



Ethiopia High-Level Pledging Event

Geneva, 16 April 2024

Statement

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to thank the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United Nations for convening this important High-Level Pledging Event.

As Ethiopia faces recurrent humanitarian challenges resulting from climate-related disasters and conflict, Switzerland reaffirms its commitment for its continuous support to the country. In 2024, we plan to invest more than CHF 10 million to address both immediate humanitarian needs as well as long-term development challenges.

In view of the important humanitarian challenges faced by the country, we urge to continue ongoing efforts to improve the system of aid delivery in order to prevent the diversions of assistance and ensure that aid reaches those most in need.

In our capacity as co-chair of the humanitarian donor group in Ethiopia, Switzerland will diligently follow up on the implementation of important humanitarian initiatives to reinforce humanitarian coordination and access, the centrality of protection, as well as the adherence to International Humanitarian Law.

Furthermore, we call upon the Government of Ethiopia, the UN and the donor community to continue their efforts to forge durable solutions for those forcibly displaced. It is our collective duty to ensure that every individual has the opportunity to live with dignity and hope.

Thank you.