

# ETHIOPIA

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## IN 2021

The COVID-19 pandemic brought both direct and indirect consequences for Ethiopia in 2021. CUAMM carried out an intervention in **Addis Ababa** in partnership with the local health authorities of Kolfe sub-city to **strengthen the delivery of basic services for reproductive and mental health** and contain the spread of COVID-19 at three referral health centers for some of the city's most populous woredas. At the **Wolisso Hospital** in the South West Shoa Zone, international staff was made available to support key services such as internal medicine, pediatrics and health management; however, the COVID-19-related restrictions led to a marked drop in people's access to these services, which led in turn to a heavy cost burden. Despite the challenging financial situation, in 2021 the **Wolisso Hospital's new neonatal unit** became fully operational, and **national guidelines on neonatal intensive care** were developed in partnership with Ethiopia's Ministry of Health, the Ethiopian Pediatrics Society, the St. Paul's Hospital in Addis Ababa and the district hospital of Tulu Bolo in the South West Shoa Zone.

The impact of the pandemic was less severe in the more isolated areas where Doctors with Africa CUAMM is active. In the **South Omo Zone**, our **maternal and child health** intervention

continued with support for the **Jinka and Turmi Hospitals**, as did our intervention in the **Gambella Region to support South Sudanese refugees living in the Nguenyyiel refugee camp**, with activities to improve infrastructure, equipment, staff training and the referral system. We also implemented activities in partnership with the Ethiopian Ministry of Health and the Ethiopian Diabetes Association to improve diabetes services in 15 national hospitals. In the **Somali Region's Harawa District**, our health intervention in partnership with a local NGO proceeded with **activities to improve infrastructure and train staff** at the district health center. Yet another intervention was begun in the districts of Aw Barre and Bokolmayo.

The conflict in the **Tigray Region**, which had begun in November 2020, worsened in November 2021, spreading to the neighboring Afar and Amhara Regions. This led the federal government to declare a state of emergency, forcing CUAMM to suspend its intervention there in support of 6 health facilities. Exacerbating things further, the economic situation continued to deteriorate, with an ongoing currency devaluation and an inflation rate that jumped to 35% in December 2021.

