Key messages

- The overall food security in the ASAL Counties deteriorated in the month of May 2019 with more households in crisis phase classification. The poor performance of the long rains has resulted into poor regeneration of forage and minimal recharge of surface water sources in the pastoral livelihood zones. In marginal livelihood zones, crop condition is poor with expected drop in production of more than 60 percent and consequently, more food insecure households.

- Following poor October to December 2018 rains, there are now 1.1 million food-insecure people in Kenya, up from 700,000 people in August 2018. This figure is expected to reach 2.5 million people by July 2019 due to the failed March to May 2019 rains. The Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET) outlook indicates significant declines in food security between June and September 2019. The total global acute malnutrition caseload for children under 5 years has gone up from 511,000 to 582,934 by February 2019, of which 125,688 children are suffering from severe acute malnutrition.

- According to the Ministry of Health, drought conditions have exacerbated ongoing disease outbreaks, with 2,466 cholera cases with 6 deaths and 477 measles cases with 3 deaths reported in 2019.

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Humanitarian needs

- 1.2 million people in need of humanitarian assistance
- 635,151 children in need of humanitarian assistance
- 475,000 refugees and asylum seekers hosted in Kenya
- 1.2 million people in need of water, sanitation and hygiene assistance
- 1.2 million people in need of food security & livelihoods
- 572,021 people in need of nutrition assistance

Funding needs

- Food security & livelihoods: $4.5 M (61%) / $2.8 M (39%)
- Protection: $116,154 (21%) / $430,181 (79%)
- Nutrition: $480,393 (49%) / $509,921 (51%)
- Water, sanitation & hygiene: $1.02 M (20%) / $4.09 M (80%)
- TOTAL: US$ 6.2 M / US$ 7.8 M

*All financial figures in US$
Response highlights

**WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE**

- In Turkana County, 150 lifestraws procured and distributed to 150 households reaching approximately 900 beneficiaries including 479 children.
- A total of 26 plastic water tanks procured and distributed to 26 health facilities in Kilifi (11), Tana River (7) and Wajir (8).
- In Wajir County, 270,000 liters of water trucking benefitted 1379 people. Also, 1050 jerricans and 2100 buckets procured and distributed to 1050 households.
- In Tana River County, in collaboration with the Public Health Department, 50 ToTs were trained on proper hygiene and sanitation practices for 3 days.

**NUTRITION**

- Through the 56 Integrated Health and Nutrition Outreaches in Kilifi, Tana River and Wajir Counties, World Vision Kenya in partnership with Counties Ministry of Health, reached 3,053 persons where 342 children with Acute Malnutrition (69 SAM, 273 MAM) and 236 PLW were identified and linked to care.
- In Tana River, 12 Mother support groups were trained on maternal, infant and young nutrition.
- In Wajir on job training on Basic Emergency Obstetric and newborn care (BEMONC) conducted for 19 health workers (15M and F).

**FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOODS**

- Through the General Food Distribution programme in Kakuma, and Dadaab, World Vision Kenya distributed food to a total of 228,530 beneficiaries (89,237 in Kakuma, 139,293 in Dadaab). The beneficiaries include 131,435 children with a total of 2,016.89 MT of food.
- In Kakuma refugee camp, 19 group members were trained on Saving for Transformation.
- In Dadaab, 20 Complaint Response Committee members were trained.
- World Vision Kenya in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, facilitated the formation/strengthening of 10 mother support groups, by training 194 households on formation of kitchen gardens. The mothers were supported with seedlings and seeds to start the establishment and management of kitchen gardens reaching 984 beneficiaries including 523 children.

Response achievements

**Reporting period May 01 - May 31, 2019**

- 229,534 people reached with food security and livelihoods
- 131,958 children reached with food security and livelihoods
- 3,246 people reached with nutrition assistance
- 2,569 children reached with nutrition assistance
- 7,800 people reached with water, sanitation & hygiene
- 4,149 children reached with water, sanitation & hygiene
- 240,580 people reached with life-saving humanitarian assistance in May 2019
- 138,676 children reached with life-saving humanitarian assistance in May 2019