WORLD VISION EAST AFRICA HUNGER RESPONSE SITUATION REPORT NO.10 11 SEPTEMBER 2017



KEY MESSAGES

- Millions of children are going hungry: Food and water shortages affect more than 24 million people in Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan and Somalia. 5.5 million children in Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan and Somalia are projected to be malnourished by the end of the year. Already, more than 600,000 children under age 5 are identified as severely malnourished and are at risk of death without urgent action.
- Window of opportunity closing: International aid is urgently needed before the window of opportunity to help closes. The crisis is not getting the attention it needs to ensure children and their families are protected from a looming catastrophe.
- One in every three displaced in South Sudan: The hunger crisis is exacerbated by drought, conflict and political instability. It is forcing people to flee areas affected by conflict, where children are at risk of violence,

exploitation and abuse. 4.9 million people in South Sudan and Somalia have fled conflict and starvation.

- Children are abandoning their education: As communities fracture and go in search of food and water, millions of children have abandoned schools. They risk being separated from families and exposed to harm and violence. 3.4 million children are in need of education support to stay in school. The need is most urgent among children who have fled their homes due to conflict or drought.
- Need to scale up response: With the recent growth in need in Ethiopia and Kenya, World Vision has increased its appeal to US\$137 million to provide urgent humanitarian assistance in the four countries. Our response is meeting health, nutrition, child protection, livelihoods, education and water and sanitation needs, but more needs to be done.

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

• Ethiopia: Acute watery diarrhea (AWD) has been increasing, with new geographical areas being affected. A WHO report shows that in the week ending August 6, 2017, a total of 491 cases were reported from five regions: Amhara, Tigray, Somali, Oromia, and Afar. Since the beginning of 2017, 40,457 cases, including 817 deaths, have been reported.



SITUATION HIGHLIGHTS



are in crisis and need humanitarian assistance



\$137M

required for humanitarian assistance



5.5M

acutely malnourished children under-5, pregnant women, lactating mothers*



612,900

children are severely malnourished



|4.4M

people require health assistance



- **Somalia**: The humanitarian situation has changed in regions of Puntland, Somaliland, Jubaland and South West State. Notably, the number of people in need of humanitarian assistance and protection in the country has reduced from 6.7 million in May to 6.2 million in August, according to the latest Food Security and Nutrition Assessment (FEWSNET- FSNAU, 31 August 2017). However, the number of people in Crisis (IPC 3) and Emergency (IPC 4) has slightly increased. The pockets within the country where the food security situation is deteriorating rapidly require sustained humanitarian assistance to avert a potential famine.
- South Sudan: South Sudan's children are experiencing hunger and malnutrition caused by a protection crisis. Food insecurity rises wherever significant conflict occurs in the country. Over the past weeks, intra ethnic conflict has intensified in locations that were less prone to conflict in the past. These areas lack the capacity to establish resilience, creating a crisis for the children and families who live there.
- Kenya: 3.4 million Kenyans do not have enough food to eat and are in need of assistance. Among this number, 2.6 million people have been classified in critical or emergency levels of need (IPC3 and IPC4). The other 800,000 people have been identified as stressed. The impact of the drought is forcing families to rapidly deplete their assets, increasing their vulnerability for the future. As it is, most food insecure households are consuming one to two meals per day, consisting mainly of cereals and pulses, and less and less of other food groups.

WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING



98,000

people reached with WASH services





RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS

1,367,576

people reached with food assistance

PEOPLE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE





nutrition services



27.7M requested

Kenya



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