

Supporting Ethiopia's refugee response

Pillar: (2.) support for immediate and ongoing needs; (3.) support for host countries and communities

Objectives: (1) to ease pressure on the host countries involved; (2) to enhance refugee self-reliance

Country: Ethiopia | **Actors involved:** KfW, GIZ, UNICEF, UNHCR, Federal Ministry of Education¹

What is the approach of German development cooperation?

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) supports Ethiopia in its refugee response. Ethiopia is the second largest host country of refugees in Africa, hosting refugees from South Sudan, Eritrea and Somalia. As one of the CRRF roll-out countries Ethiopia has committed to nine reforms, among which one aims at increasing the enrolment rates of refugees in primary, secondary and tertiary education and another one at the enhancement of the provision of basic social services. German support focuses specifically on these pledges.

German development cooperation supports three of the main regions in Ethiopia hosting refugees (Gambella, Tigray, Somali region) as well as urban refugees in Addis Ababa. Based on the extensive experience in supporting Ethiopia's education sector, German development cooperation also supports the Ethiopian Federal Ministry of Education regarding the government's recent pledges to more strongly promote refugees' education. In addition, a staff secondment to the National CRRF Coordination Unit is foreseen, to further strengthen the national capacities in implementing the CRRF pledges.

How is the support implemented?

Support is provided through bilateral funding and by BMZ's Special Initiative "Tackling Root Causes of Forced Displacement – (Re)Integrating Refugees" and is implemented by KfW and GIZ in partnership with UNHCR, UNICEF, local and international NGOs.

A strong focus is on the improvement of infrastructure, mainly in the water and sanitation sector in Gambella and Tigray regions. Moreover, in Somali region BMZ supports refugees' and local population's qualification and employment perspectives, as well as urban refugees in Addis Ababa.

German development cooperation follows an integrated approach, i.e. that both refugees and the local population benefit from all interventions. For example in the education sector, the quality of technical vocational education and training (TVET) will be improved, the offer will be diversified and job orientation and entrepreneurship advice and services are being introduced. All these measures benefit both Ethiopians and refugees alike.

Core messages:

- BMZ' integrative approach in supporting Ethiopia in its reforms, which is especially challenging given the context of a strict encampment policy, is **replicable** in other contexts as well. BMZ and the implementing partners KfW and GIZ apply this conflict-

¹ KfW – Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau, GIZ – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit

sensitive, integrative approach and measures to the local context and still fully comply to the Ethiopian legal and policy framework.

- By strengthening state actors and local communities as well as refugees, the **resilience of displaced and host communities is increased** and **employment perspectives are improved**.

Project list (BMZ financed)

Support to Ethiopian refugee programmes	KfW	10,000,000 EUR
Support of Eritrean refugees and host communities in Tigray region	KfW / UNHCR	3,000,000 EUR
Improvement of water and sanitation supply in refugee camps and host communities in Gambella and Benishangul-Gumuz	KfW / UNICEF	9,500,000 EUR
Qualifications and employment perspectives for refugees and host communities in Ethiopia	GIZ	6,500,000 EUR