

WORLD VISION SOMALIA HUNGER RESPONSE SITUATION REPORT No. 12

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KEY MESSAGES

- **Humanitarian situation:** Severe drought conditions are expected to deepen until the end of 2017 with 6.7 million people still in need of protection and humanitarian assistance – of which 4 million (60%) are children.
- **Food security deteriorating:** Access and availability of food has slightly improved due to the increased humanitarian assistance, but central and southern Somalia will likely remain at Crisis (IPC Phase 3) and Emergency (IPC Phase 4) through to end of the year with the greatest food insecurity expected after September when the households exhaust their food stocks. Disruption of food assistance and food prices has the potential to deteriorate the situation to Famine (IPC Phase 5) according to FEWS-NET, August 2017.
- **Malnutrition status:** Mortality rates and levels of acute malnutrition remain critical, particularly in rural pastoralist population and IDP camps. Over 1.4 million children are projected to be at a risk of acute malnutrition.
- **Displaced by drought:** An estimated 766,000 people, including 480,000 children have been internally displaced due to the severe drought. Baidoa and Mogadishu have the highest number of Internally Displaced People (IDPs) with a slight increase being recorded in Baidoa recently.
- **Education significantly affected:** An estimated 528,000 children are in need of assistance to stay in school. Baidoa hosts the highest number of newly displaced children.
- **Access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) remains:** Over 4.5 million people are estimated to be in need of WASH services. Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD)/cholera cases and related deaths have slightly declined in the past month, however, the total cases reported since January 2017 has risen to 76,236. Out of these 65% are children under the age of 5.

HUMANITARIAN SITUATION OVERVIEW

- **Rise in need predicted:** The humanitarian situation continues to deteriorate in most regions of Puntland, Somaliland, Jubaland and South West State. According to the most recent FSNAU-FEWSNET forecast, an estimated 2.5 to 3 million will remain in critical need of humanitarian assistance between August to December 2017. The central region is expected to remain in Emergency (IPC Phase 4) and Crisis (IPC Phase 3) with a likely increase in the number of people in need.

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SITUATION HIGHLIGHTS



6.7 million

people in need of humanitarian and protection services



4 million

children are in need of humanitarian assistance



\$ 37M

required by World Vision for humanitarian assistance



4.5 million

people in need of water, sanitation and hygiene services



363,000

children under-5 are acutely malnourished

71,000

children under-5 are severely malnourished



766,000

people displaced due to drought

*All financial figures in US dollars

- **Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) rates spike:** The number of children under age 5 who are acutely malnourished has jumped. In Baidoa, for example, the number of malnourished children has increased to 29.4%, an increase of 16% since December 2016. IDP camps and pastoralist communities in central Somalia are reporting the highest rates.
- **Food insecurity remains:** Humanitarian assistance has helped reduce gaps for household food consumption and contributed to stabilization of food prices, but an elevated risk of famine remains. This is due to vulnerabilities caused by a combination of food consumption gaps, high acute malnutrition, high disease burden and reliance on humanitarian aid (FSNAU Food Security Alert, Jul 2017).
- **Limited humanitarian access due to continued attacks:** Access around the country remains severely limited due to insecurity and infrastructure deterioration. While Mogadishu and other major towns remain the epicentre of frequent and active attacks by insurgents, recent fresh inter-clan fighting between Biyamaal and Habar-Gidir clans around Marka town in Lower Shabelle has led to the displacement of 9,600 people putting more pressure on overstretched IDPs settlements around this region.

WHAT WORLD VISION IS DOING

During reporting period 17 Jul to 18 Aug:



HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Health and nutrition activities are helping address disease outbreaks and providing malnourished children, pregnant women and lactating mothers with emergency food items. Activities in Puntland, Somaliland, Jubaland and South West State regions included:

- Supporting treatment of 51,203 people who attended 56 World Vision supported health centres, mobile clinic and hospitals
- Providing 3,157 people with health education awareness sessions
- Screening 19,297 children for malnutrition
- Providing treatment for 985 children newly identified with severe acute malnutrition and ensuring 35 children with complications get the health assistance they need



WASH

World Vision has helped prevent the spread of waterborne diseases and provided families with clean water in all four regions. Activities conducted during the reporting period included:

- Water trucking: 52,418 people received clean water through water trucking activities
- Hygiene and sanitation training: 13,410 people learned how to prevent water-borne diseases and how to practice personal hygiene during awareness sessions
- Hygiene kits: 7,932 people received hygiene kits



FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOOD

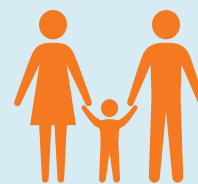
World Vision is providing drought affected families with food and cash assistance. During the reporting period, World Vision provided people in Puntland, Somaliland, Jubaland and South West State with:

- Food assistance: 53,137 people were reached through the distribution of 351,61MT of food
- Cash assistance: 12,591 people were reached through cash activities, with \$575,423 US distributed



1 Million

people targeted
for life-saving
assistance



692,963

people reached with
assistance since
January 2017



“She was so sick, I thought she would die,” says Deeqa, the mother of 3-year-old Mushtar.

Mushtar was severely malnourished. She arrived at a World Vision supported maternal and child health clinic in desperate need of help.

