



**Support for Sustainable Development (SSD)**

**Monthly Performance Report  
of  
Kombolcha Emergency Support Project**

**(October, 2021)**

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## 1. Project Summary

Project Name	Emergency Support for Kombolcha Internally Displaced Peoples, 2021
Goal	Contribute to government's efforts to alleviate suffering of war affected IDPs in Northern part of Ethiopia
Beneficiaries	951 HHs (422 FHH and 529 MHH with a total population of 4,614 (2264 Female and 2350 Male)
Location	Kombolcha City Administration, South Wollo Zone, Amhara National Regional State
Duration	Three Months (October 1 <sup>st</sup> - December 31 <sup>st</sup> 2021)
Project Budget	ETB 7,883,488.00 (Seven Million Eight hundred Eighty Three Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Eight and Zero Cents)
First installment	ETB 3,987,272.00 (Three Million Nine Hundred Eighty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Two only)
Up to Date Expenditure	ETB 4,543,185.82 (Four Million Five Hundred Forty Three Thousand One Hundred Eighty Five and Eighty Two Cents only)
Financing partner/donor	Menschen für Menschen Switzerland
Main government partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Department of Finance and Economic Cooperation of South Wollo Zone, Amhara National Regional State</li> <li>▪ Department of Women, Children and Youth Affairs of South Wollo Zone, Amhara National Regional State</li> <li>▪ Department of Food Security and Disaster Reduction of South Wollo Zone, Amhara National Regional State</li> <li>▪ Kombolcha City Administration, Amhara National Regional State</li> </ul>
Implementing partner	Support for Sustainable Development (SSD)
Reporting period	1 <sup>st</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> October 2021
Date of submission	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2021

## 2. Introduction

The occupation/expansion of TPLF forces into the neighboring Amhara and Afar National Regional States of Ethiopia has created incredible losses in both regions in terms of human life and other socio-economic and cultural resources. According to media sources, there are over 350,000 IDPs settled in Dessie and Kombolcha Cities evicted from Wag Hemra, North Wollo and South Wollo Zones of Amhara region and some parts of Afar Regional State. These TPLF's war affected IDPs are highly suffering from lack of food, medicine, shelter, non-food items and water and sanitation. Even though there have been attempts of providing assistance to the IDPs by different development actors such as government, local hosting community and others, the supply is not sufficient compared to the high number of IDPs and magnitude of the problem. Thus, taking this serious suffering of IDPs into account SSD with its usual development partner, Menschen für Menschen- Switzerland, and local government authorities provided food and NFI assistance to the IDPs settled in 8 School compounds of Kombolcha City Administration since 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

## 3. Need Assessment

SSD conducted a rapid need assessment of the IDPs' in Kombolcha in collaboration with local authorities from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021. The objectives of the situation assessment were to; observe and discuss with IDPs and identify their immediate needs in terms of food, non-food items and hygiene and sanitation supplies; have updated IDPs data from City Administration and discuss about the overall emergency support mechanism and future collaboration; and assess the availability and market price of the identified and proposed food and NFIs at Kombolcha city.

As per the assessment the preliminary findings identified were:

- ❖ The IDPs are evicted from their permanent residence losing all their resources due to occupation/expansion of TPLF forces into their locality/Amhara Region.
- ❖ There were about 15,580 displaced peoples (4,614 in shelters/Schools and 10,966 out of shelters living within the host community) in Kombolcha city. Though the number is increasing during the project execution phases.
- ❖ The extent of humanitarian assistance need in terms of food, non-food items and other supports is tremendously huge.
- ❖ The war exacerbated the pre-existing inequalities faced by poorer households, particularly the more vulnerable women, men, boys, girls, people with disabilities, and other marginalized groups
- ❖ As per key interviews conducted with IDP representatives and local authorities and/or Emergency Task Force Members and IDP site observations confirmed food, non-food-

items and sanitary supplies were pointed out as immediate required humanitarian assistance.



Fig 1: IDPs at school compound/centers

#### 4. Performance of Emergency Response

The objective of this emergency response project was to provide food, NFIs and sanitary supplies to the targeted 4,614 wars affected IDPs settled in 8 IDP centers/Schools of Kombolcha city to reduce their acute malnutrition and NFI necessities. Accordingly, the major emergency response activities of the project that include project start up, procurement of food, NFIs, and sanitary supplies; transportation and distribution of assistance; and monitoring were carried out efficiently and as per the plan during the first month of the project period.

