



## A Place where hope Flourishes



Operation Rescue - Ethiopia

Emergency Response Accomplishment Report

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## **“ The outbreaks happened in our globe is common to everyone But in Tigray it remains Exceptional”**

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*This Report incorporates the accomplishment on Food and Nutrition, Education in Emergency, Wash, Health and Gender based Violence. But all the intervention focuses on drop out Children and out of school children. For the out of school children Direct Education in Emergency is intervened and are children who are in the villages not in the IDP centers. And as Other NGOs are intervening ALP program in the IDPs the organization provides Food and Nutrition, Wash, Health and Gender based Violence interventions to make the program with full package that enable the NGOs to implement the ALP program.*

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It was quite common for the entire universe the year 2020, that is the pandemic of Covid-19 were a big challenge to the world and become a new phenomena for all aspects of development interventions.

The COVID-19 outbreak affects all segments of the population and is particularly detrimental to members of those social groups in the most vulnerable situations, continues to affect populations, including people living in poverty situations, older persons, persons with disabilities, youth, and indigenous peoples. Early evidence indicates that that the health and economic impacts of the virus are being

borne disproportionately by poor people. For example, homeless people, because they may be unable to safely shelter in place, are highly exposed to the danger of the virus. People without access to running water, refugees, migrants, or displaced persons also stand to suffer disproportionately both from the pandemic and its aftermath – whether due to limited movement, fewer employment opportunities, increased xenophobia etc.

This pandemic forces operation rescue to hold provision of its activities in all its centers. That is children were not able to come to the project centers and get daily

food, education, clinical service, time to play, counseling and guidance, hygiene and other services.

As time goes with a situation in lockdowns the level of existing poverty in each needy family increases for all the other means of their daily income is restricted due to the limited movements of the community.

Not only this there happened a situation where a locust plague started that has devoured much of the crop produced by the farms.

Resulting from this situation operation rescue had to develop a mechanism in addressing this problem. Accordingly the organization designed an intervention in provision of food support to all beneficiaries of operation rescue who are found in all the three centers that is in Mekelle, Adigrat and Adwa.



**Care takers of the children receiving food support**

**“We need to remain thankful to God for he chooses us among our neighbors to be part of Operation Rescue, can you imagine that all the people around us have no chance to get this food”**

This speech was taken from one of the caretakers of the children talking to her friend while they were in a queue to take the food.

As the lockdown due to covid-19 and the locust plague continues provisions of the food support continues by the organization this support were not restricted only for its existing beneficiaries but it includes also the community.

## Beginning of The Desperate Time

On November the onset of the war between the federal government and the regional government of Tigray that lead to the fled of 60,000 people to neighbor country to Sudan and 70, 000 people displaced internally at the beginning and that increase the number later where almost all the internally displaced people which they make their placement in Mekelle were a shocking and turning happening to operation rescue's intervention scheme, that is almost all the organization's program have been shifted from care and support and development programs to emergency and relief programs. Accordingly the organization focuses both on the internally displaced people who are placed in the internally displaced people centers (IDPs) and to those people who are in the refuge camps found in Sudan. Having this the organization prioritized thematic interventions and engagement of the intervention categorized in to:

- Food and Nutritional Support
- Education in Emergency
- Wash
- Health

- Gender Based Violence (GBV) Programs.

And target groups of the interventions were identifies those includes children under 5 with acute and moderate malnourished status and pregnant and lactating mothers, Out of school children, girls/women which experience sexual and other violence and the entire displaced community found in the IDPs.

### A) Food and Nutritional Support

Following the war held in Weastern zone of the Tigray region a lot of People who use to live there starts displacing from their homes and went to Sudan. Accordingly rapid assessment on the situations of the people in the refuge of sudan have been conducted and the first nutritional support which was **1 tone of powder milk** have been distributed to acute malnourished children who are found in the refuge camp of Sudan this was the beginning. Later on as people from western zone mainly and people from the entire region starts to come to Mekelle and Adwa that lead for establishment IDP centers Operation Rescue was the among the first few organization which provides **READY TO USE SUPPLEMENTARY FOOD (RUSF) & Therapeutic food** for about **1,359** Acute and moderate

malnourished under 5 children and for 420 pregnant and lactating mothers who are found in the IDP centers in Mekelle and in Adwa. In Addition the Organization Provided food support for about 1,156 families both in Mekelle, Adigrat and Adwa.

