

Their families and the communities in which they live and study will as well be key stakeholders, and will benefit from parts of this Action.

Other key stakeholders include:

- **EU Member States:** Finland, Italy and The Netherlands are active in the education sector.
- **UN agencies:** the UN system, including the World Bank, is an important partner supporting the education sector in Ethiopia. UNICEF is the lead agency, while others (such as World Food Programme) have mandates closely related to education.
- **International Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs):** Save the Children, Plan International and Luminos Fund are amongst the most active international NGOs in the education sector.
- **Government (duty bearers):** Ministry of Education and Regional Bureau of Education are important stakeholders. Coordination with them from implementing partners will be encouraged.

3 DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTION

3.1 Objectives and Expected Outputs

The Overall Objective (Impact) of this action is to improve the provision of education specifically for conflict affected children in Ethiopia.

The Specific Objectives (Outcomes) of this action are to

1. Ensure access to quality education for children in a crisis situation
2. Reduce dropout rates in primary and secondary education in conflict affected areas, with a special emphasis on dropout of girls

The Outputs to be delivered by this action contributing to the corresponding Specific Objectives (Outcomes) are

- 1.1 contributing to Outcome 1 (or Specific Objective 1) – schools affected by conflict rehabilitated with improved accessibility
- 1.2 contributing to Outcome 1 (or Specific Objective 1) – support to children suffering from trauma related to the conflict is provided
- 1.3 contributing to Outcome 1 (or Specific Objective 1) – access to quality education is improved through effective school management, skilled teachers and conducive learning environment
- 2.1 contributing to Outcome 2 (or Specific Objective 2) – school meals are provided for girls and boys affected by conflict suffering from malnutrition
- 2.2 contributing to Outcome 2 (or Specific Objective 2) – pre-primary schools are created
- 2.3 contributing to Outcome 2 (or Specific Objective 2) – girls are provided with improved learning opportunities

3.2 Indicative Activities

Activities related to Output 1.1 may include, amongst others:

- rehabilitation and refurbishment of conflict affected/damaged schools (potentially including sustainable energy, accessible Water and Sanitation for Health and information and communication systems) with due consideration for gender inclusion and disability friendly services.

Activities related to Output 1.2 may include, amongst others:

- psychosocial support programmes for children suffering from trauma related to the conflict; and/or
- provision of certified accelerated education programme for out-of-school children enabling them to come back in the normal education system after 10 months.

Activities related to Output 1.3 may include, amongst others: