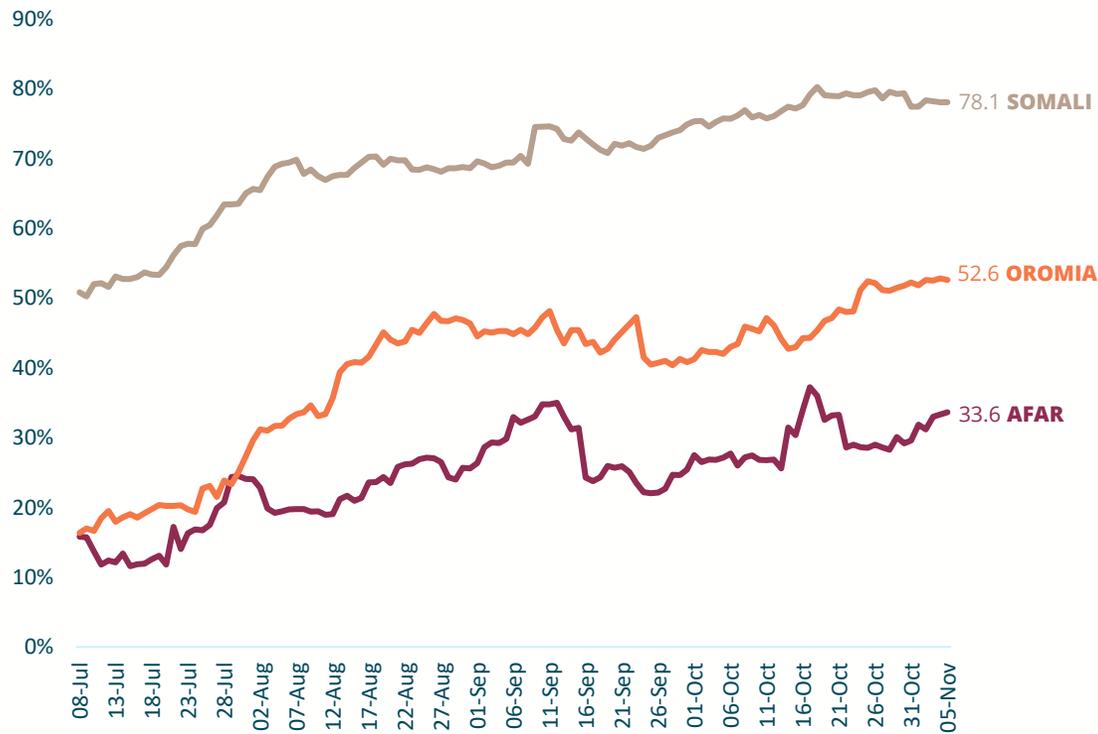
ADMIN 1	Population	Current Prevalence (Population)	30-day change	Total % change since July
AFAR	2,033,002	43.4% (883k)	+15.3%	+133.0%
AMHARA*	22,876,991	32.3% (7.4M)	+25.2%	+82.3%
OROMIA*	39,987,194	49.3% (19.7M)	+47.4%	+56.2%
SOMALI	6,637,799	59.0% (4.9M)	+3.9%	+83.3%
SNNPR* [Southern]	13,763,888	32.6% (4.5M)	+10.5%	+27.7%
TIGRAY	5,738,996	47.7% (2.7M)	+5.3%	+6.2%

*Data is only indicative at ADM1 level

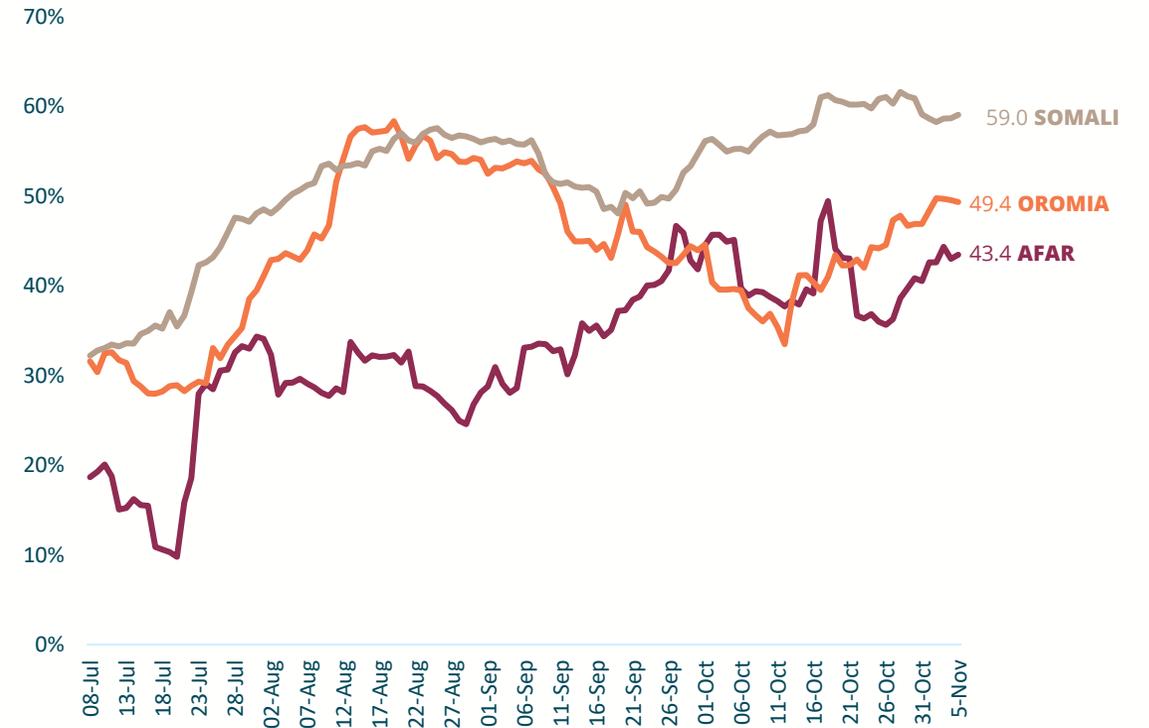


Worsening food security conditions in several regions

Food consumption score (prevalence) by ADMIN 1 levels
July – Nov 2023



Reduced coping strategy index (prevalence) by ADMIN 1 levels
July – Nov 2023

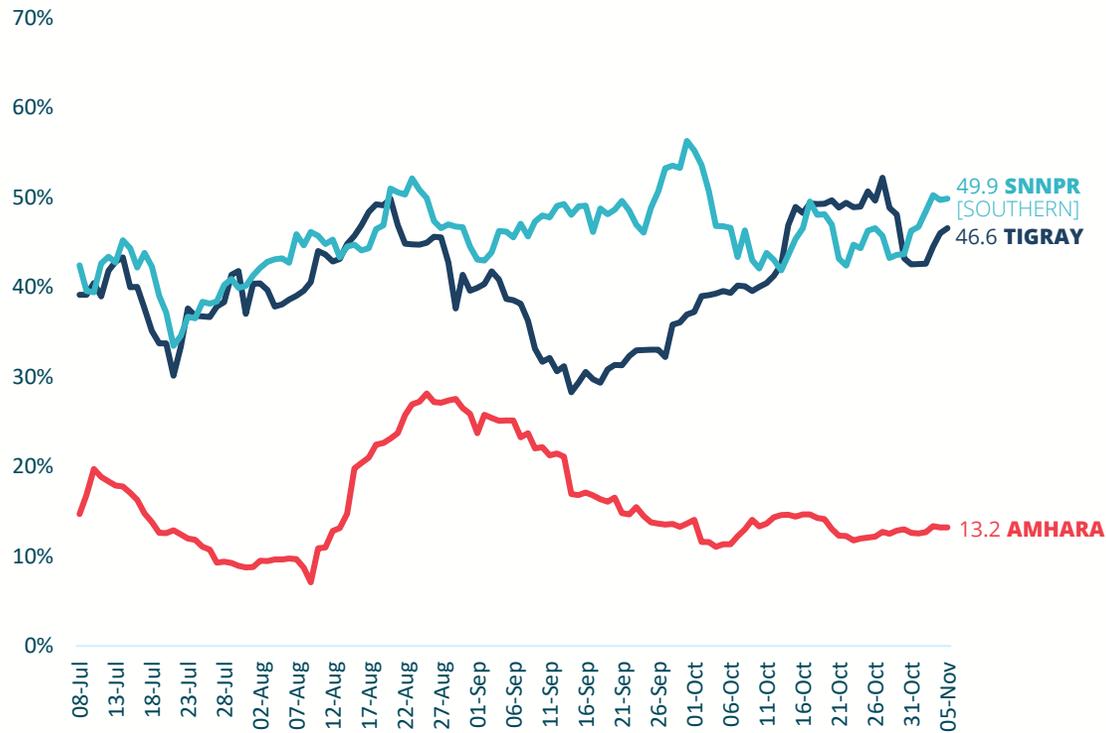


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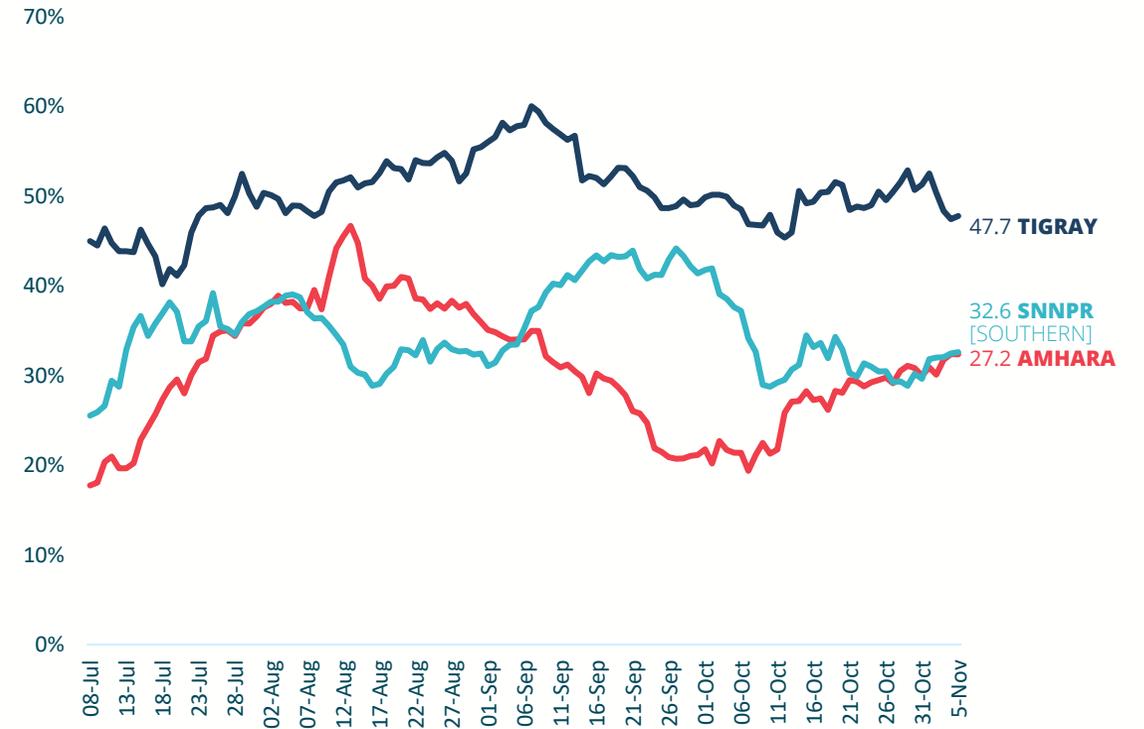


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Economic situation remains dire

NATIONAL METRICS

+27.1%	Food inflation – Annual (9/2022 to 9/2023)
+186.6%	Food inflation – Last four years (9/2019 to 9/2023)
+28.3%	Headline inflation – Annual (9/2022 to 9/2023)
+168.3%	Headline inflation – Last four years (9/2019 to 9/2023)
High	Risk of debt distress (IMF DSA from June 2020)
-32%	Currency – Change in value annual (10/2022 to 10/2023, based on unofficial rate)
+197%	Currency – Official value as % of unofficial value (10/2023)
0.7 months	Import cover of international reserves (2023, EIU estimate)





A season marked by extreme and contrasting weather patterns

AREAS OF CONCERN

REGION	SITUATION
AFAR	Drier than average season leading to poor pasture resources
AMHARA	The easternmost regions, affected by dry conditions in July and August, are likely to experience below-average crop production outcomes
Eastern OROMIA	Drier than average rainfall condition in July-August. Crop production perspectives improved due to better rains in September and October.
S and NW Oromia	Intense rainfall and localized flooding have occurred and are expected to recur
Northern SOMALI	Drier than average rainfall season is likely to result in poor pasture and crop production