Inline with this in a situation where there were a constraint of wheat flour supply in the region the organization provide had cash transfer programs. Accordingly the organization provided one-time cash support for 572 families, each family receive 400 Ethiopian birr each.

In addition based on the assessment conducted at central zone Adwa town over 3,500 children with acute malnourished children have been in the 12 IDP centers, accordingly with the limited resource our organization distributed fortified ready to use food and milk to 1,640 children under 2 years old.



Marciano distributing Nutritional support at Kisanet IDP center



Getachew & the staff formulating complementary food IDPs

## B) Education in Emergency

Following the onset of COVID-19 and the conflict in Tigray children in Tigray have been out of school for nearly two years. However Operation Rescue is now Providing schooling for 375 out of school children who are found in Hintalo wajrat wereda with **“Accelerated Learning Program”** hence those **375** out of school children are now attending their day today learning. These are the only students who are attending a speed school in the region formally for school reopening is not in place in the region though some NGOs are trying to provide such an accelerated learning Program in the IDP centers.

Here all the 15 accelerated learning facilitators have received an adequate training on how to implement the Accelerated Learning Program.

Distribution of scholastic materials, complementary books and covid protocol materials to the 375 out of school children have been held.

In addition to enabling the families to send their children to the accelerated learning program the organization has provided food support to all care takers of the children that counts each of the family has received 25 KG of wheat flour.



ORE Speed School Team distributing Scholastic materials in the rural areas of the region at Hintalo wajrat wereda

Out of School children at Micro class center receiving food support

### C) Wash

Inline with this the organization have been engaged in installing water filters to the planted water tankers in the IDP centers that enable the people to get clean water for drink. This is to prevent the people from water born diseases resulted from contaminated water.



13 years old girl whom displaced from Dansha a place found in the western zone part of the region taking filtered water at Ayder primary school IDP center following installation of the filters by ORE.



### D) Health

Since the incident of the conflict Operation IDP centers found in Mekelle and providing clinical service to those people who are displaced from different part of the region and staying in the IDPs. This clinical intervention includes covering all the expenses for purchasing the medicines from both government and private pharmacies. So Generally provision of clinical service to

those displaced people have been undertaken.



ORE Kisanet IDP Clinic

### E) Gender Based Violence (GBV)

As the consequence the conflict seeing young girls who face Gender Based violence (GBV) mainly sexual violence is becoming a common phenomena not only this casualties conformed that different violence happened in the last six months across the region. This results many children, young and adult developed trauma. Accordingly, Operation Rescue have been providing psycho-social support for those people who have developed whom found in the IDP centers. Hence in the last six month the organization provide psycho-social service for about 467 People who are found in the IDPs.

## F) Message from the General Manger



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Discerning the Year 2020-21 (November 2020 to August 2021) was very difficult time as difficult for many people in the globe specially related to COVID -19 pandemic, however when it comes to our region Tigray the tragedy is devastating more following the pandemic, then desert locust and the war. As a humanitarian organization it such a very difficult moment to mobilize resources and deliver food aid to our regular beneficiaries, internally displaced people as well as to the entire community in the region including our staff. Roads are blocked, communication blackout, financial institutions closed, civilians has been killed, girls & women rapped and utilities shutdown; as a result basic services denied, generally “**humanity suffered**”.

Through all those sufferings and rough journey I would like to thank next to our Almighty God to all our faithful donors in Switzerland, Northern Ireland, FOP, Mosaic Church, Belgium, HPN4Tigray, individual s and sponsors in different countries for their unreserved support and stand with us all the way through during those challenging epochs. Without the contribution of all those generous individuals and organizations it

would have been impossible to support the vulnerable people. So far ORE distributed over 100 tons food. Likewise no one will forget the role of UN Agencies, US-government, International NGOs and the international community in general for the great role they played being a voice to the voiceless on exploring the Tigray- Ethiopian crisis for Justices.

Finally I would thank to all our staff members who are in the frontline of the battle to reverse this tragedy and for all our donors stretched your hands supporting the needy people in Tigray and I would love to conclude my message by sharing a word from the scripture; *Heb 6 v 10 “For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and Labour of Love, which you have showed toward His name, in that ye have ministered to the Saints, and do minister.”*

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