#### 4.1. Project Start-up

Due to the swift positive response from the donor, MfM- Switzerland, in accepting the emergency response project and signing of the agreement, SSD team conducted travel to Dessie, capital of South Wollo Zone and Kombolcha city administration from 30<sup>th</sup> Sept to 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2021 to sign project agreement with concerned government offices and facilitate project office establishment at Kombolcha city. Hence, the emergency support project for Kombolcha IDPs was signed between SSD and the relevant Sector Offices (South Wollo Zone Department of Finance and Economic Cooperation, South Wollo Zone Department of Women, Child and Youth Affair, and South Wollo Zone Department of Food Security and Disaster Risk Reduction) on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2021.



**Picture 2:** Project agreement signing ceremony between SSD's General Manager and Head of South Wollo Zone Department of Finance and Economic Cooperation

After concluding the project agreement, the team returned back to Kombolcha and carried out discussion with Emergency Task Force to facilitate project office establishment and temporary storage for aid items. Thus, through the smooth and responsive coordination of the emergency task force leader, one office room and temporary storage facility allocated for SSD. In addition, the SSD team also facilitated the capturing of IDPs' pictures by deploying experienced camera person and shared the pictures to the funding agency, MfM-Switzerland for the purpose of fund raising.

Up on signing of the project agreement with relevant government authorities, SSD organized and conducted project launching workshop on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at Kombolcha city administration

with the presence of government officials and experts (#24), donor representatives (#2) and SSD staff (#3). At the workshop the project was presented to the participants and discussions carried out. The government officials acknowledged and appreciated both SSD and the donor for their effort exerted and the immediate response in supporting war affected displaced peoples sheltered in 8 school compounds of the city administration.

At the time of project launching, the number of IDPs increased and the total number of school shelters reached from 8 to 18. In addition to IDPs in the school compounds, it was also reported as there are about 20,000 IDPs hosted by the community. Based on these facts, the government officials raised the issue of additional support through revising the project proposal. However, it was responded as the current project will proceed as per agreements signed with the donor partner, SSD and the government. But, the issue took with positively by the donor but with further discussions.



**Fig 3:** Donor representatives during the launching and 1<sup>st</sup> distribution program

#### **4.2. Procurement of Food, NFIs and Sanitary Supplies**

Per the project plan procurement of food, NFIs and sanitary supplies were carried out on the basis of SSD's procurement policy and procedures manual. The total items purchased and the respective expenses incurred to date are indicated in the table below.

**Table 1: Food, NFIs and Sanitary Supplies**

S/N	Cost Items	Unit	Quantity	Unit Price (ETB)	Total Budget (ETB)	Remark
<b>1</b>	<b>Procurement of Food Items</b>					
1.1	Maize Flour	Quintal	800	2,150.00	1,720,000.00	Not completed
1.2	Edible Oil	Liter	6,924	106.74	739,067.76	Completed
1.3	Salt	Quintal	57.06	1,675.00	95,575.50	Completed
	<b>Sub-Total Food</b>				<b>2,554,637.49</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Procurement of NFIs</b>					
2.1	Jeri Can (20Lit)	No.	951	140.00	133,140.00	Completed
2.2	Washing basin	No.	951	66.00	62,766.00	Completed
2.3	Cooking pot	No.	951	450.00	427,950.00	Completed
2.4	Plastic Sheet (2m*3m)	No.	951	420.00	399,420.00	Completed
	<b>Sub-Total NFIs</b>				<b>1,023,275.52</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Procurement of Sanitary Supplies</b>					
3.1	Hand soap	No.	5,706	10.74	61,282.44	Completed
3.2	Laundry soap	No.	5,706	15.97	91,124.82	Completed
3.3	Dignity-pad (reusable)	No.	1,358	122.00	165,676.00	Completed
3.4	Sanitizer	Liter	15	140.00	2,100.00	Completed
3.5	Face Mask	No.	4,000	3.00	12,000.00	Completed
	<b>Sub-Total Sanitary Supplies</b>				<b>332,077.70</b>	
	<b>Total Procurement cost</b>				<b>3,909,990.71</b>	

### 4.3. Transportation and Distribution

As soon as the procurement of food, NFIs and sanitary supplies accomplished, transportation and distribution of aid items carried out to alleviate the sufferings of internally displaced peoples (IDPs). Concerning the procurement of aid items and transportation SSD followed a onetime procurement especially food items and sanitary supplies to overcome price inflation and to use efficiently rented transport vehicles even though distribution was planned on monthly basis.



