Ethiopia
June 2018

As of 30 June 2018 Ethiopia hosts 923,863 refugees, 50.2% of them girls and women. The Majority came from Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia, Eritrea

80,748 female refugees are enrolled in formal education within and outside of the refugee camps in Ethiopia.

There are a total of 35 women and girls centres in five field operations across the country.

Highlights

- In Gambella, the quarterly Safety Audit was conducted in Tierkidi camp in partnership with ARRA (Health and Protection), UNHCR, IRC (WASH), IMC (SGBV and Sexual and Reproductive Health), Save the Children (Child Protection), DICAC Education) and MSF (Health).

- In Shire, an SGBV Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Refresher Workshop was conducted by UNHCR and IRC to review and update the SOPs. A GBVIMS refresher training was held for both UNHCR and partners using the GBVIMS.

- In Melkadida in the Hilaweyn and Buramin camps, IRC engaged 500 women and girls to participate in psychosocial, skills developing and life skills activities offered at the Women and Girls’ Centre and Safe Spaces in the respective camps. IRC also conducted a two day training on SASA! to inform participants of its goals and engage the community in order to address SGBV-related issues. Similarly, IMC worked with 949 community members to participate in SASA! activities. AHA organized a workshop to provide updates on a pilot project on Intimate Partner Violence (IPV), which is currently being carried out in Bokolmayo camp. In addition, RADO facilitated the creation of 30 male groups, for a total of 450 members, as strategies to involve men and boys in SGBV response and prevention programmes.

- In Assosa, IRC conducted five safety audit assessments in all five camps (Sherkole, Tsore, Tongo, Bambasi and Gure-Shombola). The objective of the safety audits were to identify potential risks that further expose women and girls to SGBV. Furthermore, IRC also conducted five case management and psycho-social trainings for social workers (66 female participants), community workers (68 participants: 3 women and 65 men) in all the five camps, as well as trainings on sexual exploitation and abuse in Gure-Shombola and Bambasi, targeting school teachers and ration distributors (in total 60 participants).
Strategic Priorities

- Strengthen capacity of community based structures to prevent and respond to SGBV
- Improve engagement of men and boys
- Protect children against harmful traditional practices such as FGM and child marriage
- Address survival sex as a coping mechanism
- Ensure the use of the Gender Based Violence Information Management System (GBVIMS) by GBV partners
- Strengthen Access to Justice

Challenges

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