War Induced Displacement and its Aftermaths: Lessons Learned from Ethiopia

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Ethiopia is a landlocked country located in the Horn of Africa. The Ethiopian people faced violent ethnic conflicts and witnessed atrocities on the most extraordinary scale. Therefore, internal displacement, atrocities, rape of women and children, child soldier, killing of innocent and non-armed people, destructing infrastructure, torture, and disappearing people were the aftermaths caused as result of violent conflicts. The human rights situation in Ethiopia is dire; crimes of the most serious nature and possible war crimes are the public fears to outburst unpredictably. The war forced the people to flee from their villages to nearby areas to find a haven from the attacks of militants. The war conducted in the past decades claimed thousands of human life and exposed people to extreme poverty and sexual abuse. People living in rural areas are the most suffering from war-related trauma. The repercussion of violent conflicts appeared in Ethiopia witnesses that children stop learning and farmers are not ploughing lands to cultivate cereals. An estimated 9.4 million people are in "dire need of food assistance" because of the on-going conflict in northern Ethiopia. The World Food Programme warned in November 2021 and UNOHCA suggests at least 6 million people will need life-saving assistance in 2022 in northern, eastern, and southern Ethiopia because of the civil war and drought.

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