## 2021 SNAPSHOT

**135**  
human resources

**193**  
health facilities supported

**€3,529,657**  
invested in projects

## COUNTRY PROFILE

**Addis Abeba**  
capital

**112,078,730**  
population

**1,104,300**  
sq. km.  
land area

**19.5**  
average age  
of population

**66.6/67**  
life expectancy  
at birth (m/f)

**4.1**  
average no.  
of children  
per woman

**173<sup>rd</sup>**  
**out of 189**  
**countries**  
human  
development  
index ranking



**401**  
**maternal deaths**  
per 100,000  
live births



**55.2**  
**under-5 child deaths**  
per 1,000  
live births



**39.1**  
**newborn deaths**  
per 1,000  
live births

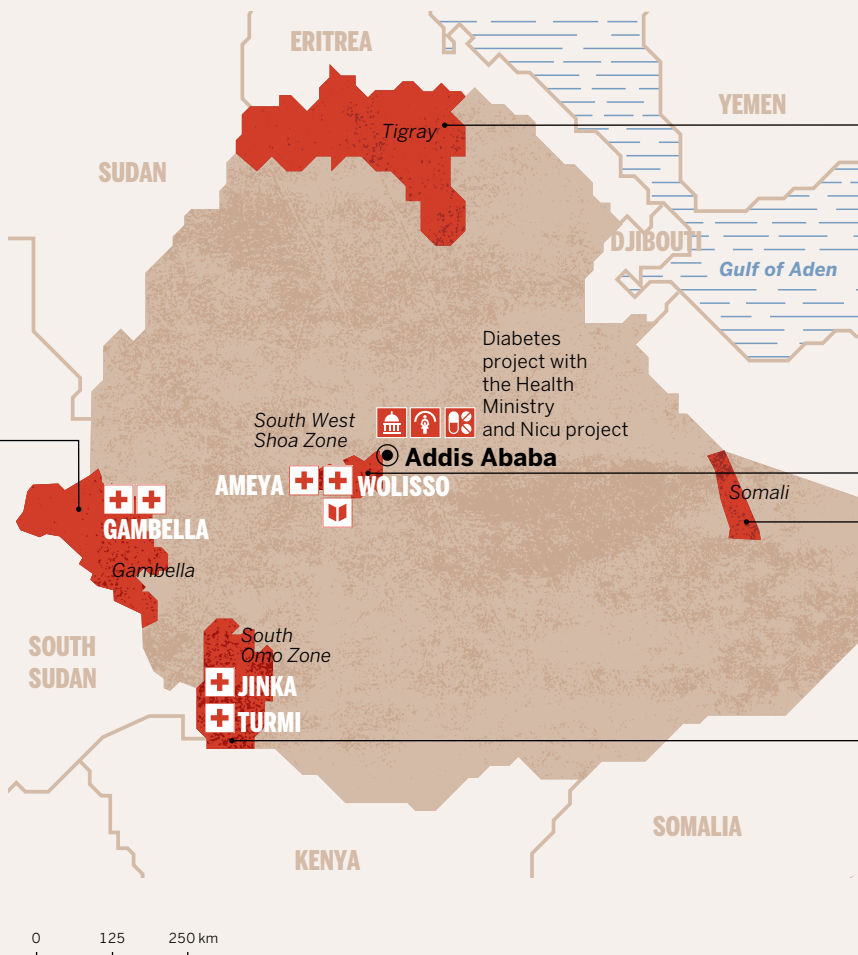


## WHERE WE WORK



### GAMBELLA

2 hospitals (Gambella Regional Hospital and Primary Hospital)  
3 districts  
6 health centers  
104,120 population served  
1 refugee camp (Nguenyiel)  
90,506 refugees



### TIGRAY

6 health centers  
112,800 population served

### SOUTH WEST SHOA ZONE

2 hospitals (St. Luke Catholic Hospital in Wolisso and Ameyya)  
1 school for nurses and midwives  
5 districts  
28 health centers  
1,240,333 population served








### SOMALI

1 health center  
3 districts  
743,590 population served

### SOUTH OMO ZONE

2 hospitals (Turmi and Jinka)  
2 districts  
3 health centers  
560,603 population served

## RESULTS ACHIEVED

	<b>MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH</b>	<b>41,080</b> prenatal visits conducted	<b>1,672</b> trips provided for obstetric emergencies	<b>12,193</b> deliveries attended	<b>198,335</b> under-5 children examined	<b>13,113</b> vaccinations administered
	<b>NUTRITION</b>	<b>330</b> children treated for severe acute malnutrition				
	<b>INFECTIOUS DISEASES</b>	<b>144,032</b> patients treated for malaria	<b>407</b> patients treated for tuberculosis	<b>1,607</b> patients treated with antiretroviral therapy		
	<b>CONTINUAL TRAINING</b>	<b>397</b> community agents	<b>303</b> nurses and midwives	<b>112</b> doctors	<b>465</b> others	
	<b>CHRONIC DISEASES</b>	<b>2,099</b> visits for diabetes	<b>4,191</b> visits for hypertension	<b>1,491</b> patients with diabetes	<b>26</b> patients with cerebral ischemia	
	<b>SURGICAL PROCEDURES</b>	<b>2,903</b> major surgical procedures, incl. 219 orthopedic ones		<b>2,765</b> minor surgical procedures, incl. 441 orthopedic ones		<b>1,011</b> physiotherapy sessions provided
	<b>HUMAN-ITARIAN RESPONSE</b>	<b>2,943</b> under-5 children examined	<b>900</b> deliveries attended	<b>3,171</b> prenatal visits conducted		