**Fig 4:** Transportation of NFIs to Kombolcha



**Fig 5:** Food and NFIs at the Store



**Fig 6:** Food and NFIs distribution to IDPs @ Yegof School compound





Fig 7: SSD project staff and ETF members at distribution site

Table 2: Project targeted IDP sites, number of HHs and Family size

No	Name of Kebeles	Name of School/IDP Center	Project Targets		Remark
			No. of HHs	No. of Families	
1	01	Yekatit 25 General Primary School	157	754	
2	02	Hidar 11 School	55	122	
3	02	Junior General Primary School	77	309	
4	03	Kombolcha No. 1 Primary School	276	2037	
5	04	Yegof General Primary School	110	355	
6	05	Berbere Wonz Special Need School	121	435	
7	05	Kombolcha No.2 School	74	305	
8	012	Sheshaber Primary School	81	297	
	<b>Total</b>		<b>9,51</b>	<b>4,614</b>	

## 5. Coordination Mechanism

The overall coordination of the project is the responsibility of SSD with close collaboration with zonal and Kombolcha city administration concerned sectoral offices. SSD established its coordination office at Kombolcha and deployed 3 staff members (Project Coordinator, Logistic and Finance Officer and Driver) to be stationed at Kombolcha. In addition, SSD assigned a 4WD vehicle for the emergency project implementation. To this effect, the project team managed the day to day project activities execution such as target beneficiary verification, data collection and compilation, food, NFI and sanitary supplies management and distribution as well as monitoring

of activities in close collaboration with the Emergency Task Force and other relevant stakeholders. Moreover, the humanitarian coordinator at head office level facilitated and coordinated the procurement and transportation of food, NFI and sanitary supplies. He is also responsible for periodic reporting, review, monitoring and evaluation of the project performance.

## **6. Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning**

Though it was planned to carry out periodic progress monitoring of the project activities through joint efforts with ETF and other relevant partners, it has not been undertaken due to the unstable situation in the project location as a result of TPLF forces expansion. However, the following relevant feedbacks were collected from IDPs and local government by our project staffs and shared with us before the interruption of communication with them.

- ✓ There was acknowledgement and appreciations from the IDPs and the local government for SSD and the donor for the emergency response to more IDPs settled in Kombolcha
- ✓ All the IDPs, who had been supported, stated their satisfaction on the timing, quality and quantity of the relief items provided.
- ✓ All items provided to IDPs were used in their shelters
- ✓ There was no conflict found in the IDPs where emergency relief was provided.
- ✓ There was a high sense of understanding among the IDPs and local government in distributing the items to all IDPs settled in the identified school compounds even though new comers are there that they receive the support and none are left out.

With regard to visibility, the visibility banner with the logo of the SSD and the donor was prepared and used during transportation and distribution of items.



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Fig 8: One of the banners prepared and used for visibility

## 7. Problems and challenges

Even though the project was progressing well, the following are major challenges that the project faced as result of the security situation in the project area due to the expansion of TPLF forces.

- ❖ Lack of information access about the wellbeing of our #3 project staffs starting from 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021.
- ❖ We do not know the fate of our emergency items i.e. 108 quintal of maize flour, 2,304 liter of edible oil, 9,510 pieces of hand and laundry soap which was transported and stored at Kombolcha for distribution in the consecutive months.
- ❖ Difficulty to carry out periodic monitoring and interruption of communication with project staffs to exchange information and project data.
- ❖ Increasing demand for emergency support due to new comer IDPs and local government as a result of TPLF forces expansion and increasing number of IDPs.
- ❖ Increasing of cost of items compared to the project plan due to price escalation

## 8. Financial Performance

The financial performance of the project is depicted in the table below.

**Table 3: Expenditure (ETB)**

S/N	Activity Description	Total Budget	Year-To-Date Actual	%Utilization	Remark
1	Project start-up	56,500.00	66,457.65	117.62	
2	Procurement of Food Items	5,080,122.00	2,554,637.49	50.29	
3	Procurement of Non-Food Items (NFI)	1,111,719.00	1,023,275.52	92.04	
4	Procurement of Sanitary supplies	394,618.00	332,077.70	84.15	
5	Transportation and distribution cost of food & NFI	526,820.00	265,304.08	50.36	
6	Monitoring, evaluation and learning	64,000.00	30,396.40	47.49	
7	Project staff cost	149,709.00	41,577.18	27.77	
	<b>Total Program Cost</b>	<b>7,383,488.00</b>	<b>4,313,726.02</b>	<b>58.42</b>	
	<b>HQ Overhead Cost</b>	<b>500,000.00</b>	<b>229,459.80</b>	<b>45.89</b>	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7,883,488.00</b>	<b>4,543,185.82</b>	<b>57.63</b>	