**About PlayMatters**

We are Playmatters. Inspired by the LEGO Foundation’s call to challenge the status quo, we will promote the sustainable integration of LTP into children’s lives to offer children the quality education they dream of.

We reimagine childhood for 800,000 refugees across Ethiopia, Tanzania, and Uganda.

We represent a more collaborative consortium than many projects. Rather than dividing up the project and working quasi-independently, we have sought ways to amplify each partner’s expertise to ensure that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

Our collaborative consortium consists of IRC, Plan International, War Child and IPA.

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**4 Outcomes**

**Major Achievements**

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- **49 Thousand Children**
  - Close to 49,426 Children were reached through back-to-school campaign.
  - More than 47 thousand scholastic materials were distributed to more than 10 thousand primary students from Grade one to Grade six.

- **47 Thousand Scholastic Materials**

**Research**

- Implementation/baseline research was conducted on PM schools in Somali, BGRs, Gambella and Afar Regions.
- Formative research was conducted on non-PM schools in Sidama & Somali regions.

In Somali region 5 community learning space are rehabilitated so that to reach around 38,000 community members that live around the target areas of the program. Similarly, 8 community learning spaces were rehabilitated to reach greater number of communities in Afar, Benishangul and Gambella regions.

592 Community leaders trained in LTP strategies and approaches and to facilitate back to school campaign and the community learning space in their target area.

A total of 20 PlayWell episodes adapted/localized from existing content as part of the multimedia strategy in 7 different user languages.
What We Work for

Skills for holistic development

Creative

Social

Emotional

Cognitive

Physical

Where We Work

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International Rescue Committee (IRC)
Plan International (Plan)

Regional States and Respective Refugee Settlements/Camps

Tigray
Shire, Sheraro Camps

Afar
Barakha, Aseyatta Camps

Benishangul-Gumuz
Sherkola, Tonga, Bambasi, Tsore, Gure Shemballa Camps

Gambella
Kule, Tirkid, Pugnido I & II, Jemu, Nguenyiel Camps

Somali
Kebribeyah, Awbere, Sheder, Kobe, Baoqomaya, Melkadida, Buramino, Hilaqweyin Camps

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