

The need to Address Afar Grievances and Protection for their Human and Democratic Rights

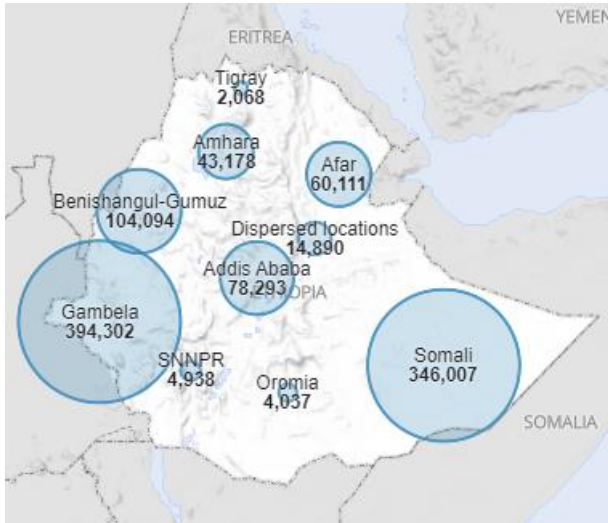
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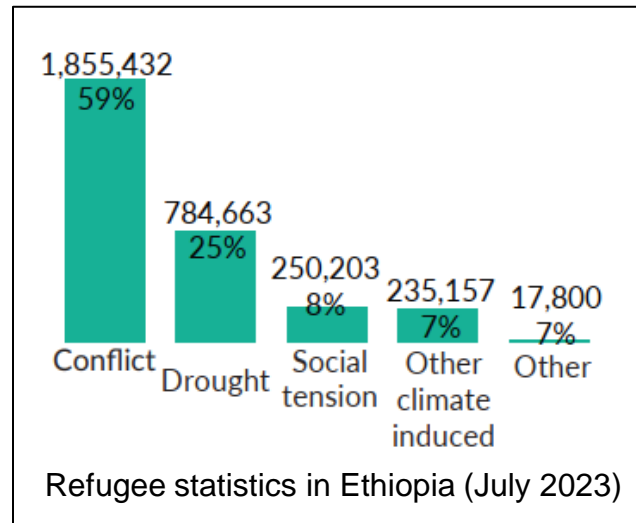
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Refugee Protection



“The UNHCR has registered 60,000 Eritrean Afar refugees in Ethiopian camps alone, with tens of thousands more internally displaced throughout the region.”

In July 2023, the UNHCR released statistics regarding the most common reasons for displacement for Afar refugees. These included:



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Total refugees and asylum seekers. (2024). Operation Data Portal.
<https://data.unhcr.org/en/country/eth>

UNHCR-CO Ethiopia. (2023). *Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons by Region - Ethiopia.* rep. The UN Refugee Agency.

Afar Grievances

- Persecution
- Genocide
- Crimes against humanity
- Discrimination and harassment
- Cultural assimilation
- Political and economic marginalization
- Traditional lands seized
- Lack of healthcare
- Forcible displacement/large refugee flows
- Targeted disappearances
- Sexual violence
- No autonomy



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Solutions: Activities which work



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(i) What we have done and continue doing:

- Donate time, energy, and money to aligned charitable organizations
- Collect evidence
- File complaints with U.N. and governments
- Advocacy and awareness
- Conferences
- Sign petitions/Declarations

(ii) What we need to consider doing:

- Lawsuits/Seek Compensation
 - International Criminal Court
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Q+A/Discussion



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Thank you!



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