ETHIOPIAN CONFLICT

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SITUATION

Since November 4, 2020, the Ethiopian national government has been engaged in a conflict with the regional government in the northern region of Tigray. There is an estimated 2.3 million people in need of humanitarian assistance in Tigray, including 495,000 internally displaced people and over 96,000 refugees from Eritrea. Food insecurity is one of the most pressing issues, as is gender-based violence and access to water and sanitation infrastructure.

RESPONSE

Lutheran Disaster Response is supporting an appeal from ACT Alliance to provide humanitarian assistance to affected communities in Tigray. In addition to distributing food and nonfood items, ACT Alliance and implementing partners, such as Lutheran World Federation and Ethiopia Evangelical Church of Mekane Yesus, will provide psychosocial support, organize community peacebuilding forums, and distribute seeds and farm tools. The response also focuses on water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) activities, such as constructing latrines, rehabilitating water supply schemes, and raising awareness on hygiene and sanitation practices. Awareness sessions and support for women affected by gender-based violence are also an element of the response.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Pray
Let us pray for the people who have been affected by conflict in Tigray. May God’s healing presence give them comfort and hope in their time of need.

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