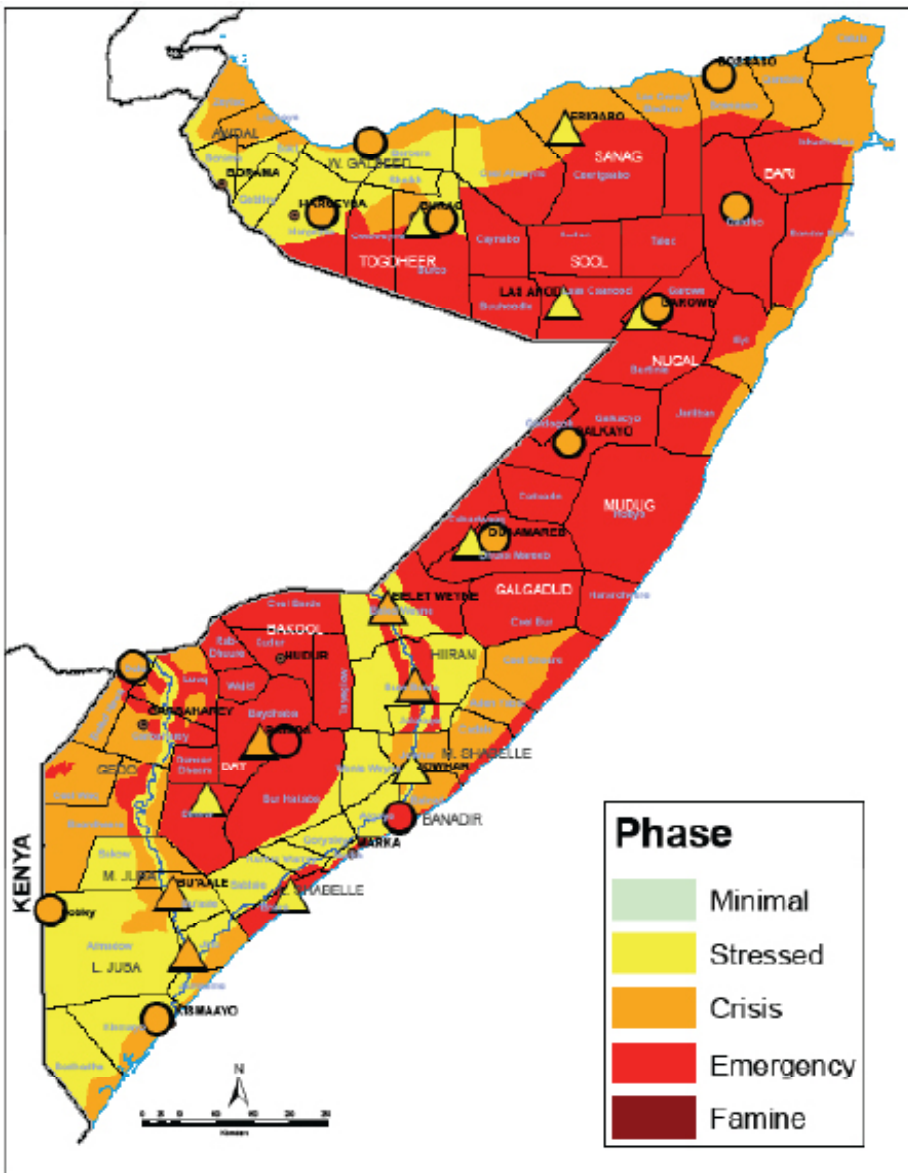
A World Vision and World Food Programme nutrition project in Somaliland assisted. Mushtar receives 30 sachels of Plumpy Nut each month, helping her grow strong and healthy. She's now a healthy weight for her age and is one of thousands of children who has beat malnutrition, thanks to timely donor support.

RESPONSE HIGHLIGHTS
since January 2017

OPERATIONAL GAPS & CURRENT NEEDS:

- High malnutrition rates, as indicated by the high Global Acute Malnutrition rates, demands for more effort to be put in expanding access to treatment and therapeutic feeding for children under age 5, particularly in areas with high influx of drought induced internally displaced people.
- While Acute Watery Diarrhea (AWD)/Cholera cases may be reducing, the high number of AWD/Cholera and measles calls for continued investment in health and WASH. Preventive action including vaccinations and health education is important in ensuring the current gains are sustained.
- With more displacements, the need for instituting protection mechanisms for children, women and girls is important in reducing potential risk to abuse and gender violence. This would entail training and awareness creation for community leaders and camp management committees.

SOMALIA MOST LIKELY FOOD SECURITY OUTCOME (July-December 2017, Preliminary)



Source: FSNAU



382,534

people reached with food and cash assistance



190,307

people reached with health assistance



315,743

people reached with water, sanitation and hygiene services



5,969

children reached with education and protection interventions



89,712

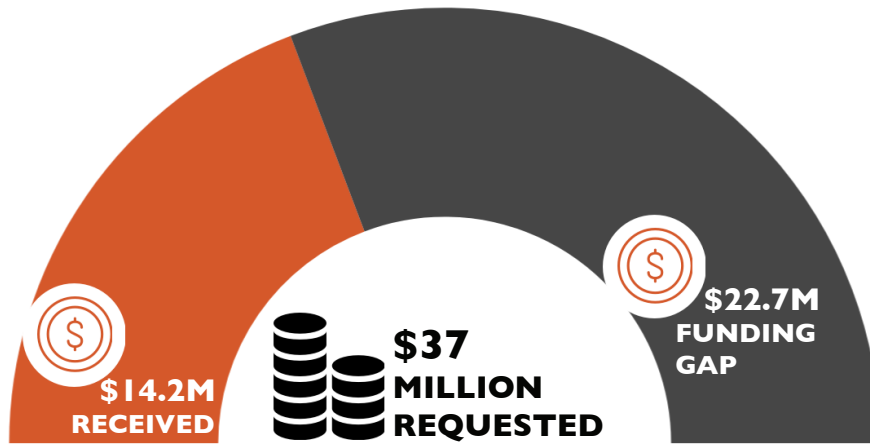
people were reached with nutrition services

NFI

17,126

people reached with non food items

GAPS AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS



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