

# Food Security COVID-19 Learning Event

Navigating new possibilities in a rapidly changing world

June 21 – 24, 2021 | Online

## **Adaptations in the Face of Constant Change: Protecting Development Gains and Remote Post- Distribution Monitoring**

7:00 - 8:00 AM ET | Monday, June 21, 2021

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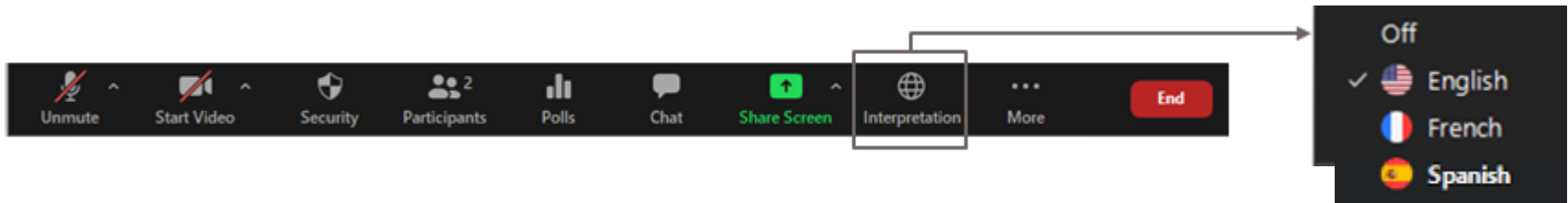
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# Meet our Presenters



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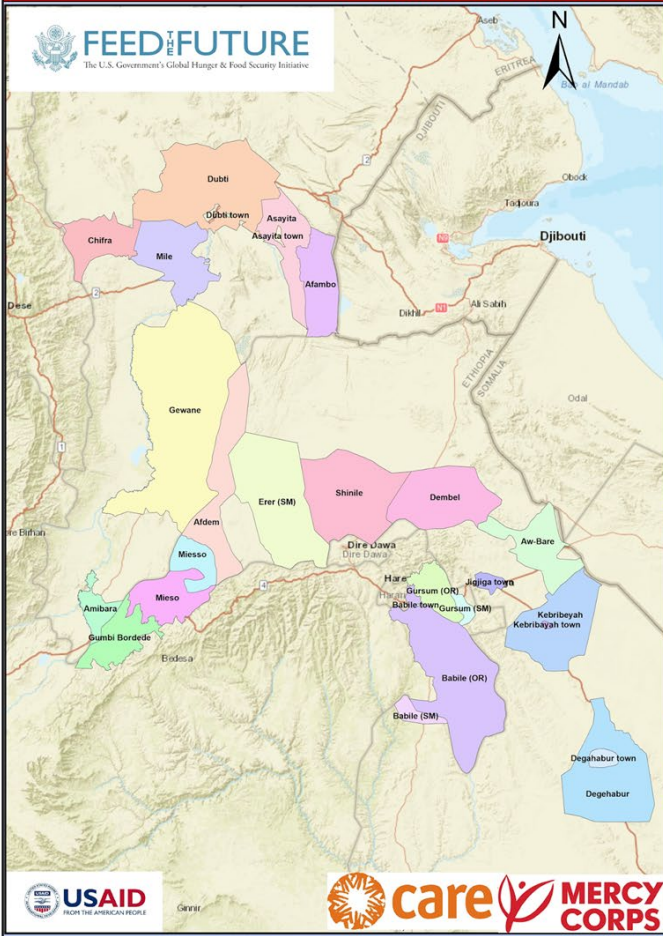


## Protecting Development Gains in the Face of Shocks

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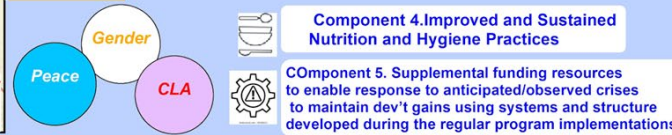


# RiPA IMPLEMENTATION WOREDAS



RiPA North takes a systems-based approach to improve the resilience capacities of households, markets and governance institutions collectively contributing to food security and inclusive economic growth

- 129,000
  - 2020-2025
  - \$24,145,000
  - \$7,150,000 (crisis modifier)
- Component 1. Improved Disaster Risk Management Systems and Capacity**
  - Component 2. Diversified and Sustainable Economic Opportunities for People Transitioning out of Pastoralism (ToPs) particularly youth and women**
  - Component 3. Intensified and Sustained Pastoral and Agro-Pastoral Production and Marketing**
  - Component 4. Improved and Sustained Nutrition and Hygiene Practices**
  - Component 5. Supplemental funding resources to enable response to anticipated/observed crises to maintain dev't gains using systems and structure developed during the regular program implementations**