Rest of SOMALI	Oct-Dec season conforming to expectations of above average rainfall due to El Nino. Localized flooding already happening and likely to continue.
SNNPR	Unfavorable early stages of the second season followed by good rainfall since and likely to continue till end 2023. Recent widespread heavy rains may have led to localized flooding.
TIGRAY (Eastern and Southern areas)	Drier than average rainfall season is likely to result in below-average crop production and insufficient pasture resources.

Source: CHIRPS rainfall estimates

Summary

Food security deteriorates across several regions

- Over the last three months, WFP's real-time monitoring system has detected worsening food security conditions in Oromia, Afar and Somali.
- Somali remains the region with the highest prevalence of people with insufficient food to eat, while notable deteriorations have been observed in Afar, Oromia, and Tigray in the last month.

Economic situation remains dire

- Ethiopia's economy remains in a dire situation, characterized by high inflation, high risk of debt distress and a substantial difference between official and unofficial exchange rate.
- Ethiopia's foreign exchange reserves are estimated to cover less than a month of imports.

Climate impacts improve in some areas while worsening in others

- In central and northeastern Ethiopia, the Meher season experienced below-average rainfall, likely impacting crop production and pasture growth.
- Recently, El Niño-induced rains led to localized flooding in Somali and southern Oromia, while in SNNPR and eastern Oromia it has mitigated mid-season drought effects.

Q&A



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