# Underlying Challenges in Lowland Ethiopia

## Crisis Modifier

- Conditional funding/budget
- Embedded within a development project

## Shocks and Stresses

### Ecological

- Drought
- Erratic rainfall
- Floods
- Pest/disease outbreak

### Conflict

- Violence
- Displacement
- Destruction of assets
- Market closures
- Trauma



# Context in Ethiopia



**Flood in Afar**



**Desert Locust**




## ETHIOPIA

8.6 MILLION PEOPLE FACE HIGH LEVELS OF ACUTE FOOD INSECURITY DUE TO COVID 19, DISPLACEMENT AND HIGH FOOD PRICES

## IPC ACUTE FOOD INSECURITY ANALYSIS

October 2020 – September 2021

Issued December 2020

CURRENT OCT - DEC 2020 (BELG+MEHER)			PROJECTED JAN - JUNE 2021 (BELG+MEHER)			PROJECTED JULY - SEPT 2021 (MEHER ONLY)		
 <b>8.6 M</b> 16% of the analyzed population (around 53 M)  People facing high acute food insecurity (IPC Phase 3 or above)  IN NEED OF URGENT ACTION	Phase 5	0 People in Catastrophe	 <b>12.9 M</b> 24% of the analyzed population (around 54 M)  People facing high acute food insecurity (IPC Phase 3 or above)  IN NEED OF URGENT ACTION	Phase 5	0 People in Catastrophe	 <b>4 M</b> 23% of the analyzed population (around 18 M - for Meher only)  People facing high acute food insecurity (IPC Phase 3 or above)  IN NEED OF URGENT ACTION	Phase 5	0 People in Catastrophe
	Phase 4	1,418,043 People in Emergency		Phase 4	2,592,136 People in Emergency		Phase 4	852,721 People in Emergency
	Phase 3	7,191,494 People in Crisis		Phase 3	10,279,333 People in Crisis		Phase 3	3,142,436 People in Crisis
	Phase 2	15,772,169 People in Stressed		Phase 2	17,353,112 People in Stressed		Phase 2	6,499,271 People in Stressed
	Phase 1	28,605,694 People in food security		Phase 1	23,752,632 People in food security		Phase 1	7,113,384 People in food security

The 2020 IPC Belg and Meher analysis has analysed a larger rural population of 53 million people compared to 41 million in the 2020 Belg analysis. The increase in population is due to additional areas from Meher dependent areas added to the previously analysed population.

## COVID Impact



## Steps Followed to Respond to COVID-19 and Flood



Conduct rapid  
market  
assessment

Prepared concept  
note and budget  
to request donor  
approval

Identify and  
select potential  
partners to  
implement  
response activity



# Response Interventions

**3 regional MFIs**  
**319 enterprises**  
**1595 HH members**  
**79,750 USD**



**130 handwashing stations**  
**840 liquid soap**  
**1200 face masks**  
**17,000 SBC materials**



**15 Luk traders, 5000**  
**livestock, 1200 HHs**



# Challenges and Lessons

## Challenges

- Response activities was slower given movement restrictions
- The nature of crisis made fund allocation restricted and limited resources
- Strained government relationships
- Scale back response interventions

## Lessons

- Integrated response activities allowed for effective use of financial and human resources
- Program in shock and stress prone areas need to inherit adaptive management to respond to new information and condition



## Key Lessons and Recommendations for Remote Post- Distribution Monitoring (PDM) in Emergencies

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# Session Objectives



- Learn about the challenges for remote Post-Distribution Monitoring (PDM) due to COVID-19 in several programming contexts
- Review lessons learned from these adaptations
- Explore recommendations for conducting remote PDMs



Shelter and  
Settlements Non-  
Food Items (NFIs)

Hygiene Promotion

WASH Non-Food  
Items





Food vouchers

Electronic vouchers  
and hot meals

In kind - hygiene and  
food kits



# PDM Adaptations



Telephone surveys

+

Whatsapp groups

+

KoboToolBox weblink

+

Reduced home visits  
(COVID-19 protocol compliant)





# Limitations of Remote PDM



- Unstable/unavailable technology: phones and phone networks
- Limited access to required technology: WhatsApp, internet connections
- Lower verification/response rates
- Verifying/validating information is complex
- Unmet participant expectations





Integrate COVID  
education into activities

Give advance warning  
of remote PDM

Select larger number of  
potential respondents

DQA is key

Be flexible





# Promising Practices



- Contact details during registration
- Advance notification
- WhatsApp groups + survey link
- Include open-ended questions
- Mixed methodology post covid19



## Q&A Session



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**Merci !**  
**¡Gracias!**

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